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Tuesday Pop in

We look forward to meeting all our friends on Tuesday



mornings at 10.30 in the Village Hall. Come and enjoy good conversation with delicious hot drinks and good treats to eat.

Why don't you bring a friend along with you and enjoy the morning together when it's not very good weather outside,

Everyone welcome, so do come and join us.

Please email contributions for the **December** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 15th December**

Primetime

Village Hall every Friday afternoon from 1-3pm

This is a seated sociable exercise group for all ages and abilities, with a carer if necessary, offering boccia and kurling, and a refreshment break at half time.

A donation of £3 is suggested to cover hall hire costs.



16th November - Punch Needle Embroidery with Gwen Sewards 30th November - Watercolour Flowers with artist Dove

> For more info contact: yvonnem16@btinternet.com Or 07497 051424

Stillington Bonfire Saturday 4th November



This year's bonfire will be held on Saturday 5 th November in the field to the south of the Sports and Social Club.

The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 6.45pm. For safety reasons, an approved traffic management company will close the High Street and York Road to traffic between 6.45 and 7.15pm. The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field. Fireworks commence at 7.30pm.

Arrangements are in hand for hot food and drinks to be available for purchase on the field.

Boots or wellies are recommended footwear. Please note that for safety reasons, private fireworks and sparklers are not allowed on the field.

Entry is free for children of school age and below. Adults pay £5 on the night or £4 for advance tickets, available at the post office.

Tractors will collect material suitable for burning from around the village between 9am and noon on the day of the bonfire, in the usual way. If you have a large amount of material, please call Andy on 810598 so we can consider collecting it early. Please note we will not take mattresses or plastics.

Please help!

Your help is essential to the continued success of this long-standing and popular village event. To help with the field setup or rubbish collection, please come to the bonfire field at 9am on the day. To help as stewards during the event, please call Graham Cookman on 810047 or Andy Hart on 810598.



Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

Come and join us for tea/coffee and a mince pie on Saturday 11th November 10-12 noon.

Take the opportunity to view all our lovely Christmas stock and place your orders for hampers and pork pies.

We look forward to seeing you!



The White Bear will be hosting Stillington's Festive Village Luncheon

Thursday 14th December at 12:30pm Menus will be available at The Village Shop or The White Bear from the 1st of November.

This event books up fast so please ring 01347 810 338 to reserve your spot.

CHRISTMAS FAYER







Craft and Food Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Village Hall Friday 24th 6pm - 8pm

Panto Time! Same Difference Arts

will be making a return visit on Wednesday 27th December at 2pm with Robin Hood

So mark the date on your calendar!



STILLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

As the Senior Steward of Stillington Methodist Church I can confirm that the Stillington Methodist Church building is too close.

The present building was opened in 1971 and it was a very brave move by the members back then to move from the original Church built in 1844. The future of the premises has still to be decided but we praise God for all that we have been able to do since the opening in 1971.

We look forward to all that we will be able to do in the future. It is with some sadness and after a great deal of discussions about the viability of the Church with only one service a month held during this past year it was decided to close. Since the formation of Villages Together Methodist Church, a uniting with the Methodist Churches in Huby Alne and Tholthorpe, services have been held in each village on a rotational basis. We feel confident that the closure will strengthen Villages Together Methodist Church. This will consolidate Attendance, Outreach and Personal Commitment.

We will still uphold our work with St Nicholas' as at present.

We are holding a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 2nd December at 3pm when we will Thank God for the past as we embark on this exciting move forward as members of Villages Together Methodist Church

Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the service and all are welcome. Robin Jackson

(The famous) Stillington! Christmas! Pageant!



6.00 pm Friday 15th December 2023

Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In traditional style, the Pageant starts in St Nicholas' Church and then proceeds down the Main Street to the end of Mill Lane with scenes at venues on the way. The final scenes will take place in the Village Hall. Join in with Christmas Carols.

We are only allowed a limited number of people into the Village Hall and therefore entry will be by FREE ticket, which will be available in early December.

Please see December's Stillington News for information about when and where tickets can be obtained.

Do dress warmly and bring a torch. All children must be accompanied. A gift from the church to the village.

We think (!) we're set, but if you would like to be involved please contact -

Richard Mapletoft 811854 email:rmapletoft@outlook.com or Margaret Price 811262, email: pricehm870@gmail.com

St Mary's Church Marton

On Thursday 30th November, Pam Crawford will be giving photographic talk titled 'Towards the Uttermost Parts of the Earth: Penguins or polar bears?' Stillington Village Hall 7.30-9pm. This will showcase her wildlife photos stunning from holiday destinations unusual including Antarctica, South Georgia Island and Svalbard. I have no idea how she got so close to a polar bear! This event is FREE with donations to Marton Church.

Please let us know if you are intending to attend so we can cater for light refreshments accordingly, please email:

martonintheforest@gmail.com or phone Caroline Hunt (878242) or Yvonne Murphy (811544).

Stillington Wanderers

25 September walk was north of Helmsley along the ridge of Cow Bank; across Helmsley Moor with remnants of heather; some 40 bee hives on the edge of woodland and the local tenant farmer tidying up after his farm sale and shortly to retire from his home & farmland owned by the Forestry Commission.

9 October walkers started from Aldwark village; over the River Ure pedestrian bridge and alongside the golf course. Aldwark Bridge has been closed since April 2023 for a complete overhaul of its archways, full replacement of the 'road' deck of wooden planks and the whole structure will be painted. The bridge was built in 1772 by the then local landowner, John Thompson of Kirby Hall, and is now the only privately owned toll bridge in Yorkshire. The walk gave us views of Kirby Hall returning past Moat House and a visit to Little Ouseburn Church with its neighbouring mausoleum.

Next walks are 6 and 20 November 2023. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.

General Knowledge Quiz



October Quiz at the Sports and Social Club raised £300 for the Children's Play Area. The winning team was Janet and David Martin with Kathy and Alan Berry. The November quiz will be for the Tennis Club.

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

Village Hall Diary - November

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

Are you looking for somewhere to hold an event such as a birthday, wedding reception or christening party? Stillington Village Hall is available to hire. Please see the website for further information including charges and the availability diary.

Contact us for commercial events. www.thevillagehallstillington.org



Thank you to all of you

who contribute so generously to the Foodbank box which is kept in the church porch.

Each week I take it to the Trussell Trust warehouse at where the Clifton Moor contents are sorted into the different types of food and from where they will be sent out to the distribution centres over the coming weeks. As well as tinned and packet food items, we also welcome basic toiletries (like soap toothpaste) which are often so needed by our clients. However, because of the time lapse between receipt at and despatch from the warehouse, regrettably we cannot accept contributions of fresh food such as fruit or bread.

The Foodbank team are so grateful for your continuing support. Many thanks.

Alan Hetherington

Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal from St Nicholas Church, Stillington

Would you like to make up a Christmas gift for a child in another part of the world (e.g. Africa, eastern Europe etc) who, otherwise, will not receive anything? Choose the age of the child and whether it is for a girl or boy. Pack the box with personal care items, school supplies, fun toys and a special item (eg cuddly toy, football with pump). Donate towards the cost of transport the to foreign country. Complete the box and leave it at the back of St Nicholas church by November at the very latest . Specially printed boxes are available to pick up at the back of St Nicholas church plus a leaflet with instructions. Any questions - please contact Margaret Price 01347 811262

Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 12th October we welcomed 11 visitors to hear a talk from Liz Cole about the Anglo-Saxons in Yorkshire.

The first Anglian people came to Britain around the middle of the 4th century. The Romans left in 410 AD and some of the Anglians settled in Brough on the Humber estuary. They also settled along Roman roads and in former Roman towns like Melton and York which was a busy port.

Many archaeological finds from the area have shown that the Angles were extremely skilled in metalwork, knives have been found and a beautiful helmet in Coppergate. Jewellery like brooches, bracelets and buckles have been found, also some beads which are thought to be reworked Roman glass.

After the Romans left, the influx of Anglians caused many people to revert to pagan gods, but in 616AD King Edwin came to the of what became throne Northumbria. He married a Christian and was baptised by Paulinus, a Roman monk, along with his whole court including his niece Hilda. She became a nun and founded Whitby Abbey. At the end of the 8th century, the Danes (or Vikings) began attacking the East coast, they seized York and the surrounding area which became part of the Danelaw which lasted until 954 AD.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th November, and will be a return visit from Julie Collingwood who will showing us some ideas to decorate Christmas cakes. visitors are welcome, including refreshments. As Julie brings all we need to make our own decorations, we need to know how many people will be coming, so if you would like to come please phone on 07825 446687.

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.



November 2023 Newsletter

Speaker November - Wednesday November 29th.

We have a change of speaker, Tom Hook from "The Forest of Flowers", Huby. He will be talking about the rewilding of 74 acres of

farming to a new woodland and wild flower meadows which he and his colleague, Alwyn Craven have created in Huby.

Seed Sale - Dobies

I still have a few Dobies seed catalogues. It is not too late to send in your order form. Because this is a Group Scheme members receive a discount of 30%. I will bring some to the talk. There will also be some in the metal box outside our front door.

Diary Date

Please put Thursday 13 th December in your diary, "SGC Christmas Party". More details next month.

Jubilee Hedge

The hedge, which consists of 195 young saplings, is growing extremely well. If you have not seen it, it is on the right, East, side of the cemetery fence as you go through the gate. Our secretary is arranging for some more saplings to be planted in the near future, in conjunction with the Church and School.

Gardening Tips for November:

- 1.Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
- 2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
- 3. Plant bulbs for spring display next year.
- 4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
- 5. Plant out winter bedding plants.
- 6. Cover brassicas with netting if you have a pigeon problem.
- 7. Insulate outside containers from frost, bubble wrap?
- 8. Stop winter moth damage on fruit trees by using grease bands around the trunk.
- 9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into your garden.
- 10. Use the Village Bonfire for your garden debris.

Robert Churton

Weather Report – October 2023

Rainfall

The second half of September was wetter than the first half, bringing the monthly total to 55mm, not far short of the long-term average of 61mm.

The first half of October has been pretty average, a five-day dry spell and 34.5mm of rain.

Temperature

The start of September saw some high temperatures, with a maximum of 27.6°C on the 9th.

However, in the second half of the month temperatures were much lower and the only day on which it reached 20°C was the 25th.

The solar panels delivered 325kWh, one of the higher September figures.

The first half of October has been mild, but the 'Indian Summer', reported on the weather programmes, failed to reach Stillington. The highest temperature was 21.5°C, on the 9th. By the middle of the month overnight temperatures had dropped dramatically, to 2.5°C on the 14th /15th, and we experienced the first frost of the winter.

M.T.

Who pays the Pastor?

Everyone in England lives within a Church of England parish. And in each parish, there is a parish church. Who looks after them all? Some might think that it is the Government. After all, the Church of England is the Established



Church. Not so. Perhaps it is the Church Commissioners, who apparently have large investments? No, again.

The upkeep of every parish church is the responsibility of the people who live in the parish. Obviously, this burden is mainly expected to be taken up by the members of the congregation, who attend worship on a Sunday.

Isn't this a bit of a burden? Yes. Maybe even unfair, as the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of church buildings are such an integral part of the English environment?But that is how it is. That is why, at St Nicholas', we have recently instigated an Annual Review of Giving.

Each October, all those people who contribute financially to the running of the church are asked to review how much they can afford to contribute to the upkeep of the Church and our share of the cost of having a Vicar. In these inflationary times the decision to give more is obviously more difficult and some may feel they are not able to give so much.

Historically Stillington residents have been incredibly generous when fund-raising was needed for specific projects such as replacing the roof and then repairing the tower. But apart from these special appeals, the basic cost of maintaining and heating the building and paying our share of the Vicar is in the region of £30 000 per year. And our costs, like everyone else's, are steadily increasing.

However, in Stillington we are extremely fortunate that there are many people who may not regularly make use of the church but because they see it as an integral and important element of the village and its life, contribute financially on a regular monthly basis. They wish to see it continue to be available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. If you feel the church is indeed an important part of the life of the village and you would like to help financially on a regular basis to help it survive, we have left some forms at the Village Shop which you can complete and return to the church treasurer. In complete confidence, of course.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Richard and Janet (Churchwardens)

New Group Secretary Needed for Easingwold Scout Group (Charity No. 1135050)

Easingwold Scouts are in need of a new secretary starting in Spring 2024. The position is voluntary but expenses are payable and you must not have been excluded from being a charity trustee. The role primarily entails supporting the administrative functions of the Trustee Board and taking minutes at Board meetings 4 times per year. Additionally, to act as bookings clerk for Easingwold Outdoor Centre.

For further information or an informal chat, please email Sue Scotter - secretary@farlington.org.uk.

Countryside Notes November 2023

Tuesday 17th October 7.40pm. After a busy day and evening with a non-co-operative computer, that leaves me tattered as I don't understand the dreaded machine that is so much of modern way of life. I am a luddite for sure!! Our business today has been sowing Wheat into sticky land after Saturday's rain and a very wet forecast for tomorrow. It was a surprise to see a white Hoar Frost on Sunday morning and Monday. Though frost was forecast for Monday night, it was not very evident this morning. I have noticed over the years that 2 white frosts are often followed by a milder night proving the weather wrong at this early time of the year. When I was young, we harvested Mangolds at this time of the year, hard back aching work all by hand on frosty mornings, rather cold on the hands. We always made sure that no pulled ones were left out in the field as they didn't keep if frosted. Mangolds and Wurzels belong to the Beet family and were fed, when chopped, through winter to the cattle in the fattening fold yards.

We have had a few late Butterflies about and an unusual number of large Dragonflies darting around. I am a bit surprised to see so many after the drought of summer '22, when the pond was dried up for a long period. The ugly Dragonfly Nymphs live in ponds, taking about three years to reach maturity. They have voracious appetites for pond life, and not for the aquarium, as I recall from my youth. However, the flying wizards must have inspired the design of helicopters. On Sunday, when tidying up the greenhouse, I disturbed a very large toad under a plant pot, whilst a few days earlier in the evening, a tiny toad was resting on the path. I was surprised at how fast it could run without a hop or jump. So, how long will this youngster be about given that they can live up to forty years. The Victorian gardeners liked to have toads in their greenhouses for pest control, which brings me to the point: the pests in our lawn, which are black and furry and with hands like shovels to undermine the grass and erect their unsightly molehills. It has taken me most of summer to straighten and level the grass and now there are about twenty heaps. So, I reckon I have to get mole traps out again and this time succeed. The other pest that is annoying is Grey Squirrels that have taken our meagre crop of Plums and Damsons before we have gathered any, another job!

The job that I am on with when time allows is putting some new panels in the Chapel Pulpit, made for the 1971 opening of the church. I did not think when I put well-grained timber panels of Field Maple in to contrast with the dark brown Oak that Maple Sugar would attract the Woodworm; they have had a feast, not touching the hard oak. The glorious colours of autumn are hardly there at the time of writing but may be more evident as you read this. However, a Guelder-Rose is splendid in scarlet livery, its translucent berries having been consumed. This member of the Viburnum family gives good value through the seasons. Keep warm and watchful through these autumn days and, with gay abandon, kick a few dry leaves in the air and enjoy the days of now and of childhood memories.

Calling all children of Primary School age

Explorers, the Christian after school club, will be running again this year from Friday 10 November to Friday 1st December.

We will meet in the

We will meet in the Methodist Church from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Have fun with craft activities, BIble stories, songs and games.

All welcome.

Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas'



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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.

November – Keep it Simple

- 1. Spend less. Think ahead to Christmas! How can you show love in your gift giving without "costing the Earth"? Discuss having a Secret Santa or a price limit with family members; choose small thoughtful presents, or make gifts by hand.
- 2. Switch off. Have you noticed that your mobile phone can lose half its charge every day? And that's whether it's being used or not. Why have it switched on all day when for most of the time it's doing nothing but wasting electricity? Why not restrict yourself to having your mobile on for just a few minutes each day so that you can collect and send messages but conserve energy for the rest of the day?
- **3. Recycle.** Check you know what can be recycled in your area; if you're not sure check the council website.

Dear Friends.

November has a number of celebrations beginning with All Saints. Please don't switch off because I have mentioned saints. They are simply the baptized, both living and departed.

We may not agree with what they achieved or failed to achieve, but they shaped our lives and future. Those who gave up their lives and answered the call to defend our way of life in two world wars, and too many theatres of war to catalogue since. Yet we are still grateful that, with us, they are amongst the company of Saints.

God's mercy, which we often associate with release from sin and therefore, freedom, in its original Hebrew has more to do with God's safe place. A word whose root we have for womb.

As the darkness of winter impinges upon us, it's as if we're returning to the womb. Through Advent, which begins at the end of the month, we begin to hear the awakening calls in our and hymns readings expectation [The commercial world has jumped the gun by beginning Christmas sales in September!]. The coming of Jesus into our lives is not with over-the-top fanfares. tempting advertisements, or the overspending which takes place in the name of his servant Nicholas, Santa Claus or Father Christmas.

As conflicts rage around the world, let us pray for God's mercy, his safe place be established, where justice replaces power, and the Prince of Peace may reign in our hearts and those of all mankind whatever their creed or custom.

God in His mercy protect those we pray for and ourselves, Canon Robert

CHURCH SERVICES - November St Nicholas, Stillington

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Worship in Church in November

Sun 5th Morning Worship (sung) 10.00 am
A short service for all the family

Fri 10th Act of Remembrance (outside church) 10.45 am

Sun 12th Remembrance Sunday 10.30 am Different from any other service in the year. Short; solemn but uplifting.

Sun 19th Holy Communion 10.00 am
An invitation to all-comers.

Sun 26th No service at Stillington.

You are invited to go to the service at Sutton, Farlington or Sheriff Hutton.

Visiting the church

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

Prayers for the village

These are 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 (01347 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 01347 811262.

Visiting St. Nicholas' church

The church is open every day. As a rough guide this is "in office hours". Come and see.

St Nicholas Church Rota

6th November to 18th November CLEANING Mrs W Walton BRASSES Mr R Churton 20th November to 2nd December CLEANING Mrs J Ingham BRASSES VACANT

St Leonard's, Farlington Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251 benefice.admin@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

Sun 12th Service of Remembrance 10.45am

Sun 26th Holy Communion 10.30am (BCP)

Two dates for your diary:

The ever-popular St Leonard's Grand Christmas Prize Bingo will be taking place on **Friday December 1st.** Doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Come along for this fun-filled evening with lots of top-quality prizes

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be on **Friday December 22nd** at 6.30pm

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas with Our Beautiful St. Leonard's Christmas Cards! We invite you to consider purchasing your Christmas cards from us, not only to send your warm wishes to friends, family and fellow Church members, but also to support this historic little Church. Visit www.stleonards.org.uk to view the designs available and place an order.

Or, if you wish or speak to the Churchwardens – Sally (878745) or Richard (878581).

Thank you in advance for your support. Private Prayer. The church is open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time' and the peaceful churchyard is open at all times.

St Nicholas Flower Rota

5th November Mrs P Conway 12th November

Remembrance Sunday

Mrs G Churton

19th November

Mrs G Churton

26th November

ADVENT

3rd Dec

31d Dec

ADVENT Christmas Decorations

Methodist Chapel

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Robin Jackson 810250

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Villages Together Methodist Church

Sun 5th Huby Cafe Service 3pm
Rev David Bidnell

Sun 12th Alne Hall Remembrance 3pm Robin jackson

Sun 19th Service with 10-30am

Holy communion

Rev David Bidnell

Sun 26th Tholthorpe 3pm

Mrs Marion Moverley

FILM AFTERNOON Thursday 16th November 2pm

There will be a good film, good company and seasonal refreshments.

Do come for this very last Film Afternoon.

You will be very Welcome

St Mary's Marton Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com
Sue Whiting 810251

Now the clocks have gone back, Marton Church service times have reverted to 3pm to avoid night-time driving in winter! This month we have services at 3pm on 5th November and 19th November, with a short Remembrance Day service at 10.45 on Saturday 11th November.

Following our Harvest Service collection of gifts for the 'I am reusable' foodbank in York, we have now set up a 'Marton and Moxby Pantry' in church where donations of food items (preferably with a long shelf life please) can be left at any time for regular deliveries to this wonderful and much-needed foodbank.

We were delighted to receive a grant from Sheriff Hutton Village Market for a new large catering urn and self-service flask. These will be needed for occasional events in Marton Church, but we intend for them to be community assets, so they are available for loan to any local group who would like to borrow them. Please email martonintheforest@gmail.com or phone Caroline on 878242 to arrange collection and return!