

# Stillington News

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August 2023

Guess who's coming to  
Stillington Village Hall  
Saturday 2nd September, 7.30pm?



Northumberland Touring Theatre Company, who brought us the fabulous Macbeth last year, is making a return visit.

A mad scientist dreams of conquering death by creating life. Performed in a fast-paced and physical style, and drawing directly from Mary Shelley's original text, this is a cautionary tale of creation, betrayal, revenge and murder - with a monster who can still strike terror into the hearts of audiences everywhere... You have been warned!

Not recommended for children under 10 years of age.

**Tickets £12, under 18s £6,  
available from The Village Stores  
and on the door**

## ANNOUNCING A MAGNIFICENT JUMBLE SALE

Stillington Primary School  
26th August 2pm to 4pm  
Raffle and Tombola  
Refreshments Available (Tea, Coffee, Cakes)  
**Entry Fee: 50p**

**Donations Welcome!**  
**Drop off at the school gates:**  
**Tues 22nd & Thurs 24th August 8am to 12pm**  
(Fundraiser Event for FOSS)



At Stillington Sports and Social Club  
**Sunday 2nd September**  
**9am to 12pm**

Refreshments Available  
**Entry Fees:**  
**£5 for sellers, per car, 50p for buyers**  
(Fundraiser Event for FOSS)

## The Tuesday Pop In



Thank you to  
all our friends who support  
our Tuesday mornings.

**POP IN is going on holiday  
for AUGUST so we will  
not be opening on any  
Tuesdays until the 5th  
SEPTEMBER when we  
open again.**

We will look forward to  
seeing everyone and enjoy  
sharing all that you have  
been doing during the break,  
while enjoying hot drinks,  
tasty treats and speciality hot  
chocolate, so do come along  
and join us.

Please email contributions  
for the **September** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org)  
by

**Wednesday 23rd August**



**44th Annual Show**

At the Village Hall on  
**Sunday 13th August 2023**  
Viewing for public after  
**2pm**  
with presentations at  
**2.30pm**



## Farlington Pop-up Tea Room

The popular Pop-up Tea Room returns to  
Farlington Village Hall over the August  
Bank Holiday weekend raising money for  
St Leonard's church.

Our opening days will be  
**Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th and Bank  
Holiday Monday (28th), 11am – 3pm.**

Join us on one or all of those days for  
sandwiches, delicious cakes, scrumptious  
tarts, tea and coffee.

## Thank Yous

Christine Frost would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages after her accident. A special thank you to Stillington Good Neighbours for their gift.

Guy Whittaker would like to thank all who attended his mum's funeral on Wednesday 5th July at St Nicholas Church, and all who sent condolences to Jack and the Family.

Diana Mitchinson would like to thank everyone for their great support and messages of sympathy since Ron died on 23.6.23.

## Stillington Post Office & Stores

*Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.*

Do you have a few hours to spare? Are you interested in helping the community?

The shop is always looking for volunteers to help keep this important village asset functioning effectively.

We are currently looking at succession planning and the board needs an additional member who has a financial background and a willingness to take on the role of treasurer in the future.

**If you feel you have the skills and the enthusiasm to take on this role, please contact me, Kathy Berry, on 01347 238403 or leave your contact details in the shop and we will get in touch.**

## Village Pond

The pond island looks like a picture with wild flowers in bloom; a young buddleia bush in flower and the island wall repaired. The yew hedge along the eastern boundary has thrived, despite weather extremes, and has been kept weed free. And despite lack of official grass cutting, the front and pond access has been mown throughout. Many thanks to near neighbours Geoff Fulford and Geoff Sykes.

Work to remove many inches of silt and debris from the pond is planned for August. This was last done in 1991 with Stan Cochrane on a digger and volunteers Ray Midgley and Dennis Law with a tractor and trailer.



## Easingwold Home Library and Information Service

### Need something to read but cannot get to the library?

This **free service**, offered jointly by Easingwold Community Library and NYCC, is ideal if you find it difficult to get to the Library, carry books comfortably or if you are a busy carer. You can opt in and out so it is ideal if you are recovering from illness or cannot get out in bad weather. Our friendly volunteers will select items to suit your tastes (including large print, audio books, DVDs and children's books) and will deliver directly to your doorstep every two weeks. We cover Easingwold and all the surrounding villages and operate according to current Covid-19 guidelines.

To find out more, please visit **Easingwold Community Library** in the MarketPlace, ring the library on **01609 534584** or email **ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com**. One of our volunteers will then contact you.

## Beware of Fake Microsoft Emails

Latest scam email claims Microsoft will stop all images and pdf files if the user doesn't update to the newest version of Microsoft.

The email advises you to update your email now to avoid being 'shorted'. The email also claims they have noticed suspicious attempts on your email account and asks you to verify your account to avoid losing all your emails.

There is a warning at the bottom of the email claiming your account will be suspended if no action is taken and a link to 'Verify Right Now'. Although the link leads to a convincing site it is a **SCAM** that is designed to steal your Microsoft login details. **DO NOT** click on any links and **DO NOT** give out any personal or financial details.

Received a suspicious email? Forward it to: **report@phishing.gov.uk**

**If you believe you have been a victim of a scam please report on 101.**

## Keep an Older Person Safer in 2023

Cold calling is not illegal. However, any trader that ignores a sticker or notice on a door stating that the occupier does not wish to receive cold calls may be committing a criminal offence.

As a nationwide home care provider since 1980 we have decided to try and help prevent, where we can, an older or disabled person becoming a victim.



The above door sticker may be of interest to you or someone you know. These are free of charge and you can request yours by emailing, **info@ablecommunitycare.com**, we will be happy to send you one, (since 2019 we have given out over 140,000).

We do not keep any individual details on a database, and we do not give information to other organisations. **www.ablecommunitycare.com** based in Norfolk but a Nationwide Live-in Care Provider, established in 1980.

## Old Bus Shelter

Repair and maintenance of the old Bus Shelter on York Road corner has given us guttering plus a 'new roof' with second hand tiles: hopefully good to last for another 70 years.

## Village Hall Diary - August

<b>Weds</b>	<b>2nd</b>	Parish Council Meeting	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3rd</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am -12pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4th</b>	Primetime	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5th</b>	Easingwold Deanery	<b>9.30am-3.30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>7th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30 -7.30pm</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>11th</b>	Primetime	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12th</b>	Gardening Club - set up	<b>6-9pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13th</b>	Gardening Club Show	<b>8.30am -8.30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>14th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30 -7.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>17th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>17th</b>	Hearts and Craft	<b>1-5pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>18th</b>	Primetime	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19th</b>	Private Function	<b>2-6pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am-2pm</b>

### Please note that this diary may not include all Village Hall events for June

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>

You can book the Village Hall through the contact form on our website. Alternatively Text, or WhatsApp, **07726421287**



### Annual Show - Sunday 13th August

Sarah Raper has arranged everything for this year's show. Booklets /Schedules 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 very

useful.

Your entries should be in between **9.30am and 11am**. The Show opens to the Public at **2pm**, Presentations start **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.

### September Speaker

Chris Shires has again arranged a great array of speakers for this coming season. We start on Wednesday 27th September. Our Speaker is Teresa Clements, and her subject is RHS Bulbs. You are reminded Members can bring a guest for £1. A nice way to possibly introduce a new future member.

**Robert Churton**

## Stillington Parish Council - July

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 5th July 2023 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Christine Cookman (Vice-Chairman), Tracy Sinclair, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton together with 3 members of the public and North Yorkshire Councillor Malcolm Taylor. Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Smyth.

### Noticeboard

The noticeboard had been refurbished and is now in place.

### Casual Vacancy

A vacancy still exists on the Council. If anyone is interested in being co-opted, please email the Clerk to check eligibility.

### Public Session

Matters discussed were grass cutting, ragwort, the goose on the pond, the pond willow trees and pond dredging.

### Churchyard Wall

The North Yorkshire Council Highways team assessed the churchyard wall and did not find it be a danger to the footway. No further action is planned,

### Old Bus Shelter

The contractor has stated that the renovations to the old bush shelter will take place in the next couple of weeks.

### Village Maintenance

There were no further village maintenance issues noted.

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday 2nd August 2023 in the Village Hall at 7pm**

**The Clerk to the Parish Council:**

**Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)**

## Would you like to be a parish councillor and help to make the parish of Stillington a better place to live?

There is currently a vacancy on Stillington Parish Council. The council can fill this by co-option, which is a process whereby the council considers applications from interested persons and can then select someone to fill the seat. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact Nigel Knapton clerk to the parish council at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)

## Antiques Roadshow comes to Stillington

There was great excitement in the village back in April when STV's production of Antiques Road Trip was filming at Stillington Village Emporium at Pond Cottage. This will be aired later in the year. Good fun was had by all.

**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\***

## Stillington Bowls Club

### Andre Davies/Dennis Law Memorial Pairs Competition

This competition took place on the 15/16th July. Teams from across North Yorkshire took part in this, playing 18 ends each round in a pairs knockout format.

The weather on Saturday was a little exciting as bowlers witnessed lightning over York and Malton during two storms. Fortunately only a small sharp shower was experienced.

Going through to the Semi-Finals on Sunday were two teams from Stillington, one from Kirbymoorside and one from Sowerby Flatts.

The winners were Nigel Marsh and Richard Howson from Stillington, beating the Sowerby pair of Neil Flynn and Mark Morley.

A secondary competition was run for the pairs knocked out in the first round. This was won by Keith and Doreen Bardon from Kirbymoorside.

The trophy and prizes were presented by Ray Midgley for the secondary competition and Phil Robinson, landlord of the White Bear Inn. Phil & Sue sponsored the main competition, for which the bowls club is very appreciative.

Thanks go to all who took part, Howard Tomlinson for the organisation, Tim Drew for maintaining the green to such a high standard and to the lady members who provided the catering.

### Mid Season Report

With the bowling season now over half way through and a busy programme in 3 local leagues coming to an end the club has done well in the leagues.

A number of bowlers have joined the club this year. There have been opportunities for social bowling, especially on Wednesday evenings, when tuition is available for beginners and improvers. The first Annual Challenge match with our neighbours Easingwold was played in May with Stillington hosting the return match at the end of July. Monies raised this year will go to My Sight York who provide help and support for the visually impaired.

The finale to this year's members' competitions will be the Finals Weekend being played in early September.

**Mark Pegram**



**From left to right: Harold Tomlinson, Richard Howson, Phil Robinson and Nigel Marsh.**

## Stillington Wanderers

Two walks in July: 3rd July from Coxwold car park up to Beacon Bank, only limited views north these days with the tree growth but the alpacas were seen; through Husthwaite Village (known as the Orchard Village of North Yorkshire owing to its history of fruit growing) and back via the old railway and across the fields to Shandy Hall.

17th July from Stonegrave northwards; over the disused railway and station at Ryedale Lodge; passing Queen Victoria Jubilee Cottages, East Newton Hall and along the meandering River Rye with a substantial new footbridge part way to Nunnington; up to Caulkley's Bank & back to Stonegrave. Why Stonegrave Minster? It is an ancient church with original links to Iona and Lindisfarne: founded about 757, built by Irish missionaries and staffed by priests.

**Next walks are Monday 31st July, 14th and 28th August. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am.**

### Donations from the Stillington Wanderers

The fortnightly walks restarted post 'covid' in March 2022 and the £1's donations mounted up: **£50** was paid to **British Legion** and **£50** to Kevin Sinfield's fundraising for **Motor Neurone research and support** in Nov 2022; **£100** has recently been donated to **Dementia UK**.

## Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 28th July, Stillington and Farlington WI welcomed Andrew who had very kindly stepped in at very short notice to talk to us about Millfield Park in Easingwold. Claypenny fields behind Millfield surgery was owned by Claypenny Hospital which was originally a workhouse then a home for the severely disabled. It closed in 1993 and was taken over by The Woodland Trust in 1999.

In times gone by there were many animals seen, including badgers but as there are now many more people using the park fewer animals are spotted. However, over 30 different species of birds have been identified and the pond has a thriving frog population.

There is a footpath used for running/jogging/walking, benches to rest/look/listen to the sights and sounds of the park and a skate park for the adventurous. Truly something for everyone.

**Angela Hawker**

## Stillington Tennis Club

1st team are second in Div 6 with a match in hand having won six matches, drawn two and lost the one match against top of the division Bubwith. The 2nd team in Div 8 are also second in their division having won four and lost four matches. Top scoring pairs for 1st team are Tim Madgwick / Amanda Page and Tom Hilling / Liz Pocklington and for the 2nd team Tim Adams / Sophie Adams and Tim Adams / Anne Barfoot. The 2nd team have just two more matches to play as Riccall 2nd team withdrew early on in the season; 1st team have five more to play.

The new court surface has settled in well and plaudits are received from our visiting players.

## Countryside Notes

Tuesday 18th July: a day that began fine and deteriorated by midday to showers that lasted all afternoon. We could have done with the rain a few weeks ago, as we would now welcome some drying warmth for Hay Making and Harvest.

We enjoyed a visit of two Leverets (young hares) on the lawn near our house ten days ago: they chased, danced and did acrobatics with ease, but all the while their ears were moving as they listened for warning sounds. We think that they would belong to two litters as one was larger than its mate. They are still about but not with the agility of that night. The Hare, though a relation of the Rabbit, lives on the ground and never uses a hole in the ground unless very distressed. The gestation of the hare is much longer than a rabbit and when giving birth distribute them singly in grass at a good distance apart. She will go round and suckle them at intervals throughout the day. The little leverets, fur clad from birth, do not move much in those early days as there are many hungry eyes looking out for them. Whereas, the rabbits are born blind and without fur in a breeding hole near the warren in a warm nest of fur until they are fur clad and mobile. They are vulnerable to the Bucks who will kill them if given a chance in those early days. The Brown Hare, which is the one around here, has seen numbers plummet over a number of years for various reasons.



We were delighted to hear of a neighbour who has an “App” or some other gadget on her phone which can tell her what sort of birds we have about by recognising and identifying their song. She told me that we had Corn Bunting, Black Caps, various Warblers, Goldfinches and Chaffinches along with others. It was good to hear that we had such variety around. I have not seen enough of the little birds that are Goldcrests, I think. They are very secret and fairly silent but I hope they have nested in the shrubs in the garden, like they have done before.

*(Original linprint by Emma Johnson)*

There are many patches of beautiful wildflowers along our roadsides that we can see as we travel along. There is the tall creamy Meadowsweet amongst the Rose Bay and Willow Herb. Among the shorter ones, the Bindweeds, some white and some with a candy stripe of pink and white, patches of yellow Cinquefoil, with shapely five petal flowers well worth a closer look. But the finest colour splash was on the roadside between Brandsby and Hovingham, where a large area was a blaze of purple with Selfheal, a plant that is rather like a Dead-nettle. At home we have a marvellous array of purple Loosestrife around the edge of the pond which has grown five feet tall.

We could go on with many more flowers that would include the Sweet Chestnut, that is in full cream flower; so, look out for others.

R & M

## Weather Report

### Rainfall

Following the rainless first half of June, there were several days in the second half with significant rainfall. The monthly total came to 40mm, which was still well down on the average figure of 69mm.

The first half of July has given us 31mm, about half a month's worth.

### Temperature

The media have been reporting “the warmest June on record”. I cannot speak for Stillington, since my records are limited, but we did have seven consecutive days when temperatures reached the high twenties. The maximum was 28.1°C on the 25th. The lowest overnight temperature was 6.6°C on the 2nd/3rd, while on the night of 24th/25th the temperature did not fall below 18.8°C.

The solar panels delivered 500kWh in June, a monthly figure which has only been exceeded four times in the last seven years.

So far in July the highest temperature has been 27.2°C, on the 7th, while the lowest has been 10.9°C, overnight on the 3rd/4th.

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### 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.



#### August - In your wardrobe

1. Buy clothing that is easy to wash and dry. About half of the environmental impact of a garment's life is the energy needed to wash it in your washing machine and tumble dryer. Don't wash clothes too often – is it really dirty?!
2. Extend the life of your clothing and shoes by looking after and mending them. Wear them, use them, until they fall apart, then donate or recycle rather than binning old clothes and shoes.
3. Set yourself a clothing challenge. Can you replenish your wardrobe for a year from second hand shops? (You may wish to exclude underwear!)

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Stillington, YO61 1NF**

## CHURCH SERVICES - August St Nicholas, Stillington

### Priest:

Rev Stephen Whiting **810251**  
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### Lay Minister:

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### Church Wardens:

Janet Martin **822981**  
jessie.jm158@gmail.com  
Richard Mapletoft **811854**  
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### Canon Emeritus:

Robert Law **810940**  
lrf43@kesonline.org

**Sun 6th** Morning Worship **10am**

**Sun 13th** NO SERVICE at Stillington.  
recommended services are:

Lammas Holy Com - Farlington **10.30am**

Morning Worship - Sheriff Hutton **10am**

**Sun 20th** Holy Communion **10am**

**Sun 27th** Morning Praise **10am**

**Visiting the church** The church is open every day, from nine or earlier until four.

**Prayers for the village** Every Thursday, 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're not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning and would like a visit at home, please call Margaret Price to arrange a convenient time.

## St Nicholas Church Rota

31st July - 12th August

**CLEANING** Mrs M Price

**BRASSES** Mr M Turvey

14th August to 26th August

**CLEANING** Mrs S Thompson

**BRASSES** Mrs C Cookman

28th August to 9th September

**CLEANING** Mrs A Hope

**BRASSES** Mrs J Sheffield

## 200 Club Results

1st Mrs V Chapman - 50

2nd Mrs M Hallam

3rd Ms P Hope

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

## Flower Rota

6th August - Mrs M Sykes

13th August - Mrs M Sykes

20th August - Mrs A Parkhouse

27th August - Mrs A Parkhouse

3rd September - Mrs A Hope

## St Nicholas Parish Register

### Wedding

Edward Walker

&

Laura Shepherd

on

Saturday 17th June 2023

### Funerals

Joan Whittaker

July 5th 2023

Canon Ron Mitchinson

July 6th 2023

Jayne North

July 11th 2023

### Burial of Ashes

James Duxbury

July 10th 2023

## St Mary's Marton

### Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt **878242**

martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting **810251**

**Sun 6th** Celtic Communion **6pm**

**Sun 20th** Reflective Service **6pm**

We are looking forward to our annual scything in August! Weather permitting, it will be completed around 4th-9th August. If you are available to come and do an hour's raking and clearing please get in touch and I can keep you posted on our progress. Sarah Sigsworth, who hand scythes the whole churchyard, often produces lovely photos of churchyard inhabitants who have the opportunity to crawl, hop, fly or run away when approached by this gentler method of grass cutting! We always look forward to her insights into how the wildflower meadow project is progressing and what our next steps should be.

A small group of us meet for Midday Prayers on Tuesday lunchtimes and you are welcome to bring a picnic! We hope to organise some Quiet Days soon when we can take some time out to soak up some of the peace and calm of this lovely church and churchyard. You are always welcome to pop in whenever you are passing.

## St Leonard's, Farlington

### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting **810251**  
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### Church Wardens:

Sally Wright **878745**

Richard Haste **878581**

richardhaste@btinternet.com

**Lammas.** Sunday August 13th 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.

**Sun 13th** Lammastide **10.30am**

Celebrating the ancient festival of Lammas, followed by refreshments

**Sun 27th** Holy Communion **11.15am**  
(BCP)

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

## Methodist Chapel

### Minister:

Rev David Bidnell **01904 345429**  
david.bidnell@gmail.com

### Steward:

Robin Jackson **810250**  
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

## Villages Together Methodist Church

**Sun 6th** Huby **3pm**

Cafe service - Tricia Mitchell

**Sun 13th** Alne Hall **3pm**

Rev Bidnell

**Sun 20th** Stillington **10.30am**

Service with communion - Rev Bidnell

**Sun 27th** Tholthorpe **3pm**

Cafe Service - John Schofield

### Film Afternoons

at the

**Methodist Church**

**Thursday 31st August**

**2pm**

Come along and enjoy good company,  
a good film and of course  
refreshments.

For full details **Tel 810250**