

Stillington News

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October 2023



Thursdays 2-4pm
in the

Village Hall
October 5th

Decorative ceramic pots
with Laura Docherty

October 19th

Live Music and Mindful Drawing
with Joe Jordan

For more info contact:

yvonnem16@btinternet.com

Or

07497 051424

Friends Of Stillington School



and

Bingo

£10 all in

On

Friday 27th October 7pm

At

Stillington Sports and Social Club
(YO61 1LJ)

Cash Prizes + Raffle

The Tuesday Pop - In



Our friendly
welcoming Pop - In
continues every week on.....

Tuesdays

from 10-30 until 12 noon

As the days shorten and the weather turns chilly, there will always be delicious refreshments and hot warming drinks to enjoy with friends old and new over good cheerful conversation and with time to catch up with everyone's news. Don't forget to mark it in your diary and come along.

Why not bring neighbours and friends too?

Donations are welcome but not expected as long as we are able to cover our costs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

**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
pricem870@gmail.com

See page 2 for further details

Pumpkin Carving

28th October - 2 - 4pm

In the Village Hall



Open to Stillington children under
the age of 12.

Must be accompanied by an adult
Pumpkins and refreshments provided
Sponsored by the Village Hall

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



General Knowledge Quizzes

start at the

Sports and Social Club

Friday 6th October at 8pm

Stillington Bonfire - Saturday 4th November

We plan to start with the torchlit procession leaving the village hall at 6.45pm. The bonfire will be in the field to the south of the Sports and Social Club, and the firework display will be provided by the same professional contractors who provided a brilliant spectacle in 2019, 2021 and 2022.

More details will follow in next month's newsletter, and advance tickets will be available in the post office from **mid-October**.

Please help!

As always, we need lots of volunteers to help run the event. Please come to the planning meetings on **Sundays 8th and 22nd October, at 6.30pm in the Sports and Social Club**. If you can't come to a meeting but are willing to help on the day, please call **Graham Cookman on 810047** or **Andy Hart on 810598**.

Royal Mail

Top up your stamps at the Post Office: 1st class stamps go up from £1.10 to £1.25 from Monday 2nd October 2023. 2nd class stamps remain the same at 75p

Thank You

Marton Church

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's harvest service! We sent boxes of food donations to the 'I am Reusable' foodbank near Leeman Road in York, run by the inspirational community volunteer John McGall. Our money gifts were given to RABI - the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution - whose vision is that no member of the farming community should have to face adversity alone.

Marton Church is planning for a History Day on **Saturday 17th August 2024**, supported by **Stillington and District Community Archive Group**. We want to celebrate the rich history of Marton and Moxby so we would really welcome any stories, photos or memories of key people and places in the parish. Again, more information to follow, but please save the date and do let me know if you would like to share your own research and/or local knowledge as we formulate ideas for the day!

Caroline Hunt (Joint Churchwarden)
martonintheforest@gmail.com 01347 878242

Stillington Parish Council

Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Christine Cookman (Vice-Chairman), Tracy Sinclair, Richard Smyth, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton together with 6 members of the public. Apologies received from North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor.

Public Session

Matters discussed were planning applications, VASS posts, the Parkfield snicket, the new car park sign, the new bench and the defibrillator use.

Casual Vacancy

Applications received for the vacancy on the Council were considered.

Parish Council Website

A new website has been developed and will be launching soon.

Horse Caution Sign

A warning sign is to be erected at the Mill corner to warn motorists of the potential presence of horses and their riders.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VASS) Signs

The pole erected for the VASS sign, to the Easingwold entrance of the village, will be moved by North Yorkshire Highways to allow the sign to be seen. Two signs have recently been received with the ancillary equipment and will be deployed as soon as possible.

Land Registration

It was agreed that the triangle of land near the Mill corner, which is owned by the Parish Council, will be formally registered with the Land Registry.

Bird Mouth Fencing

The white fencing in the village has been inspected and a list of required repairs sent to North Yorkshire Highways who the council believe own the fencing.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th October 2023 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

The Clerk to the Parish Council

Nigel Knapton at clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

the Best Christmas Pageant Ever

We are now finalising the cast for the Christmas Pageant which will be presented on **Friday 15th December** in the early evening. 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 kings, pages, angels, innkeepers, singers, musicians. There are no lines to learn because the narrators will tell the story and speak the words of the performers.

We also need 'backroom' help with costumes, scenery and also stage management and lighting, as well as stewards on the night. We will only need one rehearsal.

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 find eventually in the Village Hall, where baby Jesus is born. Firstly shepherds visit the new baby, then the exotic wise men arrive (on camels) bringing their gifts.

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

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

Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church

A few handy tips for every household to understand

October -What's on the menu?

1. Learn how to cook a new vegetarian or vegan meal each week. Why? Switching to plant-based protein is better for both your health and your carbon budget. 1kg weight: beef/lamb 19kg CO2e; chicken 4.5kg CO2e; beans 2kg CO2e; and lentils 0.9 kg CO2e.
2. Cut back on cheese and dairy products. Cows produce methane, which is a very strong greenhouse gas. Eat more plant-based alternatives like oat or soya "milk", hummus, olives, nuts and seeds.
3. Drink tap water. Bottled water comes with a 320g per litre carbon footprint, tap water a mere 0.24g CO2e per litre. If you don't like the taste of your home tap water, install an under-the-sink water filter.



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Village Hall Diary - October

Sun	1st	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon	2nd	Bridge Club	1 - 4pm
Mon	2nd	Yoga	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	3rd	Pop-In Cafe	10am - 12pm
Tues	3rd	Short Mat Bowls	1 - 5pm
Tues	3rd	Short Mat Bowls - match	6.30 - 9pm
Weds	4th	Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Thurs	5th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thurs	5th	Hearts and Crafts	2 - 4pm
Fri	6th	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sun	8th	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon	9th	Bridge Club	1 - 4pm
Mon	9th	Yoga with Annie	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	10th	Pop-In Cafe	10am - 12pm
Tues	10th	Short Mat Bowls	1 - 5pm
Weds	11th	WI	7 - 9pm
Thurs	12th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thurs	12th	Village Hall Meeting	7 - 9pm
Fri	13th	Primetime	1 - 3pm
Sun	15th	Bakery Pod	10am - 2pm
Mon	16th	Bridge Club	1 - 4pm
Mon	16th	Yoga	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	17th	Pop-In Cafe	10am - 12pm
Tues	17th	Short Mat Bowls	1 - 5pm
Tues	17th	Short Mat Bowls - match	7 - 9pm
Weds	18th	Ladies Lunch	11am - 3pm
Thurs	19th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thurs	19th	Hearts and Crafts	2 - 4pm
Fri	20th	Primetime	1-3pm
Sun	22nd	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	23rd	Bridge Club	1 - 4pm
Tues	24th	Pop-In Cafe	10am - 12pm
Tues	24th	Short Mat Bowls	1 - 5pm
Tues	24th	Short Mat Bowls - match	7 - 9pm
Weds	25th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thurs	26th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri	27th	Primetime	1-3pm
Sat	28th	Coffee Morning & Book Sale	9am - 1pm
Sat	28th	Pumpkin Carving	2 - 4pm
Sun	29th	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	30th	Bridge Club	1 - 4pm
Tues	31st	Pop-In Cafe	10am - 12pm
Tues	31st	Short Mat Bowls	1 - 5pm

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

Stillington Wanderers

August 28th walk was north from Terrington, past the campers packing up after a wet night, and over to Howthorpe Farm: back via Centenary Way through Terrington Hall School's sports ground.

September 11th walk from Helmsley went up the wooded Beck Dale valley to High Baxter Farm and back down Ash Dale, part of the Tabular Hills Walk.

Next walks are 9th and 23rd October 2023. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear

Weather Report

Rainfall

The second half of August was less wet than the first, so the monthly total came out at 88.5mm, a little over the average figure.

The first half of September has been relatively dry, 20.5mm so far.

Temperature

August was mostly cool. Temperatures only reached 20°C on eleven days. The highest temperature was 26.3°C, on the 10th.

The solar panels delivered 370kWh, a little less than in July.

The second week in September gave us some overdue summer temperatures, the highest being 27.6°C, on the 9th. The lowest overnight was 9.3°C on the 12th/13th.

As we move into the second half of the month it has become distinctly autumnal.

MT

Neighbourhood Watch (NBW) – how to continue 2024 and beyond?

The village is currently covered by a number of volunteer coordinators, currently 17, some of whom have been helping for over 30 years, who either receive Police NHW email messages direct or through the lead village co-ordinator. Stillington NHW was originally established on behalf of the Parish Council and the aim has been to circulate messages, relevant to our area, to each group of houses.

Village Facebook messages are now more instant. We do our best but neither message system is fool-proof.

Our lead coordinator will be retiring in the New Year 2024 and we shall need a new 'lead' if residents wish to retain a village-wide NHW.

Providing individual co-ordinators are willing to continue, their group of houses will still be within a 'communication link'; nowadays, it's usually by email.

Any resident can register with the Police to receive the messages via alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk.

We thank all our NHW volunteers who currently help; those who have since retired and a special thanks to the long serving members. It will call for a party!

Useful Contacts

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111 Supporting Victims – 01904 669276 Web – www.northyorkshire.police.uk

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 End of Season Report

September saw the conclusion of our club competitions over 2 weekends, with a complete rundown of this season's winners shown below. Maintenance work will continue on the green over the winter to ensure it is in prime condition for the new season in April 2024. Look out for the notice for our next open day if you fancy trying your hand. New members for social and competitive bowling are always welcome.

Roll of Honour 2023

Open Singles	Colin Speck
Pairs	John O'Brien, Alan Jackson
Ladies Singles	Ruth Lester
Triples	Bill Shepherd, Mick Dale, Ruth Lester
Rinks	Richard Howson, Ruth Lester, Harry Hogarth, Mike Scholes
Men's Singles	Ray Midgley
Robin Thompson	Les Bresnen, Bernie Smith, Adryenne Hope
Andre Davis	Richard Howson, Nigel Marsh
Mini League	Colin Speck

In loving memory of long serving club member Jeffrey Haigh, his family have very kindly donated a bench to the club. The bench with a memorial plaque was officially handed over to the club by Jeff's widow Edna and son James during the finals weekend of Saturday 16th September.



Annual General Meeting

A reminder to all members that our AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd October at the bowling club pavilion.

Short Mat Bowls

Many of our membership will now be switching to the Short Mat Bowls format of the game which takes place over the Autumn and Winter in Stillington Village Hall. Practice and social bowling takes place every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30 and 4.30. We have entered 2 leagues this year, the Home matches are on Tuesday evenings. New players are encouraged to arrive at 2.30 for our traditional tea break after which one of our members will be on hand to assist you. The only equipment you need to bring are a pair of clean flat soled shoes.

Mark Pegram

Stillington and Farlington WI

Most of us who have been to Thirsk in the last few years will have noticed that sometimes the market is decorated with knitted or crocheted figures and ornaments. On Wednesday 13th September we welcomed five ladies from the Thirsk Yarnbombers to tell us more about this group, its origins and aims. In 2015 when the Tour de Yorkshire went through Thirsk, a small group of enthusiasts decided to make decorations on a cycling theme and like so many things, the idea grew.

There are about fifty members now and the group aims to create three major displays each year in the market square, with additional ones for Remembrance, Christmas, Easter and important events, such as The Coronation.

The group raise and donate money to a different charity every year. Last year they donated £4000.

The television presenter Matt Baker is making a series of programmes, travelling round the country with his parents in a caravan. The fame of the Thirsk Yarnbombers is such that they were included in one of the shows. It will be aired next year.

Our next meeting will be a return visit from Liz Cole, her local knowledge is second to none, I wonder what she will tell us about this time? Come and find out in **Stillington Village Hall on Wednesday 11th October at 7:30pm**. All visitors welcome, **£4 entrance including refreshments**.

Also here is an early reminder for the next **Book Sale 28th October, 10am in the village hall**. Books for sale accepted on the morning of the sale.

Angela Hawker



The programme for 2023/2024

Our second speaker for 2023 is John Cossam. His interesting talk is "All you wanted to know about Composting" on Wednesday October 25th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be served before the talk.

Seed Sale - Dobies

As I write this article, I am hoping that the seed catalogues and order forms from Dobies will soon arrive, in time to be distributed at the talk. As this is a Group Scheme members receive a discount of 30%. If they have not arrived before our talk arrangements will be made to deliver them to members.

Committee Meeting

You will be pleased to know your committee had a very good meeting following the excellent Annual Show. A number of important points were raised which will further improve the Show for 2024.

Sunflower Competition

Next year it is intended to hold another "Sunflower" competition. Again, it will be the size of head, diameter, which will determine the overall winner. Seedlings will be given out at the plant sale so everyone has an equal chance of winning.

Countryside Notes

Monday 18th September, another day of cloud, midday rain and sun. There is now plenty of late green new grass in the fields and of course the lawn, all of which is good when we consider the dry burnt grass of late June. Fields are being sown with Corn and Rape, which is well up now. However, recent heavy rain has soaked away quickly, which suggests the Water Table is still low.

I am a little concerned about our wonderful Ash trees: they are being affected by Ash Dieback, an imported disease which I have felt has been exaggerated by the media and experts for a number of years. I must admit that there does appear to be a lot of dead branches on many ash trees, which are becoming more apparent as the leaf canopy opens up. However, the Ash has had a difficult time over recent years, being one of the last to come into full leaf and often the first to drop its leaves in autumn, especially if there is an early frost, which leads to a short growing season for a tree that likes plenty of rain for its shallow root system and cooler temperatures in summer. Spring droughts and high temperatures are not at all for its liking. The trees look rather a bit yellow in leaf as if they have been starved, but maybe this yellow look is caused by a bumper crop of Keys (seeds) hung in branches and yellowing as they ripen. This heavy crop of seed may be a survival technique or just a result of last year's heatwave.

The ash tree provides strong straight timber that is fairly flexible, so it makes good tool handles and was used a lot in the old horse days for carts and other machinery. The old cartwheels were made of Elm for the hub because the interlocking grain of wood would not crack or split. The spokes were ash as they had to flex on uneven ground and the felloes, which link the spokes to the iron tyre, were made of Oak, which was hard and solid, holding the wheel together.



Animals grazing will eat ash leaves when they fall with relish and I guess they contain minerals that help prepare the animal for winter.

(Original lino print by Emma Johnson)

Today's wind broke down our magnificent tall Sunflowers that have grown where the bird feeder was so busy last winter. Also, after the lunchtime rain, the vivid scarlet berries of the dark red-leaved Berberis shone like jewels in bright sunshine.

Birds are just coming out of Eclipse in their new feathers, so their vulnerable time is passing. Ruffled, worn feathers are not good for flight and escape from predators. The Robins have returned from the woods and while seeking territory for the winter and spring are singing to us. So rejoice with them in the glory of the autumn with its fair-well colours.

R & M

Primetime

Just a reminder for village residents that Primetime still runs in the 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.

People travel from outside the village to access this activity. It would be lovely to be of service to residents as well, for whom the group was originally set up by Brenda Milburn.

A donation of £3 is suggested to cover hall hire costs. The Leader's time has always been funded by the District Council, although this might change now we are all part of North Yorkshire.

Easingwold Lions recently gave us a grant of over £400 to purchase new equipment and a sign to raise awareness locally.

Face to Face

Let's take a moment - and look into the face that lights up...

the spontaneous smile at the thrill of an unexpected encounter,

the broad grin that recognises the funny side of what is happening,

the fleeting moment of recognition, connection and gratitude,

the subtle communication of compassion and understanding.

Let's take another moment - and look into the face that does not smile...

the deep sadness that stares only into the emptiness, the contours of loneliness and isolation,

the blankness that conceals the anguish of pointlessness,

the silence of trauma.

Let's take yet another moment - and look into the face that invites wondering and imagination...

the one on the train in the seat opposite-Where are you going? Where have you come from?

the one on the bus across the aisle - What is life like for you today?

the one in the portrait at the gallery - What stories would you have to tell?

the one in the photo at the grave - What does life mean for you now?

Let's take still another moment - and look into the face that refuses to conform...

the turning away of the child who objects to having a photo taken,

the piercing eye that discerns injustice and corruption,

the shaping of the lips that utter "I protest."

the weeping that rejects indifference.

Let's take one final moment - and look into the face that the mirror sends back...

the reflecting that holds within it both challenge and comfort,

that says: "This is how you perceive yourself."

that says: "This is not necessarily the way others see you."

the reflecting that both disguises and reveals the precariousness of truth.

David Bidnell

(Minister of Villages Together Methodist Church at Huby, Stillington, Alne and Tholthorpe)

CHURCH SERVICES - August St Nicholas, Stillington

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Sun 1st HARVEST FESTIVAL

A highlight in the churches year 10am

Sun 8th NO SERVICE at Stillington.

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

Sun 15th Holy Communion 10am

Sun 22nd Morning Praise:
Health and Social Care 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

9th October - 21st October

CLEANING Mrs M Tomlinson

BRASSES Mr H Tomlinson

23rd October - 4th November

CLEANING Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES VACANT

200 Club Results

1st Mrs A Parkhouse - 50

2nd Mrs M Law

3rd Mr J Dalton

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Flower Rota

1st October - Mrs G Churton

8th October - Mrs G Churton

15th October - Mrs M Tomlinson

22nd October - Mrs M Tomlinson

29th October - Mrs P Conway

5th November - Mrs P Conway

St Nicholas Parish Register

Wedding

Nicholas Coates

&

Amelia Blenkin

on

Friday 11th August 2023

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
benefice.admin@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581
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Our Pop-up Tearoom during August Bank Holiday weekend was a great success. The final profit was £934.00. Our thanks go to all the people who worked so hard baking and serving and, of course, to those who did the buying and eating.

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas with Our Beautiful St. Leonard's Christmas Cards!

St. Leonard's believes very strongly in the power of community, especially at Christmas time. 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 your local Church. Visit www.stleonards.org.uk to view the designs available and place an order.

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sun 8th Shortened Matins

(BCP) 10.30am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion

(BCP) 10.30am

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

Methodist Chapel

Minister:

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Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Villages Together Methodist Church

Sun 1st Hubby 3pm

Cafe service - Rev David Bidnell

Sun 8th Alne Hall 3pm

Holy Communion - Rev Andrew Foster

Sun 15th Stillington 10.30am

Own Arrangement

Sun 22nd Tholthorpe 3pm

Cafe Service - Rev John Hayward

Sun 29th Ecumenical Service in Chapel

We will worship together 10pm

Film Afternoons

at the

Methodist Church

Thursday 26th October

2pm

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

For full details Tel 810250

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242

martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

Sun 1st Communion 6pm

Sun 15th Reflective Service 6pm

From 5th November (after the clocks have changed) our twice-monthly services will revert to 3pm for autumn and winter.

I am delighted to announce that on the evening of **Thursday 30th November** Pam Crawford will be giving an illustrated talk on wildlife in Antarctica and the Arctic in Stillington Village Hall as a fundraiser for Marton Church. Tickets will be on sale from 1st November so please save the date and more information will follow!

Our popular **Candlelit Carol Service** is now booked for 3pm on **Sunday 17th December**. We have also started the tradition of having special commemorative baubles on our Christmas Tree in memory of loved ones so do consider if this is something you might be interested in.