



Please see pull-out sheet with timetable for the Jubilee weekend & more details.

Thank you to the Gulshan for hosting the 1st Pub Meal.

Numbers are limited for both the Bay Tree (24) and the White Bear (44) suppers. Names and menu choice to Tricia Walker please 810562.

Royal Trains Norman Hugill has had a wealth of experience working on the Royal Trains. He will give a talk on Wed. 18 May 7pm in the Village Hall. £5 entry (pay on the door) includes light refreshments.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
IN
STILLINGTON**

Free Afternoon Tea

for 200 will be served on Friday 3rd June at 4pm at the Sports and Social Club

Please, we need help from the village to supply the ingredients.

Should you be willing to make a small donation towards the purchase of flour, baking fat and bread etc. a box will be in the Post Office until Friday 20th May and we would be very grateful for a donation.

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PLANT SALE 2022.
Monday 2nd May. 10am to 12 noon.

It will be a "COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY Plant Sale".

It will take place on the grass in front of Muriel Law's house on Main Street.

Everyone in the Village is invited to the Bring and Buy Plant Sale and to enjoy refreshments and delicious home-made scones.

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

Rural Arts Heart and Craft

Stillington Village Hall, providing art activities for over 55s.

Tuition and materials are provided free with a small charge of **£3 per session** being suggested to cover hall hire.

The Next Session is Thursday 12th May, 2-4 pm
and will be fused glass

It would be useful for set-up and provision of materials if you could register your interest should you wish



**THE DRAGONFLY
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**
Transforming young lives in India



Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale
Stillington Village Hall
Saturday 21st May 10am till 12.30pm
Home-made cakes, tea and coffee.
Crafts, jewellery and cards on sale.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Please email contributions for the **JUNE** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 18th May**

Tuesday Pop In

Every Tuesday in the Village Hall Committee Room from **10.30 - 12 noon**



JUBILEE SERVICE SUNDAY 5th June, 10am St Nicholas Church will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special inclusive service to celebrate both the Queen and the work of all the Groups in our Village. Inspired by her service to her people. This is your opportunity to join in and celebrate the Queen and the work and success of all the groups that make up our village. Canon Robert Law will lead the congregation on this journey of celebration. **Please come and celebrate the Queen and our Community.**

Village Hall Diary

Sun 1	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 2	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue 3	Easingwold Ladies' Club Lunch	11-4pm
Wed 4	Platinum Jubilee Meeting	6pm
Thu 5	Local Election	
Fri 6	Primetime	1pm
Sat 7	Ripon Rotary Bike Ride	AM
Sun 8	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 9	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 9	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues 10	Tuesday Pop-In 10.30am	10.30am
Wed 11	Parish Council	
Wed 11	WI	7pm
Thu 12	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 12	Hearts and Craft	2pm
Thu 12	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri 13	Primetime	1pm
Sun 15	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 16	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 16	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Tue 17	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Wed 18	Ladies Lunch	12pm
Wed 18	Royal Trains Talk	7pm
Thu 19	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 19	SCA Committee Meeting	3pm
Thu 19	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri 20	Primetime	1pm
Sat 21	Dragonfly Foundation Coffee Morning	10am
Sun 22	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 23	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 23	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue 24	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Wed 25	Stillington Village Hall AGM	7.30pm
Thu 26	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 26	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri 27	Primetime	1pm
Sun 29	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 30	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Tue 31	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am

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

PRIMETIME

I'm not sure where the name came from, but Primetime is a mixed bag of folk who come together on a Friday afternoon to enjoy playing boccia and kurling at the village hall. The afternoon is inclusive thanks to leader Joe McKechnie from Hambleton District Council, who offers seated games sessions adapted for both able and more challenged participants. Those attending describe it as, "an entertaining afternoon", a time of "jollity and fun" and a chance to "compete on a level playing field".



Boccia is indoor bowling with softer balls, with competition compounded by Joe's ability to devise ever more new challenges. Kurling uses wheeled discs, moved by hand or pusher sticks to reach a target. The two games are separated by a friendly social time over refreshments.

Primetime meets from 1-3pm at the village hall on Fridays, with a suggested donation of £3 to cover hall hire, but anyone can go along for a free taster visit. Just pop in to see what is going on, or maybe bring a friend who would benefit from a couple of hours in cheerful company.

Stillington Village Hall – Annual General Meeting

The property known as the Village Hall is held on trust for the benefit of all residents of Stillington and the surrounding area, serving the community with space for meetings such as: Parish Council, Women's Institute, Gardening Club, Village Archive, Ladies Lunch, indoor sports, theatre and music events, plus fundraising to support the upkeep of the building. It is also hired out to individuals and groups for approved use.

The Village Hall is a registered charity number 1076571 and is run by a management committee of up to 12 elected Trustees. New members may be co-opted at any time, but Trustees are elected at the AGM, which will be held this year on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm

The AGM will be a short meeting to report on what has been happening at the hall in the past year, how the property has been maintained and improved, and how our finances have fared as we have returned to more normal operation following Covid restrictions. It would be really good to see new faces at the AGM and possibly new volunteers for the committee. If you have not been over the doorstep before, this would be an opportunity to look round and get a feel for the place. Trustees would also be delighted to hear any ideas or proposals you might have for future activities / events / entertainment.

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



It is lovely to see the Bay Tree operating once again. There is a new team behind the beautiful new facelift who are looking forward to giving our village a fantastic pub & restaurant to look forward to and frequent. I'm sure those of you that took advantage of their 'early bird' menu as part of Stillington's Jubilee celebrations will already know this.

Simon, the owner, will be overseeing the Bay Tree, providing support to the whole team as he does at their other venues, the Grantham Arms, Boroughbridge and the Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe.

Emily is the new manager and has worked with Simon for the past 3 years, being the General Manager of the Grantham Arms in Boroughbridge and the Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe.

She is assisted by **Harvey** who was the former restaurant manager at the Grantham Arms, and has spent time working at Grantley Hall Hotel.

The Head Chef is Jamie. Jamie was the former Sous Chef at the Grantham Arms. He's joined from the channel islands, and has worked in some of the best seafood restaurants around.

He will be assisted by **Rob Hallas,** who is Sous Chef at the Grantham Arms, Boroughbridge and former Head Chef at the Punch Bowl, Martin-cum-Grafton.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week runs from 15th – 21st May 2022

This year's theme is, "to help young mums turn hunger into hope". Envelopes will be delivered around the village during Christian Aid Week. If you would like to make a donation, please drop your envelope into the village shop.

If you pay income tax and are able to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the tear-off strip and include it with your donation. If not required, this slip can be discarded.

Christian Aid is the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, but the charity – and money raised – is used for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

It works to tackle the root causes of poverty and help people to thrive. It also provides urgent, practical help in times of crisis and beyond.

For every £1 donated,

- 9p is spent on campaigning, advocacy and education
- 40p on long-term development
- 39p on humanitarian relief
- 12p on raising funds



Pet Service (outside).

St Nicholas
Sun 22nd 10.00 am
Do come and bring your
pets (under control please).

The Bells, The Bells!



Readers may like to note that because of work being done on the church tower between April 25th and July 15th there will be no bell-ringing before church services nor will the bell chime with the hour on the church clock. We are able to ring a bell during services of Holy Communion and toll a bell for funerals.

Stillington Charity for Relief In Need

The Charity's AGM will take place in the Bowling Pavilion at the Sports Club on Wednesday 25th May 6.30 pm. The meeting is open to all.

Weather Report - April 2022

Rainfall

Despite two long-ish dry spells, the total rainfall in March came to 41.5mm, almost exactly the long-term average figure. April is usually the driest month of the year. Up to the 16th, this year we had received 21.5mm.

Temperature

The warm spell in the middle of March continued into the fourth week, with a maximum temperature of 21.2 C, a record for the month. The solar panels reflected this, with some 360kWh generated, similar to the figure in 2020.

Following a cool start, April has also given us some warm days with a high of 21.4 C on the 16th. Nights have often been quite mild, so a sudden -1.2 c on the night of 9th/10th was a bit of a shock. **MT**

Stillington Community Primary School News



At Stillington, and our partner schools Foston and Terrington, we love to keep active and encourage our children to maintain a healthy lifestyle. We pride ourselves in providing motivational sporting activities alongside daily PE sessions for all our children.

The three schools had a fabulous adventure to Robinwood during the first half of the Spring Term. Children from year 3 – 6 and staff alike challenged themselves with many adventure activities and came home exhilarated by the experience.

The children loved coming together across the 3 schools to join in our recent PE enhancement day where they enjoyed boxing, an assault course, football and a range of other activities in their year groups. A huge thankyou to Stillington Sports and Social Club for hosting this day which the children enjoyed immensely. On the last day of the Spring term the children from all three schools joined to visit the new community stadium at Monks Cross. They enjoyed football coaching, a tour of the stadium including the York City changing rooms and also took part in a sponsored sporting activity back at school to raise money for the children's chosen charity of the year.

We look forward to many more sporting adventures over the Summer months.

Please get in touch if you would like to explore our school or nursery on
stillingtonoffice@foston.n-york.s.sch.uk. Don't forget we offer full time provision for 15 hours funding for children from 3 years old.

Sarah Moore Headteacher

SGC NEWSLETTER – May 2022



Plant Sale 2022

The great day is very near – Bank holiday Monday **2nd May, from 10.00am to 12noon.** It will take place on the grass in front of Muriel Law's house on Main Street. You won't miss the banner!

As well as the "Bring & Buy" plant sale, Muriel, and her team, are cooking delicious home-made scones with cream!

We hope all members will come and join in.

Winners Club

Congratulations to the April Draw winners who were: 1st prize £15 – Pauline Curry. 2nd prize £5 – Kathy Berry. This was the final draw of the season. Thank you to all those members who bought Winners Club tickets. The Draw raised £150 for our funds.

Visit to 15 Knapton Lane, Acomb York on Wednesday 29th June at 7.00pm.

Tom Curry has arranged this trip and would like Members to contact him, as soon as possible, if they would like to come. Tel: 822334, tcurry51@gmail.com

You may remember Tony Alcroft's talk on "Winter Salads". A chance to see his garden.

AGM. 27th April at 7.15pm

The AGM will be followed by a talk by Rose Horsepool on "Gardens of Yorkshire from an artist's perspective".

Robert Churton

Stillington Wanderers

28 March was a new walk for the select band: from Brandsby via Rectory Corner to Yearsley & back via Peel Wood with wood anemones out & wild garlic still in leaf. 11 April walk started from the top of Farlington bank walking north to Whenby via the Bull Farm at Whenby Lodge & then back to Farlington past Kays Wood & Greenland House Farm; and across fields to the starting point near High Towthorpe.

Next walks will be 9 and 23 May and 6 June. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.

Stillington Tennis Club

2022-23 Season. The three artificial grass tennis courts remain amongst the best in the area and plans are being made to resurface them in 2023. The courts are available for use by members at all times except when there is a match or organised club event. Junior coaching will begin on Saturday mornings on May 21, 28 & then June 11 to July 2022. Members of all standards are welcome to the Saturday afternoon club sessions. The club will have two mixed teams in the York & District league. Team practice sessions start Sunday evenings 6pm from 17 April. Enquiries to Graham Cookman 810047 or enquiries@stillingtontennis.org or see web site www.stillingtontennis.org

Stillington Squash Club

is fully open & back in action. The club has two courts and a viewing gallery, which are recognised as being among the best in the area. It is part of the Stillington Sports and Social Club and the courts and changing rooms were recently refurbished using a generous Sport England grant. The Squash Club is a members club which uses an online booking system (MyCourts). All players are welcome from complete beginners upwards and the club offers various grades of membership including family packages. The Club has two coaches, 3 men's teams and 1 ladies team (who all play in the York & District Leagues). Various internal competitions run throughout the year. Contact 07900 896493 for details or see website stillingtonsquashclub.mycourt.co.uk

Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 13th April we welcomed Liz Cole to tell us something about Holy Wells and springs in our area. In pre-Christian times these were thought of as conduits to the gods and so developed an aura of mysticism and magic.

When Christianity arrived the Church realised that it would be advantageous to incorporate the water sources into the "new" faith.

Many of these water sources contained iron or other minerals (deficiency conditions like anaemia were not recognised) and people often found that drinking the water from these wells/springs made them feel better.

Hallikeld Well in Stillington - Halli meaning holy and Keld meaning water, is marked on the 1852 O/S map. It is now arable land with no sign of the spring.

Blind Keld in Sutton-on-the-Forest used to flood fields so has probably been piped away as there is no sign of it now. Water from here was supposed to cure eye problems.

Many wells became associated with saints. After the Reformation holy wells became less important until some were re-invented as Spas, one of which was Hovingham Spa. The newly built railway station was re-named Hovingham Spa in 1896 in an attempt to promote the spa resort.

At our May meeting there will be no speaker as we will be discussing WI resolutions. Our June meeting will be on the 8th when we will hear from Adam Raffell of the Trussel Trust telling us about the local food banks, who can use them and their importance especially in these difficult times.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in Stillington Village Hall. We welcome all visitors (£4 a head including refreshments), hope to see you soon.

Parish Council

Malcolm Rowe has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. He joined in July 2014 and led the Council as Chairman from May 2015 to mid-2021. His years of office working for the Parish and Village saw some key changes and events and he was instrumental in setting up and leading the Speedwatch project. Malcolm also helped to update the records for the graves in both the new and old cemeteries and ensured all grave stones in the old churchyard were safely maintained.

He was a true friend to past Parish Clerk, Bob Brown dec'd & fellow councillor Bernie Smith when both were unwell. Malcolm also undertook to help Mary Midgley when she took over as Parish Clerk with no previous experience. Members thanked Malcolm for his time in office.

Council Vacancies

There are currently vacancies for two parish councillors. Anyone who would like to be co-opted onto the council please contact Nigel Knapton - clerk to the Parish Council: clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk for further information.

Countryside Notes May 2022

Easter Monday, 8.55pm. How things have grown in the garden and on the farm, with blossoms appearing on Apple and Pear trees and billowing clouds of White Blackthorn that will bear the Sloes beloved of the Sloe Gin makers, if the frost keeps away and lets the blossom set. I am afraid the Plum trees flowered a bit early, and the frost will have spoiled the fruiting capacity of many trees. I tried to protect our small Apricot tree, but with not a lot of success. It flowered well but most flowers have dropped off having failed to develop due to the frost.

We do underestimate the power of the sun as it works with nature. I was surprised to see that so many dandelions have broken through the tarmac on the path up to the Church near the York Road junction. How can such a plant push through a path like that? It would have made a man sweat to break such tarmac with a pickaxe. We have had more butterflies enjoying the sun lately; they need the sun to warm their blood enough to become active and fly. We were pleased to see Holly Blues flitting along the tall Holly hedge near our house. They will be laying eggs on the small white holly flowers for their first brood, who will then lay their eggs on Ivy flowers in the backend of the year. The sun will have set the sap running profusely within the trees, which will make leaves and flowers develop. We often overlook the flowering of our trees: some flower before the leaves; some come in the leaf bud; others wait for the leaves to grow. Have a look at the Horse Chestnut candles when they are out and you will see that some flowers have a red patch and others a yellow patch, which you will find are male and female flowers growing side by side.

Have you noticed a small white flower growing really close to the road verge on the York Road and all the roads of our land? This squat plant is Scurviggrass, a coastal maritime plant that has expanded its territory because of the winter salting of our roads and has used an opportunity to spread. Its leaves are fleshy and round and no way like grass leaves.

There is so much to see at this special time of the year, perhaps we should make a bigger attempt at looking and enjoying life all around us, with its masses of colour, its structure and smells. This, all too good to miss and "inflation" has not made it prohibitive to our mercenary minds, it remains priceless and free to all who will look and see.

R & M

Peace on Earth Goodwill to all... thoughts from Revd. Steve, May 2022.

'Peace on Earth Goodwill to all,' this is usually associated with Christmas and the birth of Jesus, yet I find myself reaching for this phrase in this the season of Easter (Easter Day to Pentecost (05 June)). Why you may wonder do I am mixing my seasons; the answer is fairly simple, allow me to explain. At Christmas we look forward with eager anticipation for all that we hope Christmas brings – hope, joy, peace. Easter Day, the day we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus – new beginnings, new life, fresh starts, new hope... With all that is happening in the world as I write this letter, peace seems in short supply, tensions are high and anxiety raised. Naturally, we are and should be concerned when disorder and confusion reign; we have had a lot to deal with in recent years enduring the pandemic and now conflict in Europe with war in Ukraine. If you are like me, all this turbulence and the instability it brings makes me wish for calmer times and the restoration of peace or at least peacefulness. You may not want me to remind you of the turmoil on our European doorstep, but this brings me directly back to Easter. Easter is not just about Jesus dying and coming back to life. Easter is about celebrating our new life through him. Pope Francis speaking of Easter said, "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence." At Midnight Mass we should read the prologue of the Gospel of John chapter one, verses 1-14; verse five gives us, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.' Jesus came to bring light and life and through his resurrection has gifted to humanity the gift of eternal life. The resurrection is at the core of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our faith is meaningless. It is through the eyes of faith that I view the world today and to quote Pope Francis again, "God is love and he has defeated evil." So, as we continue through this season of Easter, I will hold tight to the hope Christ has placed in us and pray for peace, which is not praying for peace in a juvenile sense, which would be naïve. What I hope and pray for is a deep peace, a peace that brings harmony, reconciliation and goodwill. A peace that is the presence of calm, quiet, stillness and tranquillity. Knowing that this is possible, humanly, with the grace of God. In this season of Easter up until the Day of Pentecost, whether you have a faith or not, hope for and if you will, pray for an outpouring of peace. I leave you with this Celtic blessing.

Deep peace of the moving waves to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the shepherds' watch to you, Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you
And the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, evermore. Amen.

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 6th April 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robin Conway, Tracy Sinclair, Graham Taylor, Tim Drew & Robert Churton together with 2 members of the public & District Cllr Di Watkins.

Resignation

Cllr Malcolm Rowe had tendered his resignation. The Chairman thanked him for his years of service to the Council.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

The Chairman and Clerk were to meet with an officer of NYCC Highways tomorrow in the village to discuss the procedure for applying to fit vehicle activated speed signs if the Council decides to go ahead with purchasing some for installation.

Street Light

The request for an additional streetlight at the Village Hall junction would be discussed with the Highways officer tomorrow.

Jubilee Tree

District Cllr Watkins reported that the Jubilee tree had been planted and presented a plaque to be installed next to the tree.

Grass Cutting

Following the resignation of the current grass cutting contractor just before the first cut of the season it was agreed to accept a quotation by Mike Duck for one season and to review thereafter.

Speed Watch

Following Cllr Rowe's resignation, it was agreed the equipment would be stored temporarily until after the VASS sign decision had been made.

Village Maintenance

The footway was broken up on Weddells Cottage corner and the roadway was broken up opposite the new houses on Mill Lane. The Clerk would report these to NYCC Highways.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th May in the Village Hall at 6.00pm

The Clerk to the Parish Council:

Nigel Knpton at
clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

CHURCH SERVICES - May

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Rev Stephen Whiting 810251

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Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262

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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

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

Sun 1st 10.30 am

51st Anniversary of the Methodist Church.

In the Methodist Church

Wed 4th Holy Communion 2.00 pm

Sun 15th Holy Communion 10.00 am

Sun 22nd Pet Service (outside) 10.00 am

Do come and bring your pets (under control please)

Thur 26th Ascension Day

Please see church noticeboard for time and place

Sun 29th 10.00 am

Ecumenical Morning Worship on Oak

Apple Day

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the Church's AGM at which the Annual Report is presented and the Churchwardens elected) **This is at 7.00 pm on Wed, May 4th.** and is open to all on the church's electoral roll.

Lifting restrictions during worship The wearing of face coverings is appreciated but not mandatory; sanitary gel is available; social distancing is no longer necessary, so there is room for more! Singing is also allowed so we are getting there.

Visiting the church The church is open every day. As a rough guide this is "in office hours". Please come and visit.

Prayers for the village are now every **Thursday at 9.00am.** 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 Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? If you are not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit at home? Do make a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 811262.

200 club results

1st Mr Parkhouse, £50

2nd Mr T Seymour,

3rd Mrs L Kemp,

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

St Nicholas Church Rota

9th May to 21st May

CLEANING Mrs M Tomlinson

BRASSES Mr H Tomlinson

23rd May to 4th May

CLEANING Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES VACANT

Flower Rota

1st May - Mrs R Churton

8th May - Mrs B Bainton

15th May - Mrs P Clark

22nd May - Mrs R Little

29th May - Mrs M Tomlinson

Methodist Chapel

Minister:

Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards:

Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

Sunday 1st 10-30am

Chapel Anniversary

Rev David Bidnell

Sunday 8th 3pm

May Rev E Cushion

at Alne Hall

Sunday 15th 3pm

Tholthorpe Chapel Anniversary

Rev Andy Foster

Sunday 22nd 10-30am

May Marion Moverley

at Stillington

Sunday 29th 10-30am

An Ecumenical service together

here in the Methodist Church

FILM AFTERNOONS

These are held monthly on the third

Thursday at 2pm

**May 29th, June 16th, July 21st
save the dates.**

Open to all, do come, you will be very welcome.

Join us for a Film, good company and refreshments.

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242

martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

We plan to join Farlington Church for their Rogation Celebration on Sunday 8th May and are then returning to 6pm for our 'summertime' services from Sunday 22nd May onwards. It's been wonderful to see the signs of spring in the churchyard, with a fabulous display of daffodils this year.

We look forward to our annual 'Count on Nature' audit of wildlife at 10am on Thursday 9th June. If you would like to come and help us, you'd be very welcome! **We are also continuing Tuesday Midday Prayers in May... arrive from 12 for a cuppa and chat then a short time of prayer, approx 12.15-12.30. Do dress warmly!**

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251

benefice.admin@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

It was a joy to celebrate Easter with an uplifting service and the church was well filled with a congregation in good voice.

The services at St Leonard's in May are:

Sunday 8th 3.00pm

Rogation Service at the church

Sunday 22nd 11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Rogation is one of the farming related services we celebrate at St Leonard's. It is a service of blessing for the work of farmers, their livestock and their crops – very appropriate in rural Farlington. Traditionally, the Rogation service was followed by three days of fasting; ours will be followed by delicious cakes and scones! Please come along and join us, we would love to see you.

St Leonard's follows the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and you are assured of a warm welcome at any of our services.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the peaceful Churchyard is open at all times.



Thank you to the village businesses and individuals who have generously given donations towards the Platinum Jubilee weekend

Thank you to the three pubs who have hosted the Pub Meals

A box for donations towards the Village Tea Party will be in the Shop from 1st to 20th May.

All village children under 16 will receive a Platinum Jubilee Mug

Wednesday 18 May:

7pm Royal Trains talk in the Village Hall
Norman Hugill recalls working with the Royal Trains
Tickets £5 on the door includes light refreshments. Children Free

Thursday 21 May:

Last call for Knitted and Crochet 'flowers'
Please hand to Adryenne Hope or leave at the rear of the church

Thursday 26 May:

Series of Pub Meals No. 3. The White Bear – Menu to follow
Names to Tricia Walker 810562

Sat 28 May /Sun 29 May:

Bunting and 'Scarecrows' will appear



Please turn over for the weekend timetable

Thursday 2 June:

6.00pm

Hog Roast at the Sports and Social Club (max 200)
Tickets at Shop/PO £3 per person Children 11 and under are free

7.30pm/8pm

Ceilidh at the S&SC (max 120)
Tickets at Shop/PO £5 per person. Children Free

9.45pm

approx. Lighting the Stillington Beacon at the S&SC

Friday 3 June:

1.30pm

Pageant – parade from the Village Hall to the S&SC
Team or individual entry: anything decorated on wheels. Pavement width please. Prizes for all entries.

2.30pm

Children's and Family Sports

4.00pm

Village Tea Party at the S&SC – Free to all

7.30pm

Theatre at The Mill (details online)

Saturday 4 June:

9am to 12 noon

Café at The Mill
including 'Bake Off' All entries welcome

7.00pm

Evening entertainment at the S&SC – Stillington's Got Talent Free to all.

Sunday 5 June:

9am to 12 noon

Café at The Mill

10.00am

Celebration Jubilee Service at St Nicholas Church

To celebrate the Queen and her service to her country and people. Village groups and organisations will form part of the service.

12.30pm

Platinum Jubilee Village Lunch on the Village Green. Open to All. Bring your own food, drinks, plates etc.
Some chairs are available. Free Ice Creams for dessert.

2.30pm

Distribution of the Platinum Jubilee Mugs

4.00pm

Dog Festival at the Sports and Social Club. Open to All. Entries on the field.

7.30pm

Music Night at The Mill (details online)