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Stillington Bonfire – Saturday 2nd November

This year's bonfire will be held on Saturday 2nd 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. Hot food and drinks will be available for purchase by the playground. 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 (cash only) 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 help us to load it on the day and call Andy on 810598 so we can consider collecting it earlier. 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 Village Hall at 9am on the day. To help as stewards during the event,

please call Graham Cookman on 810047 or Andy Hart on 810598

Tuesday Pop in **EVERY TUESDAY**

from
10 30 until
12 noon
We are heading towards darker,



greyer days, chilly and damp...... ignore the weather and come and join us for a warming drink with tasty treats and lively chats from our good friends, everyone is welcome so do come and join us

Never been before?Well why not come and try it for yourself. I'm sure you will enjoy your drink and favourite snack after experiencing a really warm Stillington welcome.

Stillington and District Community Archive

An illustrated talk by Professor Harold Mytum

Beyond Names and Dates: The Archaeology of Burial Ground Memorials.

Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm
In the Village Hall

Guests £3 Members Free

Refreshments £1

Please email contributions for the **December** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 20th November**

STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November 6-8pm, free entry



Lots of craft stalls Plus Tombola, raffle and Mulled Wine

AUNUSTHAN

at the Village Hall

on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 from The Village Stores

and www.ruralarts.org

Invitation to attend a Memorial Service on Sunday 10th November at 4.00pm at St Nicholas Church

This is a quiet, short, reflective service for anyone grieving the death of a close family member or friend, especially if they have passed away in the last two years, but helpful to everyone. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of the person. The service will last about 30 to 40 minutes.

This is distinct from the Remembrance Service when we remember those who have died in wars and conflicts recently and in the past. This will be held in the morning of 10th November at 10.50pm. All are welcome.



Stillington Community School

What an incredible start to the Autumn term we have had at Stillington school! We held our open events welcoming parents and the community into our school to showcase all the fantastic learning, opportunities and enhancements that take place across our classes spanning from Nursery to Y6 including our newly developed EYFS area. We would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who helped support fund our EYFS project over the last academic year to enhance our current provision with a purpose built, sustainable and engaging environment.

Take a look at our beautiful space:





Within our learning, EYFS have enjoyed exploring autumnal changes this term through observing what happens outdoors and using leaves to retell the journey of autumn. KS1 had a special visitor who is a local artist who enhanced their learning of collage where they created exceptional pieces of abstract art whilst KS2 enjoyed a visit from Malton Secondary school to enhance their learning of materials in science. They explored how properties change conducting experiments and naming elements on the periodic table.

Our KS1 and KS2 children thrived when we had a visit from the Ryedale skate school to develop their coordination and balancing skills through skateboarding. Pupils learnt about the culture of skateboarding as well as the safety around the sport.

As we move forward into the next half of the Autumn term, we welcome visits to our school to see the amazing work that takes place across our nursery and reception provision, KS1 and KS2 classes. To book a visit to our school, please contact the admin office on: stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk for more information.

Miss India Tordoff, Head of School

The Stripe, Stillington Diseased ash felling

The felling of the diseased ash trees is virtually complete, there are a few edge trees left to fell.

The ash hurley butts are currently being felled and extracted ready to begin their journey to Ireland to be made in hurley and shinty sticks. All felling and extraction work should be complete in the week commencing 21 st October.

Next steps

The long term aim is to have a timber producing wood, with high biodiversity and good resilience against climate change, pests and diseases. The replanting mix for the wood has been carefully chosen to meet these aims. 30% oak, this is the intended final crop for the woodland 25% mixed broadleaves, (alder, cherry, hornbeam with some holly, hazel, rowan, crab apple around the edges)

10% sycamore

10% silver birch

10% scots pine

10% European larch.

This mix provides a long term timber crop of oak, thinning income from the sycamore, birch and larch, winter shelter from the Scots pine and holly, food for wildlife from the holly, rowan, crab apple and hazel. There will be natural regeneration of birch, holly, hawthorn and blackthorn which will help the biodiversity.

How the wood will be prepared for planting

The hedges will be cut and shaped to provide shelter for the young trees and wildlife habitat in winter 2024.

The site will be mulched in strips to prepare lines to plant the trees in. The mulcher will shred up all the branch wood, level any wheel ruts and cut back the blackthorn and brambles which may swamp the young trees, this also creates a seedbed for natural regeneration of trees such as birch, holly, oak and any seed that may be carried onto the site. Winter 2024/spring 2025 The drains will be cleaned out to improve the drainage to help the young trees establish quickly in spring 2025. In late autumn 2025 the trees will be planted and protected with 1.2m tubes from browsing by deer, hares and rabbits.

In spring 2026, 2027 and 2028 the young trees will be weeded around to prevent the weed, especially brambles from choking them.

By 2028 we hope the trees will be emerging from the tubes and facing the wider world and by 2030 there should be a young mixed woodland in place.



Stillington Village Hall is pleased to announce one of only two chances to see Pagrav Dance Company in this area. Pagrav means 'the sound of feet' in Gujarati. Their show is called 'Aunusthan', which means celebration.

So you are invited to a massive Indian party of vibrant, energetic, rhythmical dance in the North Indian style called Kathak.

Linked to the visit of Pagrav Dance, we have received funding to offer a Rangoli Art Workshop on the afternoon of the performance day.

This will take place at the Village Hall from 1pm - 2.30pm, on a pay-as-you-feel basis, with a £5 donation suggested.

Participants will decorate a Rangoli canvas with vivid colours and decorations, whilst learning about Indian culture, as they sit together to paint Diyas, symbolising goodness and purity. This can get a little messy, so please wear appropriate clothing.

Places for this session MUST be booked in advance, as we have a maximum capacity of 20. Please contact Yvonne on 07497 051424 if you would like to book a place, preferably by text.

Stillington Bowls Club - Season review 2024

Starting mid-April this year's bowling season will be remembered for the exceptionally wet weather until summer finally put in a brief appearance during July. The final games played in early September concluded a busy 5-month bowling and social programme by the club's 54 mostly village members. Stillington participated in three local bowling leagues, finishing a very creditable third in the Huby Triples League, just missing out on promotion in the Ryedale Veterans League but winning the prestigious Sundella Cup competition after a closely fought match against Thornton-le-Dale. Results this year were a little disappointing in the Galtres League but hope to improve for next year.

The two-leg Annual Charity Shield match between Stillington and Easingwold was this year won by Easingwold ending a 4-year winning streak by Stillington. The two matches raised over £580 for charity; £320 was raised at the Stillington game in May, which was donated to Leukaemia UK in memory of the late Richard Howson, a member of the Bowling Club who unexpectedly passed away just before the start of the season.

This year the clubs major open event sponsored by the White Bear Stillington for the Andre Davis/Denis Law Cup attracted 16 teams from across North Yorkshire with a team from Kirkbymoorside winning the event.

The finale to this year's members competitions was the Finals Weekend played in early September with The Robin Thompson team competition the following week-end closing this most enjoyable bowling season.

2024 Roll of honour

Open singles - H Tomlinson
Ladies singles - R Lester
Mens singles - M Pegram
Pairs - R Lester, S Gall (B Plews)
Triples - J Robinson, B Shepherd, E Green
Rinks - C Speck, N Marsh, M Tomlinson N Bracken
Robin Thompson - N Marsh, G Bullock, P Dodd
Mini League - S Gall



A special mention to Tim Drew for his excellent green keeping in what has been a particularly difficult year.

As this season ends planning for next year is already well underway. Watch this space!

Liz Green (club president) accepting the Sundella Cup Trophy.

Macmillan Coffee Morning raises £444

Final total for the Macmillan fundraising coffee morning on Friday 6 September was £444.

Thank you to all contributors, supporters and especially to Claudia at the Bay Tree for hosting the event

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Graham Taylor, Robert Churton, Richard Smyth, Cllr Tracy Sinclair together with 1 member of the public. Apologies were received from North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor.

Public Session

A matter raised was the Carr Lane bus stop puddle.

North Yorkshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Taylor had sent a report that the planning application that was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting has met the criteria for a call in to full planning committee and the Parish Council will be invited to attend a site meeting in due course.

Streetlight

The new streetlight on the Village Hall junction was now operational.

Additional Vehicle Activated Speed Sign pole

An additional pole on the entrance to the village from Brandsby had been requested from North Yorkshire Council.

Bird Mouth Fencing

The damaged and rotten bird mouth fencing in Main Street and High Street would now be repaired by North Yorkshire Council.

Memorial Bus Stop Plaque

Information had been received regarding the wording of the plaque and a plaque would now be sourced.

Pond Maintenance

A quotation was accepted regarding the maintenance to the pond.

Next Meeting

An update on the grass cutting and wildflower review would be added to the next agenda.

Wednesday 6 November 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

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

Invitation to light up an Advent Window in your home

Can you help to brighten up Stillington from 1st December by creating and lighting up a 'Christmas' scene in a window that can be seen from the street. This can be anything to do with Christmas - the Nativity story of the birth of Jesus, Father Christmas, snowy scenes etc. The scene can be lit from behind or in front. It may be a picture, a model, a 'stained glass window', a craft etc. If you are not sure and would like to discuss your ideas do give me a call.

Just like an Advent Calendar we will 'open' one new window each day from 1st to 23rd December. A 'window' at the church will be opened on 24th December.

If you would like to take part please contact me with: name, address, contact phone and the date that you would like to open your window, I look forward to hearing from you

Margaret Price pricehm870@gmail.com; 07528 768848 01347 811262

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

WI Report

On Wednesday 9th October we welcomed Laura to talk to about the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. It in 1946 founded when Askham Bog was donated by the Terry and Rowntree company. There are now 111 nature reserves with approximately 250 paid staff and volunteers. Some of the sites were quarries, one was a railway cutting.

Generally in nature wildlife is in decline so the Trust is working with farmers to balance food production and wildlife, with community and schools groups educate and some industries to finance projects such as refitting signage and building structures such as raised bed ponds increase to accessibility for less able visitors.

To aid natural fertilisation and the spread of wild flower seeds, the Trust is breeding sheep and cattle which graze on the reserves.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November in Stillington village hall at 7:30. We will be hearing from Miriam from the Shed Shop at the Timber Yard.

All visitors welcome, £4 including refreshments



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 November, then:

November – Recycling

- 1. Check you know what can be recycled in your area, if you're not sure check the council website.
- 2. Set up simple systems in your home to make it easy to recycle. Where do you need a paper and card recycling bin? What about a compost bucket?
- 3. All your plastic bottles can be recycled, from mouthwash to salad dressing so put them all in your recycling bin! In most boroughs, you can recycle all your plastic bottles, tubs and pots, and their tops and lids too.
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 4. Be pedantic about your recycling! Think about every item you put in the bin; should it go to landfill? Loo rolls come on card tubes, sweets come in foil or paper wrappers, apple cores can be composted and most packaging can be recycled now.



November 2024 Newsletter

November - Wednesday November 27th

This year there will be no Speaker for the evening. W will be holding our Christmas Party early this year to avoid clashing with other Christmas Events. This is always a good evening with lots of food, drink and

music. Tickets are £8 each this will include the first drink, cocktail nibbles to start followed by a nice meal. As part of the entertainment there will be a quiz during the meal.

Sarah Raper will say a few words about the Annual Show and the variety of entries that members can exhibit. This is to give you ideas for next year's Annual Show.

Tickets for the Christmas Party will be available from the Village Shop from early November.

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.

Jubilee Hedge

The hedge, which consists of 195 young saplings, is growing extremely well and is now taller than the fence. If you have not seen it, it is on the right, East, side of the cemetery fence as you go through the gate.

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



Congratulations to Richard Mapletoft

At the Celebration of Lay Ministries at York Minster on 14th September, presided over by Archbishop Stephen, Richard Mapletoft was commissioned as Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) for the Forest of Galtres .- Stillington, Sutton on the Forest, Marton in the Forest, Sheriff Hutton and Farlington. Richard is churchwarden at St Nicholas Stillington.

Quizzes at Sports and Social Club

The October winning team were from Newton on Ouse: Barbara Watson, Jennifer, Fiona Smith and Peter Gillingham.



A very close 2 nd place, just

outdone by their higher joker round, were Janet and David Martin with Kathy and Alan

Berry. The quiz raised £380 for the Play Area.

Friday 1st November quiz will be for the Tennis Club.

Stillington Wanderers

23rd September walk from Coxwold via Beacon Bank to Husthwaite turned out to be rather wet for the four stalwarts who braved the elements. And it was a shorter return route via the old railway line. A clear day for the Bulmer to Foston walk on 7 October with seed drilling in action: starting south along Wandales Lane, over the substantial Standing Beck bridge and past Foston Grange; east along the road to Foston Bridge & Dark House and East Ings.

Next walks: Monday 4th and 18th November. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Countryside Notes November 2024

Tuesday 15 th October! October half gone already and gone by the time you read this. The old myth that we were frequently told years ago "time flies as you get older". Is it fact or fiction, but I swear my pen hasn't cooled in a month. What variable weather we have had in it, but fortunately, in our part of the country, it has not been too bad, often better than the forecasters say. Today, at last, we have been able to get the combine into the beans, and harvested some good beans, albeit with a fair amount of moisture in them, so they have

gone off to be dried. They quickly mould if left in a wet state. The Wood Pigeons have started to raid them, so they will be pleased to have some shed ones on the ground which make easier pickings. Many years ago, a damp autumn meant that the combine went out in January, where the pigeons had left very little for us to harvest. Wheat has been sown as far as we can get until we clear the bean fields. The land has been subsoiled and ploughed to break the soil hardened by last winter's flooding, as a result the land has worked into a fine tilth that should help to create an easy place for plants to start life, with easy rooting making the foundation for a strong plant and a good yielding crop. Fingers crossed!!

There can be odd sightings at this time of the year when bird migration is at its height. Last week's paper showed a picture of a Hoopoe, seen at Stamford Bridge. This orange and black bird has not been seen so far north for many years. I heard the voice of a wild Goose in Easingwold recently. It was flying very high among the clouds and I searched the sky for it without success, so I am guessing it was a Pink Foot returning to East Anglia to winter, for it is their time to come to see us. How evocative these chevroned skeins are, flying so straight and purposefully. Nearer in the garden, in the lower branches of a shrub of Viburnum, there was a ball of green moss. Examining it closer, it had a hole near the top and a cozy home under its dome. Puzzle, moss is not the material used by Long Tailed Tits, far too heavy, yet too tidy for a Wren. My guess is a Goldcrest has nested there. It makes sense as I have seen a secretive little bird in the area since spring but not near enough to be sure of its identity. Moving nearer the pond treating the Bullrushes, I came across the skin of a large Dragonfly. I took it off the rush that it was attached to with care. The dragonfly had left behind its Nymph skin intact, even down to its toes, before climbing higher up the rush to dry out, stretch up, ready for flight.

How incredible that such ugly and vicious things can become amazing masters of flight and beauty. I won't mention the autumn colours, you just open your eyes and see them. Rejoice in how wondrously we are made.

R & M

Stillington Patient Participation Group (PPG) Open Day Feedback

Thank you to all patients and organisations who contributed to and benefited from Stillington PPG Open day on 3 rd October.

There was a steady flow of patients throughout the day with a large uptake of Blood Pressure checks and discussions with stakeholders representing Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA), Sue Ryder, Carers Plus, Mens Sheds, York Against Cancer, Stillington Women's Institute, Urgent Care Team, Health and Wellness, Social Prescribing, NHS App training and MIND.

We had lots of positive feedback from patients and, as well as our Surgery Manager Barabara, both our Surgery Partners took time out to attend.

"Very helpful and friendly."

"We had specific queries about mental health. It has been very useful that you had a person there for us to talk to and not just leaflets "

"Thank you for inviting me to this event. It has been great to network with others and promote our services. I would welcome any future invites for other events. It had been well organised, welcoming and friendly event and great location and venue." Tracy- Sue Ryder

"AMAZING. Well done"

" provided excellent help to get our NHS Apps up and running."

"Excellent idea. Learned a lot from very friendly folk".

"A very successful event. Lots of useful information and helpful people. Well done."

Thanks also to Stillington Community Association and Easingwold Lions who provided funds which helped us to prepare for, promote and deliver the event.

November is a time of remembering. As the evenings draw in and winter approaches we take time to remember those who have died; those we have loved and lost, those who stand as examples of faith and those who have died in war. A season of Remembrance The month starts with two religious festivals, November the 1st or the first Sunday in November is All Saints Day, or All Hallows day to give it its old English name. The day after is All Souls when we remember all who have died. On the second Sunday in November we have Remembrance Sunday where we remember the dead in war at our war memorials and some of us will also mark two minutes silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Not all remembering is sombre. We mark remembrance of the gunpowder plot on November 5 th with bonfires and fireworks and our own remembrance of lost loved ones may be filled with joyous memories. For others remembrance is a time of pain and grief. Remembering brings powerful emotions as we recall the past and in recalling and remembering we have the power to shape the future. A wise person once said: "those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it"

In remembrance we can look to the past to spur us to make a better future. In our acts of remembrance we look for reconciliation and peace, reforming the present to build hopeful future. On the night before he died Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends with an instruction for them to "do this in remembrance of me, knowing that in doing this his friends would remember his message of hope and peace. In this season of remembrance he is joined by the dead in a plea for us to work for a world of peace and reconciliation as they call out to each one of us "do this in remembrance of me".

Every blessing, Reverend John Hayward

CHURCH SERVICES - November

St Nicholas, Stillington

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Richard Mapletoft 811854

rmapletoft@outlook.com Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940

lrf43@kesonline.org

Worship in Church in November Sun 3rd All Saints 10.00am

Holy Communion

Sun 10th Remembrance Sunday 10.30am

As usual, an important occasion All Souls Memorial Service **4.00pm**

All Souls Memorial Service **4.00pm** Please see the separate notice about this **Mon 11th** Act of Remembrance **10.45am**

Outside the church. This is a said service and will be held outside if weather permits. The staff and children from the school are invited and it is open to all members of the community.

Sun 17th Holy Communion 10.00am Sun 24th Morning Praise 10.00am

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

4th to 16th November **CLEANING** Mrs W Walton **BRASSES** Mr R Churton 18th to 30th November **CLEANING** Mrs J Ingham **BRASSES** VACANT

Flower Rota

3rd Nov - Mrs M Tomlinson 10th Nov - Mrs G Church 17th Nov - Mrs H Ratcliffe 24th Nov - Mrs H Ratcliffe 1st Dec - ADVENT

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251 benefice.admin@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

SallyWright 878745
Richard Haste 878581
richardhaste@btinternet.com

Our services in November are as follows
Sun 10th 10.45am

Service of Remembrance

Sun 24th 10.30am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Looking ahead - dates for your diary

The ever-popular St Leonard's Grand Christmas Prize Bingo will be taking place on **Friday, December 6th. 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 20 th at 6.30pm

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

Marton Church A huge thank

Caroline Hunt

Sue Whiting

St Mary's Marton Church Contact:

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the 'Raise the Roof' concert and supper. This raised over £700 for Marton funds, and was also a really positive and feel-good event for autumn!

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We plan to hold 3 services in St Mary's in November, having moved our evening services to an earlier time of 3pm for winter and spring.

Sun 3rd Celtic Eucharist 3pm
Mon 11th a short 10.45am
Remembrance Service
Sun 17th Celtic Worship 3pm
focusing on Justice and Peace.

Advance notice that our Carols by Candlelight will be at **3pm on Sunday 15th December.**

Methodist Chapel

Minister:

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Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250 robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Villages Together Methodist Church Sun 3rd Huby 10-30am

Service of Holy Communion

Rev Hazel Hanson **Sun 10th** Alne Hall **3pm**

Remembrance Sunday Rev David Bidnell

Sun 17th Huby 10-30am

Cafe service

Mrs Catharine Staton

Sun 24th Tholthorpe 3pm

Service of Holy Communion Rev David Bidnell

"ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING"

9-30am in
STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day.
A short service for everyone with some

of your favourite carols.

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