

Stillington News

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The Tuesday Pop In

Welcomes you for warming drinks and tasty treats with friends whilst enjoying a good chat.

10.30 -12 noon

A warm welcome always guaranteed

Please note, the pop in will be closed for the month of August.

We will reopen to welcome everyone on Tuesday 5th September at 10.30 as usual

and look forward to hearing about all you have been doing. Enjoy the break !



Stillington and District Community Archive



Summer Excursion to Byland Abbey With guided tour

Friday 4th August at 2pm

Followed by a bring and share picnic

Names to Michael Turvey 810473 Or email

stillingtonarchive@gmx.co.uk

Sunday, July 9th at 4.00 pm. St Nicholas' Church.



Sing the best hymns and join us for nibbles and a glass of Pimm's or fruit juice.

Choose your favourite hymn

via 811854 or

rmapleoft@outlook.com



STILLINGTON YORKSHIRE SUMMER FAIR 30TH JULY

The Summer Fair will begin at 3pm in Stillington Village Hall

Celebrating Yorkshire day a day early!

There will be plenty of 'Yorkshire Treats' and games for the children

Adult tea £3, children free



6th July
and
20th July

2-4pm in the Village Hall

For more info contact:

yvonnem16@btinternet.com

Or

07497 051424

Reliance Buses



Good ole' Reliance Buses with over 80 years of local service have started to offer a later evening journey home from York. At £2 a single journey, Route 40 will leave York Exhibition Square on Mondays to Saturdays at 2030 arriving in Stillington 2056. On Fridays and Saturdays an additional late bus combines Route 30 and 40 leaving Exhibition Square at 2230, travelling initially to Easingwold, then arriving in Stillington for 2312.

Please email contributions for the August issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by Wednesday 19th July

Stillington and District Community Archive

has now been running for 15 years. We have gone far beyond our initial remit of preserving still and moving images, documents and collecting oral narratives. A huge amount of research has been undertaken into a wide variety of subjects and transcriptions of Stillington and Marton Parish records have been made available free of charge. We have recently updated our website to accommodate more of our collection. It is now secure, mobile friendly and cloud, rather than server, based. Take a look!

www.stillingtoncommunityarchive.org

We're looking for more committee members to push forward future projects and help at our meetings which are held every two months from September to May. Subjects of upcoming talks include businesses in Stillington, the River Foss, a 1960s childhood and tales from Tudor York.

If you'd like to join us contact Michael Turvey (810473) or Liz Cole (810537).

Himalayan Balsam is now evident along many of our waterways, ditches and woodland walks. Please help to reduce this invasive plant before it seeds by pulling it out. The plant is easy to pull up at this stage & can be stacked into a pile.

Every little helps!

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

AT THE SPORTS CLUB

We will be hosting several sessions in the near future on **Monday 17th July from 6-9pm and**

Tuesday 25th July from 6-9pm.

These events are free to Stillington Residents.

**The course consists of:
dealing with an unresponsive
breathing casualty.**

**Dealing with an unresponsive non
breathing casualty (CPR).**

Defibrillator training.

For more information and to book a place contact Kevin on the following email address:

kevinborwell@gmail.com

Places will be restricted so book asap.

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.

Children's Playground

Thank you to our volunteers who have repaired the fencing gate and replaced the climbing frame board: a splendid job all round.

We could really do with some 'new blood' to help manage this excellent facility which is open to everyone from the village, walkers and visitors. If interested, please call in at the **Sports and Social Club** or contact either **Angela Shipley 07595 185648** or **Jo Gault 07977 492589**.

Thanks to Steve Royen

Steve Royen has been delivering the Stillington News to the properties on the north Side of Main Street and High Street for 21 years and in all that time he has missed only 4 deliveries. Steve and Julie are now leaving the village and this month will see his final delivery. The Stillington News

would not be the successful community newsheet that it is without the people delivering it every month.

So, an enormous thank you to all those who make a delivery to every home in the village every month and a special thanks to Steve and Julie for their long service. We wish them both all the very best in their new home in Easingwold.

Thank You

Philippa and Mark would like to thank everyone for the well wishes they have received on the arrival of George Anthony Green.

Weather Report – June 2023

Rainfall

The last rainfall, before the dry spell, was 1.5mm on May 19th. This brought the total for the month to 32mm, well below the monthly average of 51mm.

The dry spell lasted for 28 days, until June 17th. So, the rainfall figure for the first half of June is zero. A rather rare occurrence, I suspect.

Temperature

The latter half of May was generally warm, with a maximum of 24.3°C on the 27th. A reasonable amount of sunshine gave 490 kWh from the solar panels. It wasn't until the tenth of June that the heatwave started. Then we had seven days with temperatures in the high twenties. The maximum was 27.8°C on Sunday 11th. The lowest June temperature so far was 6.4°C on the night of 2nd /3rd.

M.T.



STILLINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS2 children did a marvellous job of presenting their posters to the younger children in assembly this week. The children have been learning more about kindness – what it

means, the impact it can have, and how we can encourage others to be kind. In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

the Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The famous Stillington Christmas Pageant:

In the early evening of Friday 15th December 2023.

Would you like to be involved ?

**Please get in touch with Richard Mapletoft (811854)
or Margaret Price (811262)**

or email pricehm870@gmail.com.

We are seeking Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, pages, angels, inn keepers, etc Also narrators to tell the story and speak the words of the performers - so they have no words

to learn. We also need "backroom" help with costumes, scenery and also stage management and lighting, as well as stewards on the night. Only one rehearsal is needed.

The pageant tells the Christmas story. Action starts in the church when Mary has a visitation from the Angel Gabriel who also reassures Joseph that he can marry Mary. The couple then travel down the village street stopping at each of our pubs seeking shelter which they eventually find in the Village Hall, where baby Jesus is born. The shepherds and the Kings visit them there bringing their gifts.

The audience follows all the actions from the church to the village hall and sing appropriate carols during the pageant.

This is a lovely event for all the family and is a gift from St Nicholas Church to you all.

Recycling more soft plastics in Stillington

St Nicholas Church is working with the Co-op in Easingwold to enable you to recycle more soft plastics.

Please leave items in the box in the church porch

Yes please :

**Crisp packets (not just potato crisps as previously)
Sweet wrappers
Plastic film
Pet food pouches
Plastic bags**

No thanks

**Hard plastic
Plastic bottles
Plastic trays
No compostables**



Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 14th June, we welcomed Glenis Wedzicha who is the North Yorkshire East region's Climate Change coordinator, to talk to us. As a change from our usual speakers, Glenis had prepared a quiz which wasn't as difficult as it sounds as the questions were multiple choice! It was pleasing to note that we knew far more about this very important issue than we realised as out of 22 questions most of us scored marks in the high teens.

Next month's meeting will be on Wednesday 12th July at 7:30 in Stillington Village Hall when we will hear a talk entitled " All in the line of duty" from a retired detective inspector in the Metropolitan Police. All visitors welcome, £4 entrance including refreshments, hope to see you there for what promises to be a very interesting and entertaining talk.

Stillington Wanderers

Another glorious day for walking & hay making for a Gilling / Ampleforth walk on 5 June. Starting from Gilling with a cottage hosting swift and house martin bird boxes and walkers able to view the miniature railway at the Village Hall; west towards Redcar House & then north over the disused railway to Ampleforth village; passing their C of E and Catholic primary schools eastwards through the Abbey and College grounds where a girls' multi-schools cricket event was being played.

Climbing up to Agars Bank hillside, walkers gathered round the Anthony Gormley life-sized sculpture of himself looking to the heavens and very much bird-spattered. Returning down the hill, walkers went through an unusual mixed grass and chicory crop and then a spread of comfrey plants along Little Holbeck stream.

19 June walkers started from picturesque Pockley village with its thatched cottages and along Northfield Lane before joining the Tabular Hills route and descending into Riccal Dale via Hasty Bank Farm. The route southwards along Riccal Dale Wood offers different options with dis-used quarries at either end. Orchids were spotted and it's known the River Riccal drops below ground level part way along at times of low rainfall.

Next walks are Monday 3, 17 and 31 July. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am.

Stillington Tennis

Tennis Coach, Ian Watson, from Down The Line Sports has a very enthusiastic group of 5 to 10 year olds gaining tennis skills and fitness on Saturday mornings until 15 July.

Mixed Tennis matches are half-way through the season with the 1st team second in Div 6 having won five matches, drawn and now lost one against Bubwith who are top. The 2nd team in Div 8 are mid-table having won two and lost three matches. And it's good to see new faces and old faces on the tennis courts for both Saturday club play and the matches.

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 - July

Sun 02	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon 03	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 03	Yoga with Annie	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tue 04	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am - 12pm
Wed 05	Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Thu 06	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thu 06	Hearts and Crafts	2 - 4pm
Fri 07	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sun 09	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon 10	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 10	Yoga with Annie	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tue 11	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am - 12pm
Wed 12	WI	7.30pm
Thu 13	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri 14	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sun 16	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon 17	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 17	Yoga with Annie	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tue 18	Tuesday Pop In	10.30 - 12pm
Thu 20	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thu 20	Hearts and Crafts	2 - 4pm
Fri 21	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sun 23	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon 24	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 24	Yoga with Annie	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tue 25	Tuesday Pop In	10.30 - 12pm
Thu 27	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri 28	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sat 29	Private Function	9am - 11pm
Sun 30	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Sun 30	Yorkshire Summer Fair	1 - 5pm

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**

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 7th June 2023 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Christine Cookman (Vice-Chairman), Tracy Sinclair, Richard Smyth & Robert Churton together with 2 members of the public and North Yorkshire Councillor Malcolm Taylor. Apologies were received from Cllr Tracy Sinclair.

Noticeboard

The noticeboard had been refurbished and the Chairman and the joiner would be putting it in place soon.

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 pavement parking, ducks on the pond, grass cutting and fencing.

Dog Fouling

The dog warden had visited Mill Lane and had installed warning signs as an increase in dog fouling had been reported.

Defibrillator

The new defibrillator had been installed on the outside of the Village Hall. This had been paid for from North Yorkshire Councillor Taylor's locality budget. Training would be organised for those who wish to undertake it. Please email the Clerk if you are interested.

Churchyard Wall

North Yorkshire Councillor Taylor would ask the Highways team to have a look at the church wall to get a second opinion on the bulging issue.

Village Maintenance

There were no further village maintenance issues noted.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 5 July 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

The Clerk to the Parish Council: Nigel Knapton at clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk



SGC NEWSLETTER – July 2023

44th ANNUAL SHOW.

Sunday 13 4h August - This will be the first Show organised by Sarah Raper. We cannot thank Carol Marsh enough for the expert way she has organised the show over many years. It would help Sarah enormously if you could watch a few points: **Please read the schedule carefully, Bring your entries between 9.30 and 1.00am.**

Complete your entry forms before you come.

Schedules with entry forms will be available from the Village Shop from mid July. Good luck in the preparations for your entries for this year's show.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

2023 membership fees are now due. The Membership Secretary, Gelda Churton, has the membership cards with the details of all the Clubs events. Remember the card also gives you a 10% discount at both Deans and Castle Howard Garden Centres. Contact her on 810513 to make arrangements.

Remember, you need to produce your 2023 Membership card to enter the Annual Show.

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

- Keep terracotta pots damp to keep the roots cool.
- Cut back geraniums to encourage new growth.
- It's time to pick your courgettes.
- Enjoy harvesting your summer fruiting raspberries.
- Dead-head your roses to keep them tidy and encourage new blooms.

Robert Churton

Countryside Notes July 2023

Monday 19th June, at last the air is a bit less humid after the long period of heat, as last night we had a steady rain to freshen everything up. Everything was getting very dry and some crops were beginning to suffer. The beans are very short and may not reach a height where the combine will harvest the lower pods. We have to wait and see how much rain comes to keep them reaching for the sky. Grass has remained fairly green but is disappearing down hungry red lanes faster than it is growing. The old farmers of my youth maintained that grass is better for livestock Roasted rather than Boiled. However, it is only mid-June and we must have concerns about water if drought conditions continue. Many reservoirs never got really filled through the winter, so I suspect we may see hosepipe bans again this year. I didn't respond very well to the heat of last week, which was almost unbearable. We made some Hay last week in three days, which is good as the grass hasn't time to lose its nutrients.

The "No Mow May" grass cutting has made some hard work in the Orchard, because the grass and nettles grew big and strong, so it took more cutting, not by choice but the shortage of time to start cutting sooner. However, things have been cleaned up and tidy. We planted an orange-coloured Honeysuckle at the foot of a Pear Tree, which, lately, has been festooned with colour from its rather large flowers, which unfortunately are not very scented, unlike so many others in the garden. The Roses have been and are splendid this year and need some deadheading now; yet another job, along with wonderful blue Delphiniums that got weighed down with yesterday's rain and should have been staked before they flowered. The Acacia tree has never flowered so well in all the years we have been here. Its white flowers, not unlike Laburnum, are well scented and a good sight to see when you look up the tall fast-growing tree. The flowering profusion may well be the result of the heat of last summer that ripened the wood. I suspect that many trees have been thus affected and the Wild Roses of the hedgerows are a joy to behold, but maybe past their best by the time you read this.

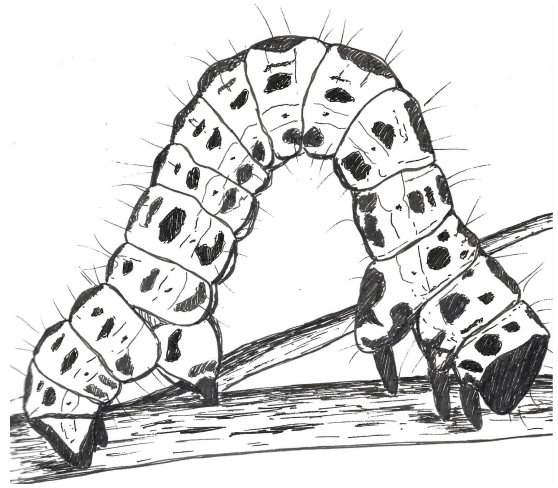
Last week, I saw the first of the scimitar winged Swifts in the village; not many, so hopefully they will have a good breeding season along with swallows, which are so depleted in numbers this year. Recently, we have seen and heard an Oyster Catcher about, a lovely black and white pristine bird with red legs and beak.

There have been a good number of Butterflies about of various sorts, enjoying the nectar flowers in the garden. A fine Moth was in our bedroom the other night but I have not had the book out to identify it. There was a Magpie Moth about on Saturday. Guess what colour? Its Caterpillars are fond of Gooseberry bushes, where they can totally defoliate a bush; these caterpillars have hunchbacks as they travel along.

The hot weather seems to have suited Aphids who have been working the green leaves of trees, with the resulting fall of Honeydew, making things beneath the trees rather sticky, especially on the car parked there.

Enjoy this rich and extravagant feast of colour while it lasts because the days are shortening. So much to see! So much to do! But make time.

R & M



(Magpie Moth Caterpillar - Original pen drawing by EJ)

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

Summer 2023

The summer season 2023 is definitely here both meteorologically and astronomically, summer is with us.

How we spend our summers varies in as many ways as there are individual preferences. Some like to bask in the warmth of the hot summer sun, others are more content with the temperature being slightly raised while enjoying days when it's cloudy with some sunshine – not too hot. Yet others may be praying for rain for their crops or gardens (all dependent on what the weather brings).

What matters most, and I believe is most beneficial, is that we see summer as an opportunity to slow down, to take a break, to rest, to refresh and if needs be recuperate. The proverbial "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"; rings true especially when we know that constant work without rest or relaxation is harmful to one's personal life and well-being. We all need to remember to practice some self-care, as I've said before, to be kind to ourselves.

I don't think it is too big of an ask to say that how and in whatever way you choose to take time-out this summer, please do apply some self-preservation with some TLC on the side, it will be worth it.

May you have a good and blessed summer and may you find some special space for enjoyment, peace, relaxation and refreshing.

Blessings Rev Steve

CHURCH SERVICES - July

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

Sun 2nd Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sun 9th Hymns and Pimms. 4.00 pm

Lots of your favourite hymns
plus a glass of Pimms afterwards.

Sun 16th Holy Communion 10.00 am

Sun 23rd Evensong 4.00 pm

Sun 30th Ecumenical 10.00 am
Morning Worship.

All denominations welcome.

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

Prayers for the village These are 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.

St Nicholas Church Rota

3rd July to 15th July

CLEANING Mrs J Martin

BRASSES Dr D Martin

17th July to 29th July

CLEANING Mrs M Law

BRASSES Vacant

200 Club Results

1st, Mr L Bresnen - £50

2nd Mrs S Fawcett

3rd Dr A D Martin

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Flower Rota

2nd July - Mrs P Drew

9th July - Mrs J Martin

16th July - Mrs J Martin

23rd July - Mrs C Cookman

30th July - Mrs C Cookman

6th Aug - Mrs M Sykes

13th Aug - Mrs M Sykes

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 July, then:

1. **Transport Tips:** Be loving to others by taking the train or coach when you can. It helps ease congestion by taking your car off the road and has half the carbon footprint of a small car (coach 80g and train 100g CO₂e per person per mile).
2. If you are in your car show respect to pedestrians. Park on the road, not on their pavement: think pushchairs and disability scooters. Their walking mile has a carbon footprint of 1g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e a mile.
3. **In your wardrobe:** all clothing and shoes have an environmental impact. Buy fewer, but longer lasting, products if you can. A pair of shoes has an average carbon footprint of 11.5kg CO₂e, and a pair of trousers 3 kg CO₂e.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429
david.bidnell@gmail.com

Steward: Robin Jackson 810250
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Villages Together Methodist Church

Sun 2nd at Huby 10-30

Sun 9th Circuit Service at Haxby 10-30

Sun 16th Stillington Service with 10.30

Communion, Rev David Bidnell

Sun 23rd at Tholthorpe, Rev John Hayward 3pm

Sun 30th We will worship together
10am

at St Nicholas

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact: Caroline Hunt 878242

martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

From July onwards we are reverting to a pattern of services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. During British Summer Time our services are at 6pm, but as the nights draw in we will meet in the afternoons to avoid night-time driving. **Everyone is warmly invited to our communion at 6pm on Sunday 2nd July and a quieter reflective service at 6pm on Sunday 16th July.**

Our annual audit of wildlife, 'Count on Nature' took place in June with 66 plants identified. There were some additions and a few clarifications thanks to our very knowledgeable PCC member, Pam. One tree (above the path leading to the car park) particularly caught her attention and we believe it might be a black oak, which is more commonly found in the eastern half of the United States! If you know anything of its origins, or of similar trees in Marton and Stillington we would be very interested. According to the Woodland Trust, a survey in 2019 concluded that the flowers, leaves, acorns, bark, roots and deadwood of oak trees support at least 2,300 species of flora and fauna! Of these, 326 species depend on oak for survival and 229 species are rarely found on trees other than oak. Amazing!



St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251

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Church Wardens:

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Richard Haste 878581

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Sun 11th Shortened Matins (BCP) 10.30

Sun 25th Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30

There is always a warm welcome at St Leonard's; we hope you will be able to join us for one or both of these services.

The Church is open daily for private prayer or a time of quiet reflection; the peaceful Churchyard is open at all times. **Looking ahead please make a note in your diary for our Pop-up Café returning over the August Bank Holiday weekend – August 26th, 27th, 28th**

FILM AFTERNOON

**at The Methodist Church
Thursday 20th July at 2pm**

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

**For full details tel
Margaret 810250**