

# Stillington News

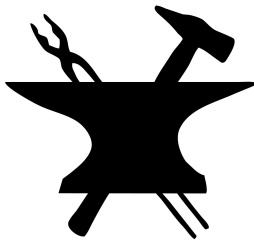
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## Stillington and District Community Archive

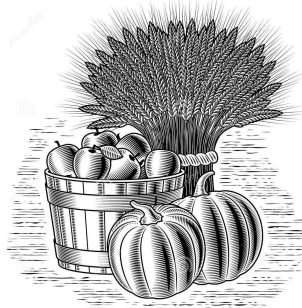
A presentation by Liz Cole  
**The Businesses of Stillington part 2:  
The Tradesmen**



At Stillington Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 20th September at 7.30**  
Members Free Guest £3  
New Members Welcome  
**Refreshments £1**

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Invites you to a  
**HARVEST SUPPER**



**On Friday September 29th  
At Stillington Village Hall  
At 7pm**  
Tickets Adults £7.50 Children £3  
Available from the Post Office

## FRIENDS OF STILLINGTON SCHOOL (FOSS)

**80s/90s Disco & Karaoke  
Fancy Dress Optional!**



**Saturday 9th September**  
Stillington Sports and Social Club  
Tickets: £5 on the door  
**~ 8 TILL LATE ~**

## HEARTS AND CRAFTS



**2-4pm in the Village Hall**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Paper Flowers with Catherine Gray  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
Willow Weaving  
with Wendy Bristow

## General Knowledge Quizzes



Restart Friday 6 October 8.00pm at the  
Sports and Social Club.  
**£10 per table includes supper.**  
**All welcome.**

Please email contributions for the  
**October** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by  
**Wednesday 20th September**

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



Not recommended for children under  
10 years of age.  
**Tickets £12, under 18s £6, available  
from The Village Stores  
and on the door**

## The Tuesday Pop In

Hello to all our friends. We hope you have enjoyed the break and look forward to hearing about your adventures when we reopen for refreshments and conversation on.....

**Tuesday 5th SEPTEMBER AT 10.30**

Why not bring a friend or neighbour along with you?

As you know we look forward to meeting everyone, regular friends and new faces too.

**Look forward to seeing you all on the 5th September 10.30- 12 noon.**



## Stillington Bowls Club

With the bowling season coming to an end the final games in the busy programme are being played. Stillington finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Huby Triples league with mid-table positions possible in the Galtres and Veterans Leagues. The rescheduled home fixture in the Annual Charity match between Stillington and Easingwold was played mid-August with Stillington once again gaining victory in this two-leg competition. The match raised a total of £222, which this year was donated to MySight, York a local organisation that provides support and equipment for visually impaired people.

The finale to this year's members competitions will be the Finals Weekend being played in early September with The Robin Thompson team competition the following week-end closing this season. As this season ends planning for next year is already underway.

Watch this space!



**Photo of the teams and shield presentation from the charity match v Easingwold**

## Stillington Wanderers

31 July walk started at Castle Howard monument through Bulmer Hag woodland; Scugdale & up to Bulmer village; NE via Brandrith Wood; through the Gate House; eastwards passing a tower in the perimeter stone wall and back via Welburn.

It was Sheriff Hutton in the rain on 14 August: westwards along the Foss Walk towards Mill Hill Farm, south to Sheriff Hutton Bridge, back onto the Foss / Centenary Way to Lilling and over Sheriff Hutton sports field.

Variety of wild flowers were seen on both walks with a clover crop & flowering chicory.

Next walks are 11 and 25 September. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear

## Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August in the afternoon, we had our annual bring and share afternoon tea. This year we were in Shirley 's lovely garden, enjoying a chat and some tasty treats before a brief committee meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Stillington Village Hall when we will hear about Yarn Bombing!

Talented knitters and crocheters get together to decorate public spaces, usually with a theme, you may have seen examples of this in Thirsk where the market square is often festooned.

Our talk will start at 7:30, all visitors are welcome, £4 entry for an interesting talk and refreshments.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Warning after bogus police officer phone scam. North Yorkshire Police are urging residents to put the phone down on a recent telephone scam where the suspect claims to be a police officer: do not engage in conversation with the caller and do not give any personal information to them. If you're unsure about whether the person you're dealing with is a genuine police officer – stop – and call the Police on 101 to check their identity. It's recommended you wait at least five minutes or call on a different phone to ensure the scammer is not still on the line.

## Please note our Telephone Box is for BOOKS and not for recycling items or waste

Our redundant BT Telephone Box has its new life as a well used Village Book Exchange service and we have a key volunteer who keeps the area clean and 'sorts the books' as needed.

The Telephone Box is for books only and not for residents to recycle or dispose of certain items. If you see anyone leaving 'unwanted goods' please remind them we have a splendid council recycling service: with public litter bins, a local tip at Tholthorpe or one can join Easingwold Buy & Sell group to move goods on.

## Weather Report – August 2023

### Rainfall

The second half of July was distinctly wet, with an additional 85mm giving a total for the month of 115mm, nearly twice the average figure. The first half of August has given us another 65mm, more than half an average month's worth.

### Temperature

July 2023 will not be remembered as part of a glorious summer. No extended spells of warm weather and the longest spell without rain was four days. The hottest day was the 7<sup>th</sup>, when it reached 27.2°C, and the coldest night was the 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> when it fell to 9.0°C.

The solar panels delivered a mere 375kWh, the lowest July figure since I started recordings.

So far in August the highest temperature has been 26.3°C, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, while the lowest has been 9.3°C, overnight on the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup>. Warm spells have been remarkably short-lived, a day or two only.

**M.T**

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**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**

## SGC September 2023 NEWSLETTER



### The Annual Show

The 43 rd Annual Show took place on Sunday 13 th August. Congratulations to all those involved in the Show whether in the organisation, layout of the hall, entering their exhibits or coming to the public viewing and raffle! Well done. What a great success. The new staging really enhanced the appearance of the exhibits. This year there was a total of 85 classes with 275 entries from 24 members. In the 5 Junior classes there were 10 entries. This is a big overall increase in the total number of entries over last year. Thank you to our judges Juliet McDougall and Simon Wilson for so meticulously judging all the classes and for their expert advice.

**The most popular sections were:** Vegetables 25%, Flowers 17%, Fruit 15%, Preserves & Pickles 13%, Baking 9% and Flower arranging 5%, Others 16%.

**The Best in Show prize** – Betty Richards Trophy- was won by Jane Fish, Class 81, Herbaceous Perennials. Jane also won 3 other prizes.

**Other prize winners were:** Authur Caley who won 5 prizes; Carlyn Evans and Wyn Caley also won prizes. Connie Jackson won the best child garden prize plus 2 other prizes. Congratulations to you all our prize winners. But, also well done to all those who entered an exhibit. Better luck next year. More photos of winners will be shown at the first Speaker's evening. Finally, a huge thank you to Sarah Raper for arranging the show, what a triumph for her first show.



### The programme for 2023/2024

Our first speaker for the 2023 season will be Teresa Clements. Her interesting talk is about "English Tulips". This is on September 27 th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be served from 7.15pm, before the talk.

### Gardening Tips for September

1. Divide herbaceous perennials
2. Pick autumn raspberries
3. Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
4. Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
5. Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water
6. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
7. Plant spring flowering bulbs



THE DRAGONFLY  
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION  
Transforming young lives in India

**Ian and Sue Bretherton wish to say a huge 'Thank You'** to everyone who helped make our fundraising Summer Dance at Husthwaite Village Hall on 15 th July such a great success. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic evening and the dance raised an incredible £2,600 in aid of our charity's work in India! Amazing!

Our heartfelt thanks to all who keep the wonderful Husthwaite village hall's wheels turning for waving the hire charges for the hall and running such a friendly, well- stocked bar, to Thomas the Baker for donating all the delicious food, to Blue Fall for playing some great dance music for free and, of course, to everyone for either joining us at the dance or, if you were unable to come along, for making a donation to our charity anyway. We are truly overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. Thank You!

**Ian and Sue Bretherton Co-founders**



## Countryside Notes September 2023

Tuesday 22 nd August. Another fine day, like a few recently. Warm sunshine, patches of cloud, threat of a shower and gentle breeze. We finished harvest of Wheat and Barley yesterday, however the Bean harvest is a little way off being ready for the combine. This year we have had a fresh machine, though pretty near vintage in age, but it has been a good buy for us. The Corn has yielded moderately, with much of it showing discolouring and spoiling with the prolonged wet July and early August. The harvest, being Stop and Go when conditions have been right, has been gathered with fairly low moisture content, which is rarely the case in a difficult harvest. Corn in a big heap can be a nightmare if it starts to heat with moisture and the seeds' desire to grow and, if not noticed in time, can mould and rot. So, a watchful eye and the means to blow dry air into the heap or move it to a grain drier is necessary, immediately.

So much for that, now down to the nature bit. Last week as I was walking to the house for my morning coffee, I noticed two long pointed noses, obviously having smelt something good to eat, well actually a French delicacy of Escargot promised well for their 10 o'clocks. The night before, I remembered the crunch of a large Roman Snail under my boot. These two black fellows launched into it with relish, even though I stood only 6 feet away. I watched and listened to them for a while, then I strode over the top of them to get at my coffee. These two small animals are amongst the fiercest creatures on our planet, and no wonder Shakespeare's title of his play "The Taming of the Shrew" is so apt. Why these two full grown shrews were so absorbed in their meal, I shall never know. If two strangers are put together, one will totally eat the other in a little time, they have a big appetite.

It is amazing how everything green has been renewed by the showers and more of recent times from the parched pastures of June and wilting plants in the garden. Now, Wow, how the lawn has grown. More to the point, a paddock in front of the house, that had a crop of Thistles and Docks and was mown for Hay in June, has responded in a deep dense mass of White Clover that the Bees must be loving.

On the road to Malton today, in heavy traffic that was moving slowly, I was pleased to see in one length of 200 yards many yellow flowers: Yellow Fleabane, rather like a Marigold; pernicious Ragwort; tall Sow Thistle; small Nipplewort, and more of these yellow flowering Hawk Weeds. Nearer the ground, yellow Ladies Finger Vetch, what an array of colour. Nearer home, the roadsides were given what gardeners call the Chelsea Chop, which has released a second flowering of purple Cranesbill, tall orangey Agrimony, Knapweed, Meadow Sweet and more for the observant to seek out.

There is a lot of Fungi about in fascinating colours and shapes and sizes enjoying the moisture after the hot, dry spell. Of course, these Toadstools/Mushrooms are the fruiting bodies of the vast array of mycelium that lies in the ground or in rotting plant material, with other varieties growing Brackets on dead or damaged trees.

The Squirrels are busy taking Hazel nuts and preparing for the darker, shorter days, so gather up some of nature's palette in your mind and treasure the richness of the season.

R & M

## STILLINGTON BONFIRE - Saturday 4th November

The annual Bonfire and Fireworks will be held on Saturday 4 November. Please put the date in your diary now!

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. To get involved, please come to the planning meetings on Sundays 8 and 22 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.**





FRIENDS OF  
ST MONICA'S  
HOSPITAL

## THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S HOSPITAL, EASINGWOLD

Registered Charity no. 1197052 <http://www.fosmh.org.uk>  
Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Galtres Centre Theatre, Easingwold.

Members of the public wishing to attend are asked to become FoSMH Members by registering via our website, or by completing a registration form on arrival. Only adults who are registered patients at Ampleforth, Easingwold (Millfield), Hovingham, Stillington and Tollerton NHS GP Surgeries can become FoSMH Members.

Only members can vote. Votes by proxy are not permitted. Members may propose other Members for membership of the Executive Committee in writing by Monday 28th August. Proposers must get the agreement of the person they are proposing and they must sign a letter or email accordingly. Seconders are not required. Members agreeing to be proposed must provide a brief pen portrait of themselves for circulation to the membership before the AGM, and may be asked to speak at the AGM for not more than 5 minutes. Proposals from the floor will not be accepted.

For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Derek McLuckie on 01347 810771 or by email at [friends@fosmh.org.uk](mailto:friends@fosmh.org.uk)

## 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 September, then: September - At the shops

1. Think before you buy: the manufacture of a new car uses a lot of energy and resources which generate 6 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e for a small vehicle (more than half your total year's carbon budget), 17 tonnes for an estate car and up to 35 tonnes for a top of the range Discovery Land Rover.

2. Buy local and in season produce and look forward to seasonal changes. For example, a punnet of strawberries flown in or grown locally in a hothouse in winter has a 1.8kg CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions cost, whereas locally grown in the UK in summer its only 0.15kg a punnet.

3. Do you really need a new computer, laptop or phone? Manufacturing new goods has a high environmental cost. A new laptop has a carbon footprint of 200kg and a high end desktop top 800kg CO<sub>2</sub>e.



## Note to self

September already, autumn is knocking at the door, change is all around us. Last Night of the proms is on us (even almost over, finishing on the 9th). Our village schools face a new academic year, children are going to school for the first time, new classes, and new challenges. Whether we acknowledge it or not, change is in the air, we draw our curtains earlier in the evening, the thermometer is headed in one direction as we notice it is getting cooler and for some the autumn feels daunting, facing loneliness as the nights draw in. What then are we to do to stem the autumnal glide towards winter and the coldness and gloom of shorter days and longer nights, how do we face the challenges of change? I hope I'm not alone!! You may have heard the phrase 'no man is an island'; it comes from a sermon given by John Donne, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. The words 'No man is an island' were embedded in a deeply Christian sermon about how human beings are connected to each other, and how important that connection is for the wellbeing and survival of any individual. When you hear the church bell tolling for someone who has died, don't ask who it is, Donne says, just know that it's tolling for you too because you are part of the same society and the death of anyone takes a part of your own life away.

Here is the 'poem' in full:

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

MEDITATION XVII

Devotions upon Emergent Occasions

John Donne [Originally published: 1624]

My hope and prayer is that we each have the courage and resolve to seek out and be part of that connectedness that is our humanity, that deep in our hearts we will know that we are not of ourselves entirely whole, that we do need each other, that we can have a shared vision, shared hope through trust and commonality of purpose to be there for one another. If there was a spot for quote of the month I'd pick this: One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they're not alone.

Ultimately, when Jesus said 'love your neighbour' he knew your neighbour would act, look, believe and love differently than you. It's kind of the whole point.

**Blessings**

**Rev Steve**

**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\***

## CHURCH SERVICES - September St Nicholas, Stillington

**Priest:** Rev Stephen Whiting 810251  
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**Canon Emeritus:** Robert Law 810940  
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September is "Creationtide" so there is an emphasis on green issues and caring for Creation.

**Sun 3rd** Morning Worship 10.00 am  
**Sun 10th** Morning Worship: 10.00 am  
"Water"  
**Sun 17th** Holy Communion 10.00 am  
**Sun 24th** Morning Praise: 10.00 am  
Lay Ministries Celebration

### 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.

### 200 Club Results

1st Miss S Cooper - £5  
2nd Miss C Dent  
3rd Mrs L Kemp  
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

### St Nicholas Church Rota

28th August to 9th September  
**CLEANING** Mrs A Hope  
**BRASSES** Mrs J Sheffield  
11th September to 23rd September  
**CLEANING** Mrs H Ratcliffe  
**BRASSES** Mr A Ratcliffe  
25th September to 7th October  
**CLEANING** Mrs M Hetherington  
**BRASSES** Mr A Hetherington

## St Mary's Marton

### Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242  
martonintheforest@gmail.com  
Sue Whiting 810251

We had a busy time in August during the annual scything of the churchyard, and also began to tidy some of the graves and clear a bit of encroaching ivy!

It was lovely to see that various frogs, toads and even a family of voles were easily able to avoid the hand scythes. Clumps of flowering plants and fruiting brambles have been left for a bit of late summer/autumn food and cover.

Looking ahead, we have 2 services this month: our **Celtic Communion at 6pm on Sunday 3rd** and our **Harvest Service at 6pm on Sunday 17th September followed by light refreshments**. We plan to have services on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, at 6pm during British Summer Time, and then reverting to 3pm in the winter and spring. We hope to hold a short remembrance service at 10.45 on 11th November and our Candlelit Carols will be on Sunday 17th December at 3pm.

We are planning to have a History Celebration in August 2024 focussing on some of the people who have lived and worked in Marton and Moxby. We hope to be able to contribute to the 'Marton Morsels' on the Stillington and District Community Archive <https://www.stillingtoncommunityarchive.org/memories> so please get in touch via [martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com) if you have any stories or photos you might be willing to share with us!

### St Nicholas Flower Rota

3rd Sept - Mrs A Hope  
10th Sept - Mrs A Hope  
17th Sept - Mrs C Pick  
24th Sept - Mrs C Pick  
1st Oct - HARVEST FESTIVAL  
We will start decorating the church for the Harvest Festival on Wednesday 27th September.  
All are welcome to help. We hope to decorate the windows with fruit and vegetables.

## St Leonard's, Farlington

### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
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The Lammastide service in August was very enjoyable and it was a pleasure to welcome newcomers to our church to enjoy the service and the delicious refreshments which followed.

Following on from Lammas, in September we have our popular Harvest Festival when we celebrate the end of the year's harvest. As usual, we shall have our Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm and follow this with a Harvest Communion service on the following Sunday at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you at these occasions, or any of our other services in St Leonard's.

**Sun 10th** Shortened Matins 10.30am  
(BCP)

**Fri 22nd** Harvest Festival 6.30pm  
Followed by the Harvest Supper

**Sun 24th** Holy Communion 10.30am  
For Harvest (BCP)

**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:

Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429  
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#### Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250  
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Villages Together Methodist Church  
**Sun 3rd** Huby 10.30am  
Rev David Bidnell  
**Sun 10th** Alne Hall 3pm  
Rev Elizabeth Cushion  
**Sun 17th** Stillington 10.30am  
Rev Ruth Duck  
**Sun 24th** Tholthorpe 3pm  
Rev David Bidnell Holy Communion

### FILM AFTERNOONS at the Methodist Church

#### Thursday 21st Sept 2pm

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

**for details Tel 810250**