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Farlington Pop-up



Tea Room

Yes, the ever-popular Pop-up Tea Room returns to Farlington Village Hall over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Our opening days will be:

**Saturday 24th,
Sunday 25th and
Bank Holiday Monday (26th)
11am – 3pm.**

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



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee and Cake morning



**in the Bay Tree
Friday 6th September 10am - 12noon**
Any help would be appreciated and gratefully received, we need bakers and people to help serve on the day.
Enquiries to Alison either telephone / message 07703172000 or email alisongriceholt@btinternet.com

Please email contributions for the **September** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 21st August**

The Tuesday Pop - In



Well, we didn't bring it home did we? If you're fed up with the discussions and dissections of the match, or if you still have points you want to discuss then do come along to our **Tuesday Pop-In**

We serve hot drinks and snacks to enjoy while chatting to good friends and new acquaintances. We open every **Tuesday morning** in the **Village Hall 10.30 till 12noon.**

If you've had enough of sport and now the Olympics there's lots more to talk about, including the weather of course. So do come along and join us. Everyone is most welcome.

Donations towards expenses are very welcome but not obligatory

Thank you from the team

Stillington Gardening Club 45th Annual Flower And Produce Show Sunday 11 August 2024 At Village Hall



Exhibitor staging 9.30-11am
Show opens to public 2pm
Presentation of awards & trophies 2.30pm

CONTACT Show Secretary sarahraper1@gmail.com

Entries restricted to Gardening Club Members only

Churches Together Bank Holiday Monday



Cream Tea

August 25th at Huby 2pm-4pm
Everyone Welcome

Weather Report - June / July

Rainfall

In June there was no recorded rainfall on seventeen separate days. The monthly total of 45.5mm, was well below the average figure of 69mm.

By contrast, the first half of July has been abnormally wet, with 61mm up to the half-way point. A large part of this was the 31mm which fell on the 9th. Around the country there have been reports of "a month's worth of rain in a day". We only managed half a month's worth.

Temperature

The lowest overnight temperatures in June, 6.5°C, were early in the month.

The highest, 26.1°C, occurred during the 'one week of summer' from the 20th to the 27th, when day-time temperatures were in the twenties.

Solar panel output, at 425kWh, was the lowest for four years.

In July, so far, the temperature has exceeded 20°C only once, on the 15th. Maybe we are on the verge of another warm spell? It would be nice to see the sun more often. Solar panel output up to the 15th is a mere 170kWh.

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Stillington Wanderers

July started with the Four By's walk - Skewsby, Dalby, Whenby and Stearsby: a mass of young frogs / froglets were on the move around the Stearsby fishing ponds and a mare and foal were proudly showing their paces at Foulrice Farm.

15th July walk started from Caulkley's Bank above Nunnington; walking west to Stonegrave & via East Newton to the riverside walk east to Nunnington. And even a blue sky for a photo.



Stillington Bowls Club

Since the last report our Ryedale and District Veterans League team has played just 2 games as we had a bye on 3rd July.

The first of these was against Wigginton Millers at home on 10th July and we continued our winning run by 8 points to 2 confirming our 3rd place in the league table. Strensall were our next opponents at home on 17th July and we won by the same score of 8 points to 2.

We remain 3rd in the league but with one game in hand and equal on points with Strensall in second place and just one point behind leaders Huby.

On 24th July we are in the semi final of the Sundella Plate playing against Helmsley on the Malton Bowls Club green.

Stillington Tennis Club

The two mixed teams need one or two more wins at this stage to assure their places for next season. 1st team has won 2, drawn 1 and lost 6 matches (5 more to play); the 2nd team has won 3 and lost 5 matches (4 more to play). And it's not easy for team captains allowing for holidays, work and injuries. The courts themselves are in superb condition and there's marked progress for the children in the Saturday coaching sessions.

Himalayan Balsam

Thank you to the teams of Himalayan Balsam pullers on the Stillington Mill triangle piece of land and within and along the woodland boundary below the Sports and Social Club.

Every small patch of balsam is well worth pulling but one's heart does sink when you see how it has spread along drainage ditches and the River Foss.

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:
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or sending cheques to 1 Chantry Gardens,
Stillington, YO61 1NF

Stillington Post Office & Stores

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The 21st celebration our community shop held on Friday 12th of July was a great success. A huge thanks to everyone involved with the organisation of the event and to all those who joined us to celebrate this amazing achievement.

Twenty one years as a voluntary run community shop is immense and it is thanks to all our many volunteers over the years, especially that small band of people who got the ball rolling, and the support of all our customers that we have reached this wonderful milestone.

Thank you. Here's to the next 21 years!

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 and a third on the front wall of the Village Hall.

No code needed.

Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do

School News



News from Stillington Primary School

I am pleased to share that we have received the final plans for our new early years outdoor area at Stillington. The work will be taking place over the summer holidays, so the children will return to a new and improved early years area with a canopy, digging pit, storage and mud kitchen. A huge thank you to The Friends of Stillington School and Stillington Community Association, for the donations towards this project for the children. We are all very excited about this!

School Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for various roles across the federation, including teaching assistants, afterschool club leaders and a cleaner. If you are interested in one of these posts, please see the North Yorkshire website.



Notice from the Stillington News Team

We are still seeking a new team to edit and produce the Stillington News. If anyone is interested in stepping into the role/s please get in touch using the Stillington News email news@stillingtonvillage.org

The final edition we produce will be December 2024. Emma and I can initially work alongside a new team and we have compiled helpful guide notes as well as all the regular headers / logos used, which we will pass on. We really hope a new team can be found to continue producing the Stillington News from January 2025.

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Our new services in Ryedale are now up and running. If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please contact the Dementia Forward Helpline on **03300 578592**.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out, so if you can spare some time to support our groups - Thursdays in Norton and Fridays in Welburn, please call **03300 578592** or email info@dementiaforward.org.uk

In addition, if you have a skillset that you can share with our clients at the Welburn Hub: aromatherapy, chair exercises, pet therapy, etc. please also get in touch. We are unable to provide monetary payment but can provide a ready supply of tea / coffee and biscuits!

Please note, Dementia Forward provides free, confidential support and advice, but Hub Clubs are a paid service and an assessment is needed before attending.



45th Annual Show-Sunday 11th August

This will be the second Show organised by Sarah Raper. She has made a few changes from last year and there are now 10 sections with 86 separate classes.

It would help Sarah enormously if you could follow a few points:

- Please read the schedule carefully
- Bring your entries between 9.30 and 11am
- Complete your entry forms **before** you come
- Please bring small change for your entry fees - 25p per entry
- 2pm show opens to public
- 2.30pm presentation of trophies

Schedules with entry forms are now available from the Village Shop.

Good luck in the preparations of your entries for this year's show.

Membership Subscriptions / Programmes.

Some members have not collected their Membership cards. Remember these are required to enter exhibits in the Annual Show and to receive your discount from Deans and Castle Howard Garden Centres.

Speaker's Evenings

Our first evening meeting is on Wednesday 25th September – "Growing and Selling of Flowers" by Sammie Hall

Diary Date

The date for the Stillington Gardening Club Christmas, yes Christmas party has been brought forward to Wednesday 27th November. This is to avoid the usual Christmas double bookings of Village events.

Top Gardening Tips For August

1. Prune wisteria
2. Summer prune fruits trained as restricted forms
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Water containers and new plants with grey recycled water or stored rain water.
5. Collect seeds from garden plants.
6. Harvest vegetables when ready.
7. Continue cutting out old fruit canes of raspberries
8. Lift and pot up strawberry runners.

Robert Churton

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. For August, then:

August – In the car

1. In the car drive away immediately when starting from cold: idling to heat the engine wastes fuel and causes rapid engine wear.
2. When driving, the most efficient speed depends upon the car in question but is typically around 55 - 65mph, faster speeds will greatly increase your fuel consumption. Slow down and allow a little more time for journeys.
3. Change your car breakdown cover to a company that campaigns for better environmental transport measures, rather than being part of the road transport lobby eg Environmental Transport Association www.eta.co.uk
4. **Switch your engine off if you pull over or are stuck in traffic for even a minute. It saves you fuel, reduces the nitrous oxide pollution for you and those around you and cuts noise pollution.**

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(Stillington Community Association Ltd)
The Annual General Meeting will be held on
**Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7pm in
Stillington Village Hall.**

We would urge all members of the Association to
attend or alternatively complete a Proxy to allow
their vote to be registered.

Please join us to participate in the meeting and hear what
we have achieved in the year and how we are maintaining
this important facility for the village and local community.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the
meeting, where you will have an opportunity to speak to a
Board member and or other members of the Association.

We are always seeking new volunteers to work in
the shop in the following roles: early morning
paper sorter, counter assistant or to fill stock shelves.

John Dalton - Secretary

Community Bible Study

Are you interested in joining a lively group who simply enjoy
being together exploring deeper into God's Word for today?

Community Bible Study is rooted in prayer and we share a
strong desire to help all people who want to understand the
world through the Bible.

This year, over 30 weeks, we will be dipping into the
Hebrews' journey from the Red Sea to the banks of the River
Jordan. (Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers)

We meet at 9:30am in Kurt's Bar, Galtres Centre, where we
offer a warm, safe environment for people to share and grow
together in confidence.

Starting on **Wednesday 4th September**, following the school
year and finishing on **7th May 2025**.

Why not attend a taster session or two for free? If you decide
to continue we ask for a small charge, to cover refreshments,
materials and room booking.

For further information please contact Sally:
cbsi@dsign.plus.com



Countryside Notes

Tuesday 16th July, another month passed and one of changeable weather, everything but snow and ice; yet what a difference in the crops since I last wrote a tale of dire doom. Just a few warmer days and the Green Brush had painted colour into growing crops including gold among the corn which are now preparing to ripen for harvest. The sheep are also enjoying the greener, sweeter grass.

There has been a visiting young Heron on the lawn, so good to see its colours and long neck at close quarters and its observant looks and leisurely departures on those massive wings. But, better, has been the visits of a Leveret, which is about one third grown. It is very cautious as it grazes and frequently stops and erects its ears, moving them round to locate the tiniest sound.

Today, we had a Robin singing for a short time, reminding us that the days are shortening and their need of a territory and a mate for spring next year. A Tawny Owl has called in the afternoon, looking and listening for a mate to share winter with too.

There are Hazel nuts swelling and filling ready for the winter feeding of the birds and squirrels. Not only Hazel, but our poor Walnut tree also has a good crop of green coated nuts. This tree was not thriving, so our forebears moved it and an Ash and a Sycamore both robbed it of light, so it now grows more like a prostrate shrub. We once tried to pickle some of the nuts, without success. The Grey Squirrels take the nuts before they are ripe enough to store but the Red Squirrels are not able to cope with them in this unripe stage.

The Apples are swelling and there looks to be a good crop in the offing. But the best is an Apricot tree pinned to a wall, a lot of fruit was set but most came to nought. However, the ones left are large, colourful fruit with a red blush, they are a good flavour as I took one off and ripened it inside. It weighed five ounces. The rest just want a few warm days to ripen and sweeten them.

We have the most magnificent show of Tropaeolum or Scotch Flame Flower, a perennial climbing, rambling nasturtium that has climbed up shrubs and festooned them with scarlet racemes of brilliance. There is much in the garden to enjoy and to relax in. Must find time!

R & M



Original lino print by Emma Johnson

Making a difference – one bar of soap at a time

“The King will reply, ‘What I’m about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
Matthew 25:40

For many years churches and other organisations have been supporting food banks. These address issues of food poverty. Hygiene poverty is a hidden crisis, affecting people in the UK. Many of those are in work, but simply do not have enough to cover the basics that most of us take for granted. We also know that hygiene poverty disproportionately affects young people, and those with a disability. People are making impossible choices between putting the heating on for a few minutes or buying toothpaste. Losing a job, an accident or long-term health condition, the breakdown of a relationship can plunge us into debt. Hygiene poverty is uniquely oppressive because it stops people accessing education and going for job interviews.

Sheriff Hutton Methodist church has teamed up with other local Methodist churches to support The Hygiene Bank in York. The Hygiene Bank believes that everyone deserves to feel clean and that their support can be part of the safety net people need to stop people falling further into poverty.

A yellow dustbin in church is a collection point for new toiletries - shampoo, soap, shower gel, anti-perspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, toilet rolls, disposable nappies, etc. All must be in unopened, original packaging except nappies where part packs are accepted.

Donations can be brought to our coffee morning, on Wednesday mornings and to the Sunday service for passing on to The Hygiene Bank. The Hygiene Bank has partnered with a range of local charities dealing with social exclusion, poverty and homelessness to ensure that our donations are reaching those most in need.

As a church we are challenged by God to reach out to those in need. However, addressing poverty is not just the preserve of the church and I know that many of you have a heart for social justice. If any of the organisations in the villages this column reaches want to support The Hygiene Bank please contact me at John.Hayward@methodist.org.uk. If you cannot host your own bin, then please pop in to the coffee morning at Sheriff Hutton to make your donation and join us for a cuppa at the same time.

Every blessing
John Hayward

CHURCH SERVICES - August

St Nicholas, Stillington

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Sun 4th Morning Prayer 10am
Sun 11th Morning Praise 10am
Sun 18th Holy Communion 10am
Sun 25th Evensong 4pm

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 or leave a note in the side chapel of St Nicholas.

Holy Communion at home If you're unable to attend 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

29th July - 10th August

CLEANING Mr M Turvey

BRASSES Mrs M Price

12th - 24th August

CLEANING Mrs C Cookman

BRASSES Mrs S Thompson

Flower Rota

4th August - Mrs C Cookman

11th August - Mrs M Sykes

18th August - Mrs M Sykes

25th August - Mrs A Parkhaus

1st Sept - Mrs A Parkhaus

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest:

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Church Wardens:

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Lammas or Loaf Mass. Sunday

August 11th is *Loaf Mass* time at St Leonard's! This is the special agricultural service in the church calendar celebrating the ancient festival of 'Lammas' – the start of the harvest. Come along and join us for this simple service and special occasion which is highly relevant to St Leonard's place as a church at the centre of a farming community. After the service there will be light refreshments in the churchyard – God's Garden – or, if wet we can stay under God's Umbrella in church.

Sun 11th Lammastide 10.30am

Celebrating the ancient festival of Lammas, followed by refreshments

Sun 25th Holy Communion 10.30am

(BCP)

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

Methodist Chapel

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Villages Together Methodist Church

Sun 4th Huby, Rev Haith 10.30am

Morning Service with Holy Communion

Sun 11th Alne Hall, Rev Cushion 3pm

Sun 18th Huby, Mr Bevan 10-30am
Cafe Service,

Sun 25th Tholthorpe, Rev Bidnell 3pm
Holy Communion

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:

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martonintheforest@gmail.com
Sue Whiting 810251

Sun 4th Celtic Communion 6pm

Sun 18th Evening Worship 6pm

We offer a warm welcome and hospitality to everyone.

The annual scything of the churchyard will take place at the beginning of August. We now have 3 scythes, so if you're interested in learning how to scythe, please get in touch so we can arrange a suitable time for you to come and have a go. The cuttings ('arisings') will be allowed to sit for a couple of days so that any wildflower seeds fall through to the ground before we rake and pile up all the cuttings. We welcome any offers of help!

We are so looking forward to our **History Day** on Saturday 17th August!

The parish of Marton and Moxby has such a fascinating history and we're going to be sharing some of the stories of key people, from early Marton to more recent days, through short presentations, photos, pictures and documents. For example, we've been having great fun looking at some wonderful illustrated manuscripts that depict the daily lives of nuns and monks, as well as everyday countryfolk of the time. Starting at 9.30am there will be 5 presentations across the day, finishing with an optional pilgrimage walk from Marton Church via the former site of Marton Priory to Crayke Church to see their window dedicated to St Cuthbert. For more information and to book your free place please contact Caroline at martonintheforest@gmail.com or leave a message with your details on 01347 878242.

I'm also delighted to be able to confirm that the **'Raise the Roof'** musical evening (postponed because of illness) will take place in Stillington Village Hall on **Saturday 12th October**. More information about when and where to buy tickets will follow in due course!

