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Grey Bin Days:  
Mon 12th, 26th March; 9th April

Garden Bin Days:  
Fri 9th, 23rd March; 6th April

Recycling Bins:  
Mon 5th, 19th March; 2nd April

Please put your bins out after 6pm on the day before collection

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins
Diary of Events

If you have a one-off event fixed in the next few months please contact the editor - 241206 or olivemain@gmail.com

MARCH

11th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
21st  Lambing Day
21st  Broadband Information Evening

APRIL

15th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
21st  Twinning Race Night

MAY

3rd   Polling Day
20th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

JUNE

17th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

JULY

22nd  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

AUGUST

19th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
25-29th Twinning Visit to St Christol

SEPTEMBER

23rd  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

OCTOBER

21st  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

NOVEMBER

18th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

DECEMBER

16th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

MAKE SURE YOU TELL US!

We’ll keep this list up to date with what people tell us about. So if you find your event double-parked with somebody else’s it’ll be because someone didn’t tell SCAN!

A1(M) Maintenance

JN 17-16 SOUTHBOUND

Essential repairs must take place this Spring for safety reasons. At the same time other road schemes, such as upgrading safety barriers and routine maintenance, will be carried out. Dates have not yet been decided.

To avoid last year's chaos Highways England and RMS have consulted local Parish Councils and have promised to keep us fully informed through SCAN.

Help with SCAN

SCAN’s distribution manager, Hazel James, would like an occasional month off and so needs someone to volunteer to stand in for her. The job involves counting out the 'rounds' and taking them out in Stilton to the final distributors.

We also need a short list of people who would deliver SCAN in an emergency.

If you could help please contact Olive Main (241206).
Local Elections
3 MAY 2018

Following a review of ward boundaries, a new schedule of elections comes into force on 3rd May when all 52 seats on Huntingdonshire District Council will be up for election. All parish and town council elections will take place at the same time. All those elected will serve for four years.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Stilton, Folksworth and Washingley Ward; to elect two members.

POLLING STATIONS

- Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton
- Folksworth Village Hall

You need to be registered; you will receive a polling card in April which will show which polling station to go to. You do not need to take the card.

All polling stations will be open 7am - 10pm.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If not, call 01480 388017 to register over the phone, or register on-line or by post; see www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. For security you will need to quote your National Insurance number.

POSTAL VOTES

Available on request as long as you are registered. Return the form to Electoral Registration Office, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon by 5pm 11 working days before the election.

Why Not Stand For Your Parish Council?

The opportunity to offer your services to your community arises this year when all parish councils in Huntingdonshire hold elections. To be eligible you must be:

1. At least 18 years old.

2. Be an elector, or occupy land/premises (as owner or tenant) or work in the Parish or live within three miles of it.

There is NO necessity to be linked to a political party; in fact most Parish Councillors are not affiliated to a party.

NOMINATION FORMS

Are available by mid-March from Huntingdonshire District Council. (See opposite.) Nominations close strictly at 4pm Friday April 6th.

POLLING

Thursday 3rd May 7am-10pm at Stilton Pavilion or Folksworth Village Hall.

You must attend the assigned polling station, which will be shown on your polling card.

Contributors!
We want your material!

For SCAN, email Olive Main at olive.main@googlemail.com or call her on 241206
For Folklore, email to Sarah Abbott at abbottsarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 247275
Stand as a Local Councillor
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Polling Day Thursday 3rd May

Stilton and Folksworth & Washingley Parish Councils

- Get involved…
  with your community

- Have a say…
  about the local issues people care about

- Influence…
  local service delivery

- Decide how local money is spent…
  to improve your community

By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Councils meet once a month. Meetings typically last two or three hours, depending on the list of items to discuss. Sub-committees may deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters.

Parish Councillors serve for four years and can stand for re-election. But if you find it's not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down.

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. So contact your Parish Clerk to find out more.

FOR NOMINATION PACKS, CONTACT:

  Electoral Officer
  Huntingdonshire District Council
  Pathfinder House
  St Mary’s Street
  Huntingdon
  PE29 3TN

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Help the Foodbank

Yaxley Foodbank continues to provide food for local families in need. Donations of staple non-perishable food are always welcome.

Please contact Pearl [241114] for further details or leave your donation in the collection point in Stilton Church porch.

Many thanks for your support.

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Tim Alban Writes
UPDATEs FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

LAMP POST SPEED STICKERS ON THE BRIDLEWAY NEAR THE PAVILION

I have been thinking more about this and believe that it will be best to have them showing as 5 mph. My thinking being that if they show 15 or 20 mph drivers might travel at 25 - 30 mph.

LITTER BINS

I have engaged on Facebook with a couple of local residents who believe that having more litter bins will help to alleviate the problem of litter and dog fouling. Along with other residents who expressed an opinion, I have my doubts but I would be interested to know what others feel about this issue. Incidentally, I did a quick litter-pick in North Street recently and picked up litter and dog-poo bags which were lying within site of two public waste bins!

GALA CLOSE

Along with attending the last Parish Council meeting I have been in communication with a number of residents as well as officers from the District and County Councils. I am keen to continue to do what I can to try and help resolve the outstanding issues.

POT HOLES

The recent bad weather has exacerbated some of the existing problems and created new ones. I reported a number of potholes over the weekend and continue to liaise with County Councillor Simon Bywater.

CONNECTIVITY

Simon Bywater and I have been working with Connecting Cambridgeshire to set up an information evening so that local people can ask questions directly about broadband and mobile phone coverage. See advert in this issue.

Regards
Tim Alban
District Councillor for Stilton Ward

Tel: 07913 101145
facebook.com/TimAlbanForStiltonWard
Dear Parish Councillors and residents,

We know many of you have been experiencing problems with connectivity and have been asking how to get clear information about current coverage and future plans for both broadband and mobile in this area.

To explore some of the issues affecting residents in North Huntingdonshire, your County and District Councillors, Simon Bywater and Tim Alban, have arranged a Broadband Information Evening.

This is an opportunity to find out about current and planned broadband coverage for the parishes of Alwalton, Chesterton, Conington, Denton & Caldecote, Elton, Folksworth & Washingley, Glatton, Haddon, Holme, Morborne, Sawtry, Sibson-cum-Stibbington, Stilton, Denton & Caldecote and Water Newton. It will also be useful to highlight where there is poor mobile coverage in these areas, which we can feedback to mobile operators.

Representatives from the Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, and BT Openreach, who are rolling out superfast broadband across the county, will be on hand to discuss broadband coverage for these areas and explain the challenges involved in connecting rural communities.

**HOW TO BOOK**

Places are limited and we want to ensure that all parishes are represented, so please confirm if you wish to attend by emailing tim.alban@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or simon.bywater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with your name, parish and area of concern.

**FIND OUT MORE**

You can check your current and planned broadband coverage on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk and are welcome to send specific questions in advance to the Connecting Cambridgeshire team by calling 01223 703293 or emailing: contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.

Tim Alban, Huntingdonshire District Councillor, Stilton Ward

Simon Bywater, Cambridgeshire County Councillor, Sawtry and Stilton Division
Tearre Yvonne Nickolay

It is with great sadness that we record that Tearre Yvonne Nickolay passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday the 2nd January 2018, after a short illness.

A wonderful, kind, loving and caring lady, she will be dearly missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

Tearre’s funeral and celebration of her life was held on Monday 15th January.

Jim Burt

Many people will remember Jim and Kathryn Burt who lived in St Mary's Road and took an active part in village life. We received a message from their son, Rupert, to say that Jim died in January aged 98. Sadly, his last five years were marred by dementia but Kath, while physically frail, is still active at the age of 93.

Jim lived a very interesting life, including service in Bomber Command. In civilian life he was an engineer. While in retirement in Stilton he was deeply involved with SCAN as Distribution Manager and Treasurer. He also often wrote poetry for SCAN and at least one of his Stilton poems was read at his funeral.

Stilton Children & Young People's Facilities Association

10 years ago this charity, with the leadership of Peter Mitchell, built our skate park on land provided by Stilton Parish Council. The skate park is still well used and has proved adaptable to changing fashions in wheeled activities. It had a major refit last year and a recent ROSPA inspection report described its state as good. There were only some minor repairs to be done.

The Charity trustees wish to transfer the skate park to Stilton Parish Council. This will take place on 1st March 2018 if all the formalities with the Charity Commission are completed. A formal handover will take place on Saturday March 3rd at 11am at Stilton Pavilion.

The assets to be handed over are:

Skate park (2018 valuation) - £55,000
Reserves/liquid assets - £7,650

The essential repairs will be done in the spring at a cost of around £500, which will come out of the transferred funds. To satisfy the conditions of the Charity these funds may only be used for the development and maintenance of youth facilities in Stilton.
Shop at CARESCO!

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Looking for a bargain?
- Lots of high-quality items always in stock
- New items arriving every day
- Score a bargain and support this popular and welcoming community care centre

Having a clear-out?
If you’re thinning out your wardrobe, or those unwanted Christmas presents that deserve a good home, why not donate them to the CARESCO charity shop?

Storage space is limited, so if you’ve got bulky items, or just lots of stuff to donate, call us first to make sure we’ve got room! Seasonal items particularly welcome.

Opening hours
Mon - Fri  9 - 4.30pm
Saturday  9 - 12.30pm
Sunday  Closed
Changing Times

WHAT IS STILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

Stilton Community Association was founded in the 1970's in the midst of the massive building programme which left Stilton with virtually no recreational facilities. The original aim was to raise funds to provide a sports field and changing rooms. Every resident of Stilton was automatically a member and there was no membership fee.

In the late 1970's the Association took over the running of Stilton Cheese Rolling from the Playgroup, organized a bonfire and fireworks event and distributed Christmas parcels to all the old people in the village. By the 1980's many villages were producing newsletters and a small group led by Graham Harris, Pat Maltman and Olive Main produced SCAN, a single folded A4 photocopied sheet, fully financed by a few village businesses taking small adverts.

Inevitably, over 40 years much has changed. The original aim of providing a playing field by voluntary effort became impossible, and new legislation allowed local councils to spend money on sports facilities. The Association continued to produce SCAN and the website www.stilton.org, the old people's parcels were discontinued, the fireworks event was eventually cancelled for health and safety reasons and Stilton Cheese Rolling took on its accustomed form, but with far more official and legal responsibilities falling on the shoulders of a few unelected and untrained volunteers.

Several long-standing organizers decided to retire, the public safety aspect of the day came under official scrutiny and tasks that were formerly common sense now had to be undertaken by qualified experts, not always free of charge. Escalating costs only added to the pressures. The unthinkable of stopping was expressed after last year's event, some Community safety groups also expressed their doubts. A decision had to be made, and the organizers felt it was their responsibility.

Contrary to assertions on Facebook, money was not the main reason for the decision. Although the increasing costs are worrying, it was the ever-increasing stresses and pressures that have built up over the last few years, also the national problem of young people and alcohol and the increasing unpopularity in the village of the disruption caused by the crowds.

Discussions with local businesses, Community safety officials including the Police, and looking at the practices of other popular events will bring out all possible options. These can then be put to a public meeting.

Shortly in SCAN you will read about GROUND HOP that is to take place on July 29th and which will need immense help from everyone, both practical and sponsorship. It may be that a Cheese-Rolling contest can be incorporated into the day's events, which will lead up to a cup football match at 5pm.

Olive Main
Editor SCAN,
Chair, Stilton Community Association
**A CLARIFICATION**

Stilton Parish Council would like to clarify a number of points about the controversial decision to cancel Cheese-Rolling this year, writes Chris Walford.

Stilton Community Association is a village organisation independent of the Parish Council. The Parish Council is not represented on the Association Committee and was not told in advance of the Association’s decision to cancel the 2018 event.

It is also being said, locally, that the financial difficulties experienced by the Association is as a result of the costs of the Stilton Pavilion. This is not true. The Parish Council finances and the Community Association finances are completely separate. No grants are awarded by the PC to the Community Association. The Parish Council does not provide grants to any village organisation that does not produce audited accounts.

The Parish Council hopes this clarifies matters.

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**Pavilion Progress**

At long last the programme to finish off and fit out the Pavilion has begun!

Phase 1 will include:

- Outside works, including parking areas, turning area, drive access to the patio, drainage, external electrics, commercial bin area, disabled parking, cycle racks and external storage. After tendering, James Chatwin (Stilton Landscaping) is the contractor.

- New chairs and tables with storage trolleys

- Crockery, cutlery, and tableware

- Internal and external signage

- Blinds to the main hall windows

- Specialist floor cleaning machine.

- Audio/visual system. (The spec is being finalised.)

- 13 plasma dancing poles!

HUGE thanks to the Interim Management group for doing all the groundwork, which has taken months.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who got the field to the current playable state. There are nine teams using the field and it is holding up well. Despite all the wet weather it drains well and has remained playable throughout.

We would like to thank all users of the Pavilion facilities for their patience whilst we have sorted out the fit-out funding and procurement. We hope the problems with the kitchen floor will be resolved within weeks.

There remains much more to do. We will keep you informed on Phase 2 progress.
Stilton Pavilion

OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

Community Room rates from:
- £6 / hour daytime
- £8 / hour evenings

Main Hall rates from:
- £10 / hour daytime
- £16 / hour evenings

Attractive rates for commercial hire and other options
For information, see www.stilton.org/facilities/stilton-pavilion/

For all enquiries, please contact the Amenities Manager, Julian Pagliaro:
07484 746894 | stiltonpavilion@gmail.com

If leaving a message, please provide a LANDLINE PHONE NUMBER and you will be contacted promptly. (It’s very expensive having to reply to lots of mobiles!)

If using email, please be sure to give us your CORRECT email address and check your spam box if you don’t receive a prompt reply.

Stilton Parish Meeting Room

The Parish Room will be open from 10am to 11am immediately following Parish Council meetings, which are on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday in the month. If you want to speak with the Clerk at any other time, please make an appointment. Planning applications can be viewed by appointment; telephone (01733) 229130.

HIRING THE ROOM

The Meeting Room is available for hire between 9am and 10:30pm Monday to Saturday; Sunday hours by arrangement. A booking form and conditions of hire are available from the Clerk to Stilton Parish Council.

The Room seats up to 20 people, ideal for small clubs or committee meetings. It has broadband, a kitchen area and toilet suitable for use by disabled people. Users should note that smoking is not permitted in any part of the building, nor in the surrounding cemetery.

FEES:

All Day (9am - 6pm) £50
Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm) £25
Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm) £25

A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
The past weeks have seen mixed fortunes for us at Your Kind of Music as bad weather and ill health took their toll on the January concert played by Tony Stace. However, excluding my team of nine people, 30 supporters, some for the first time, braved the heavy snow and saved us from playing to an empty hall! Their attendance was gratefully received and they were rewarded with an enjoyable afternoon of music. Although the majority of helpers live within a radius of 25 miles from Stilton (including my wife and I) there were those who came up from Bury St Edmunds and the far side of Milton Keynes, such is their dedication. I think Sleaford was the furthest away for some members of the audience. My thanks to them all.

But the good news was that our February event turnout was excellent as we had our largest audience so far, when 62 people attended, many for the first time and who have vowed to return for future concerts. Our star player was Ian Griffin from Swansea, who enthralled the audience with his magnificent playing. He asks for requests for the second half and his skill at arranging, on this occasion, some 36 songs to fit into one hour is astonishing, with smooth transitions from one tune to another. He deservedly received a standing ovation at the end.

I am hoping that support for our live musical events will continue to grow and with it the enjoyment our wonderful musicians can provide. Our next concert features yet another fine player, Paul Carman, who will be here on Sunday 11th March for a 2:30pm start (doors open 2pm). Yes, I know it’s Mother’s Day, but I suggest Mum is taken out for lunch followed by two and a half hours of live entertainment. Or maybe an evening meal after the show; we finish around 5pm!

We look forward to greeting more and more people to our social music event at Stilton Pavilion. Admission is just £7.50, including refreshments. Incidentally, access is disabled-friendly.

For further details contact Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600, email tony.oliver5@btinternet.com.
Snap Chat
GOT ANY GREAT STILTON PICTURES?

We know Stilton boasts some skilful photographers - and several talented artists too - so SCAN would be failing in its duties if we couldn’t find ways to bring such talents to a wider audience. And how better than to create a high-quality Stilton calendar?

So now’s your chance of fame, if not fortune! (Certainly not fortune; we’re not X-Factor!) We’re launching a competition to find the 12 images - photos or original art - that best represent Stilton today in all its aspects. The finished calendars will be available to purchase in time for Christmas 2018; proceeds to Stilton Community Association. Winners will be credited in the calendar and will receive two free copies.

RULES

We’ll keep things simple. Here are the rules:

- Images must be your own original work and not previously published anywhere.

- Images must be in landscape format.

- If images include identifiable people, you must obtain their permission to use the pictures. In the case of children, written permission of their parent or guardian.

- Submit your images by 30th September 2018 to scan1@stilton.org. (Large files can be transferred using Dropbox or a similar Cloud service.)

- Winning images will be selected by Stilton Community Association.

HOW TO WIN

We want to produce the quality of calendar that anybody would want to display in their home. So here are some tips to improve the chances of your picture(s) being chosen:

- High quality. Use a good camera and keep things in focus! An image width of about 2400 pixels is ideal.

- Clear subject. If you need to explain what it’s about, it’s not likely to be suitable!

- If you’re submitting artwork, we can scan material up to A4 size. If it’s bigger than that, please have it scanned for us. (Office scanners may be big enough.)

- Don’t crop or Photoshop the image. If it needs any tweaking, we’ll do that as part of the production process.

- Be creative. We don’t want 12 pictures of the pump. Or your cat!

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS

- Village wildlife

- My business or club

- Seasons of the year

- Village landmarks

- Village activities

- Landscapes / mood images
COME ALL YE

Worship at St Mary Magdalene; Stilton Church is open to all.

Want to know more about Jesus Christ? Used to come to Church and want to come again? Why not come to one of these services?

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

This service will celebrate Guiding in Stilton. If you were a Guide, Brownie or Rainbow, or if you know present-day members and leaders, come along and celebrate with them.

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

On Mothering Sunday in the baptism service we will be welcoming two children into the Christian family. Everyone is welcome to be there and renew their own baptismal promises.

PALM SUNDAY

Services will see the end of Lent and we will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, in preparation for Holy Week, Good Friday and the hope of Easter.

Keeping Lent

LENT SERVICES

Thursdays at 7:30pm:
1st March Haddon
8th March Folksworth
22nd March Stilton
(no meeting on March 15)

MARCH SERVICES

Sun 4th 11:15am 'Guiding Sunday' Service,

Wed 7th 12:30pm Holy Communion followed by Soup Lunch

Sun 11th Mothering Sunday
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Revd Gordon Limbrick
11:15am Morning Praise and Baptism

Sun 18th 11:15am Holy Communion

Sun 25th Palm Sunday
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11:15am LinCup - café-style worship for all the family

Stilton Church
Coffee Morning

March 17th
10:30am - noon

(Third Saturday in every month)

Everybody is welcome.
Come and try the homemade cake.
Take a chance to win the raffle!

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
SARAH'S SNIPPET
The snowdrops are out, the daffodils are coming up and I am no longer driving to work in the dark! Spring is just around the corner. Another sure sign is Lambing Sunday at Manor Farm on 11th March.

FROM THE POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS
There have been a number of reports of actual and attempted thefts in the area. The culprits are believed to park up in the village in the early hours of the morning and then systematically walk round checking cars for open doors. So please check that you’ve locked your car and that any valuables are out of sight.

FOLKSWORTH SCHOOLCHILDREN GIVE WISE COUNSEL!
Our dedicated School Council have been working very hard this month. Back in November, two children per class were chosen to represent them on the Council. They meet regularly to help make decisions about the school and report back to their classes. The Year 6 children take the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and are responsible for running the meetings with the support of a member of staff.

This month they have been doing some market research and finding out what their fellow learners ‘think is great about our school’. The results are in and being compiled at the moment, but to give you a taste of the responses, we have been told:

‘We like that it is small and like a family’
‘We love our hot dinners’
‘We like the new play equipment’
‘We like the fact that people care about each other’

The Council also decided which charities should benefit from the money raised within school. They did their own research into a variety of charities and decided to split the first £200 between four very good causes.

What a tremendous amount they have achieved already!

FOLKSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
The PTA ran the Folksworth 15 Cafe for the runners, spectators and stewards of the Folksworth 15 race in January and it was really well supported by all. The bacon rolls, cakes and hot drinks were really popular and - thanks to the hard work of all the wonderful volunteers - we managed to raise £442. A great big thank you to everyone who helped with the event.

We will be having another clothing collection in March so please look out for the leaflets through your door, and an Easter Egg hunt for the children at the end of term.

It seems like a long way off at the moment but we have set the date for the Summer Fair. Please put Saturday 9th June in your
diaries, we'll let you know more about it nearer the time.

FOLKSWORTH RAINBOWS

At the beginning of November we were pleased to welcome a new member and a new 'helper' from a nearby Guiding Unit. We are very happy to have them both with us and hope they will enjoy their time with the Rainbows.

Our events leading up to Christmas included toasting marshmallows and having a sing-song for a pretend bonfire night and acting out sounds to an onomatopoeic story about Splodge the Cat - he turned out to be a very noisy cat! We were also very lucky to have a second visit of the term from our friendly Mad Scientist. This time we learnt about colour and, very appropriately, rainbows. We ended the term with a traditional Christmas party.

So far this Spring Term we have enrolled our latest member, learnt about squirrels and then made one each, decorating a squirrel shape with scraps of paper, material and wool. The next week we played a jigsaw game, followed by matching up animals and insects to their homes. We have made dances up to a poem about the sea, using the words, as opposed to music, to create the different movements and mood.

During our final meeting before half-term, we decorated heart-shaped biscuits in time for Valentine's Day. The girls took them home to give to their families. We hope everyone enjoyed eating them!

We look forward to the second half of the term with some lighter evenings and perhaps some milder weather!

FOLKSWORTH LADIES CIRCLE

After our AGM in February we heard about The Stilton Night Shelter, where homeless people are given a hot meal and a bed for the night. In March we will have a talk about Thorpe Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7:30pm. Why not bring a friend with you?

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

Friday 16th March - Bingo
Eyes down at 7:30pm, £6.50 per person.
Tea and coffee will be served; feel free to bring your own drinks.

Saturday 19th May - Bedding Plant Sale

Saturday 23rd June - Book Fayre and Art Exhibition. Cakes and refreshments.

Saturday 29th September - Autumn Fayre.
Homemade produce/crafts for sale. Refreshments available.

Saturday, 1st December - Christmas Social with bingo. Licensed bar.

All funds raised from these events will go towards the Folksworth Village Hall Improvement Fund. Please come along and support your village hall.

We are still seeking a Secretary; please contact Annie Blair on 01733 243463 for further details.

For hall information see: www.facebook.com/FolksworthVillageHall/.
For hall bookings please contact Mrs Joy Blythe on 01733 241938.
POTHOLES

The recent bad weather has left many roads and pavements across the county needing attention. I am constantly reporting these faults but as these problems are county wide they are being dealt with based on urgency/danger. A sign that they are being attended to is often that a painted mark is drawn around them. If you see anything that needs attention please let me know.

SALT BINS

The yellow bins dotted around the parish contain salt/ grit for use on the public paths/pavements only. Please do not take this to use on private drives.

POCKET PARK DEVELOPMENT

Now that the urgent tree works to the area have been carried out work can start on the development of the pocket park/community orchard to the side of the pond in Elm Road. Council needs volunteers to help with the clearing of nettles/brambles etc and the removal of ivy from some of the remaining trees. If you feel you could spare some time to help with this, please contact Cllr Alison Brown or the Clerk.

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO

NEWS FROM ST HELEN'S

March Services

4th March 9:45am Holy Communion

11th March 9:45am   Mothering Sunday, Family Folkus - in the school hall

18th March 9:45am Morning Praise

25th March 9:45am   Palm Sunday, All Age Worship - in the school hall

All-age worship is now established in Folksworth School on the 4th Sunday of each month. A welcome, warmth and worship all at the same time! Until Easter we will be looking at some great promises that God has for us: Promise of the Messiah; Promise of the Saviour; Promise of the King. Why not come and see us? It is for you whatever your age or circumstance. We start at 09:45. God will bless us - real good!

LENT SERVICES

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm

1st March The Word of God
             St Mary's, Haddon

8th March Fasting
           St Helen's, Folksworth

22nd March Repentance
         St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

29th March, 8pm Maundy Thursday
            Communion, St Mary's, Haddon
FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Friday 16th March
Eyes Down at 7:30pm

Tea and coffee will be served - bring your own drinks

All profit will go towards further improvements to the village hall

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The Library Presents...
QUALITY MUSICAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

CLASSICAL REFLECTIONS

There is still a chance to purchase tickets to see Peterborough soprano twins, classically trained Naomi and Hannah Moxon, who have appeared on BBC's show 'The Voice.'

This performance will be on Friday 2nd March at 7:30pm at Yaxley British Legion Club. A bar will be available. Tickets can be purchased at Yaxley Library.

SAMBA DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Wouldn't it be great to drum in a library? Samba drumming will get your feet tapping, arms moving, head nodding and your heart beating. The workshops will be on 10th & 24th March, 2:30 - 3:30pm.

For more information, please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/library-presents-arts-alive-programme-announced-for-ten-cambridgeshire-libraries/ or ask staff at Yaxley Library.

REGULAR EVENTS

RHYMETIME

Come along and join in the fun, sharing songs and rhymes. It's free! For all babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months. These sessions are held every Friday (term time only) starting at 10:30 am. No booking required!

STORYTIME

Come along to Yaxley library to hear lovely stories and join in with our action rhymes. It's free! Our sessions for March are Tuesday 6th & 20th at 10:30am. For ages 18 months - 4 years; no booking required!

Don't forget to ask us about the Bookstart Bear Club and Bears Reading Adventure. Collect stickers and stamps with your little ones - It's free!

BOOK & BISCUIT

Let's get reading! Book & Biscuit is a special story club for children aged 4 - 7 years. Each month we will share a themed story adventure and craft to match! Our next session will be on Thursday 8th March at 3:30pm, with the following sessions continuing on the second Thursday of each month. Parents / Carers must stay with their children. This is a free event! No need to book, just come along.

LEGO CLUB

Come along and have fun creating a variety of things using Lego. This is a very popular event and is held every Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:30am; admission 50p per child. No booking required!
**Easter Fun**

**CHILDREN’S EVENTS IN THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Amey will be in Yaxley Library on Thursday April 12th to work with families in creating items from recycling materials. More details to follow next month. We are also having an Easter Egg Hunt with a twist; keep a look out for more details.

**For Adults**

**GAMES CLUB**

Come along to our new Games Club, where you can learn and play some games and meet new people. It’s every Tuesday afternoon; Rummikub will be held on Tuesday 13th & 27th March and Mahjong will be held on Tuesday 6th & 20th March. Sessions are from 2:00 - 4:00pm. They’re free to attend and no need to book! Donations welcome.

**EngAge IN THE AFTERNOON**

**Wednesday March 21st 2:00 - 3:30pm**

**Auctions & Antiques**

Take a light-hearted look at the world of Auctions & Antiques with Laurence Seaton of Buttercross Auctions from Whittlesey.

Places are limited. For a free ticket please ask at Yaxley Library or contact us on 0345 045 522. Donations welcome.

**Donations**

Thank you for all the donations of books and jigsaws that you kindly bring into the Library. Could I please remind you that if you would like to donate items to us please note that we accept books that are in good condition in order for us to either add to our catalogue or use for Booksale.

Jigsaws should have no pieces missing and in good condition. Thank you.

**Yaxley Library**

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Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

**Mobile Library**

**Wed 28th March**

**Folksworth**
10:30 - 10:50am Elm Road

**Stilton**
3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot

Route M24
Linking Hands
Ladies Group

An informal group open to all ladies who would like to explore the Bible and share how it influences our lives today.

Following the 'Lifebuilder' series, we are excited to be starting a new theme in September: 'Women and Identity'.

We meet in Stilton Church Meeting Room from 8:45am and aim to start around 9:00am, finishing around 10:30am.

Ladies welcome (pre-schoolers too) from all the villages and surrounding areas.

Why not come along and join us?

### Stilton Stumblers

**Spring Itinerary**

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Our regular walks are between 5 - 8 miles and meet at 10:00am at The Pump.

For more information about Stumbling, just Google ‘Stilton Stumblers’ or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!

### Twinning Diary Dates

- 24 Feb: Quiz Night, Stilton Pavilion
- 21 Apr: Race Night, Stilton Pavilion
- 24-29 Aug: Anniversary group visit to St Christol

If you are interested in any Twinning events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376 or clstilton@btinternet.com.

Funds raised by the Association provide for travel grants for young people on exchange visits to St Christol and activities here when groups visit from St Christol.
Lambing Day

In aid of The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Parkinson and local charities

Sunday 11 March 2018
11 am until 4 pm
Manor Farm, Morborne

- See lambs being born
- Hold newly-hatched chicks
- Join in other children's activities

Adults £5.00 - Under-16s FREE

Refreshments available

Take the Folksworth turn from Junction 16 A1M
Follow 'Lambing Day' signs to Morborne
Satnav: PE7 3TG

Lots to do & see!
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Stilton & District Twinning Association

**Anniversary Visit**
**25 to 29 August 2018**

St Christol Twinning Association and the Mairie of St Christol have invited a group from Stilton and district to St Christol for a celebratory visit.

(Your visit could be part of a summer holiday to the region)

Once there visitors will be hosted by local families

There will be a programme of visits and celebrations.

If you would like to take part in the visit please contact:
Chris Walford. Tel 07720 718078 or email: clstilton@btinternet.com

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Stilton & District Twinning Association

**Race Night**
**Saturday 21st April 2018**

Stilton Pavilion

Doors open 7:00pm / First race 7:30pm

Tickets £7.50

Includes Supper & Homemade Dessert - Bring Your Own Drink

Contact: Ian & Hazel Parmenter  243056
         Chris Walford       241376
         Paul & Audrey Springford 241739
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presents
a concert performance of
Charles Gounod’s

Romeo & Juliet

Saturday 14th April
7.30pm
St Peter’s Church, Oundle

Sunday 15th April
4pm
St John the Baptist Church,
Cathedral Square,
Peterborough

www.peterboroughopera.co.uk

Tickets:
£10 Adults, £5 Under 19s

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4 New St, Oundle,
PE8 4ED
01832 274734
www.oundlefestival.org.uk

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Peterborough’s Pompeii

Excavations at Must Farm

A talk by Dr Mark Knight,
Archaeologist of the Year, 2017

Friday 16th March at 7:30pm
Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle PE8 4EJ

These archaeologically important excavations near Whittlesey have revealed a deeply buried Bronze Age settlement, that had been destroyed by fire and collapsed into a river channel, resulting in an extraordinary level of preservation.

Nearby, archaeologists had previously found eight well-preserved log boats, some of which were virtually intact. They have been dated to around 1500 BC.

Admission £10
Includes glass of wine

Tickets available from Olive Main (241206), or you can pay at the door.

Want to learn more? Visit the project website at www.mustfarm.com/ or Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Must_Farm_Bronze_Age_settlement

Your Community Needs You!

If you own a car, enjoy driving and helping people and have a few hours to spare a week then maybe you would consider becoming a volunteer driver for the North Hunts Community Car Scheme?

We would love you to join us, so call Dianne or Jennie on 07795 542084 to find out more.
Along the Yellow Brick Road
A14 COMMUNITY FUND SPREADS THE LOVE...

So far, more than £110,000 of the £400,000 A14 Community Fund has been allocated and 16 local projects granted funding.

More than 2,000 people are estimated to benefit at some point from projects already approved. These include:

- The Countryside Restoration Trust received £9,005 to support water voles in the area of the A14 improvements.

- Great Paxton Community Village Shop Ltd received £9,965 to provide a convenience shop for the local community, including volunteering and work experience opportunities.

- The Offords Recreation Hut (Offord Village Hall) received £2,160 to provide a secure bicycle parking facility for village hall users.

- Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project received £1,752 to complete and help maintain the orchard by providing a motorised brush cutter & hedge trimmer, and an information sign.

- Groundwork East received £10,000 to improve confidence and employability of people furthest from employment by growing wildflower plugs for use on the borrow-pit nature reserves created by the A14.

- Alconbury C of E Primary School received £5,000 for an artist to work with the whole community to update five murals in the school hall.

- Great Paxton Parish Council received £3,000 to conduct a feasibility study into options to provide a safe alternative to the hazardous B1043 for cyclists.

More funding rounds are planned between now and when the project completes, with applications being accepted until the fund runs out.

The A14 Community Fund is administered by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. For more information about it, and to apply, visit their website: www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html

Friends of Norman Cross
7pm on Friday 2nd March at the Norman Cross Gallery PE7 3TB

A history of Holmewood Hall and the Holmewood Estate
A talk by Sue Knight

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There’s an astonishing amount of interesting data to be found online, if you know where to look and - equally important - if you can make sense of it.

So we beguiled a cold winter evening by rummaging about in data about Stilton from the 2011 census. Boring tables of numbers, until you bring them to life as charts:

The picture that emerges is of a community of skilled and qualified people who work hard at worthwhile careers, are generally fit and healthy, and have comfortable homes. Only 1.4% of residents were listed as unemployed; well below the UK average.
Citizens Advice Peterborough give advice on how to control your spending on fuel; especially helpful in what is turning out to be a cold winter with many nasty bugs.

THE THREE STEP RULE

CHECK bills regularly to ensure you are not paying too much.

SWITCH to a different provider or tariff that is better value for money. Use Citizens Advice's energy comparison tool. You will be guided through it so you can switch there and then and start saving at once.

SAVE energy by switching off unnecessary lights and appliances, and by ensuring all walls and lofts are well insulated and that your boiler is working efficiently.

There are grants and discounts such as the Warm Home discount that can be explained to you. Call the Consumer Service helpline on 03454 040506. The Citizens Advice website also gives useful advice.

Sorry!

SCAN PRODUCTION HICCUP

SCAN's production process normally ticks along like a Swiss watch, but every now and again something conspires against us. Our February issue was held up by the breakdown of CARESCO’s hard-working digital printer. Bit of a crisis as you can imagine, but Liz and her team pulled out all the stops to minimise the delay. We hope our readers weren’t too disappointed.

Perhaps one interesting statistic is that the average household had 2.5 occupants with access to only 1 or 2 cars. The next census will be taken in 2021, so it will be interesting to see how the picture will have changed in this decade.

We can assume that there will be a lot more cars on our drives and roadsides!
Additional Appointments

AVAILABLE AT THIS PRACTICE

We are making even more appointments available for patients at this practice. Additional appointments can be booked to the end of March 2018. This is because we know that there are times you want to be able to see a GP at short notice. We also know that over winter lots of people have seasonal illnesses which require more than a pharmacy but don't need emergency treatment.

The extra appointments are bookable by our GPs when they call you back after you have booked a telephone call.

If you haven't yet signed up for GP Online Services, simply call into the practice and ask about it, or go to our online registration page at: https://yaxleygp.secure-gpsite.nhs.uk/online-application

We'll need some proof of ID and we can sign you up there and then. GP Online Services makes it easy to book appointments online and request repeat prescriptions. Find out more about this on www.nhs.uk/GPonlineservices

If you are not able to attend an appointment you have booked, for whatever reason, please let us know. We can then offer that appointment to someone else who needs it.

Alternatively, there are a wide range of other local NHS services available, including:

NHS 111

NHS 111 can help residents if they need medical help or advice urgently but it's not a life-threatening situation. Open 24/7, 365 days a year, NHS 111 connects patients to a team of fully trained call advisers who are supported by experienced nurses, paramedics, and GPs.

They will ask questions to assess the symptoms, and give healthcare advice or direct the caller to a local NHS service. If necessary, they can also call an ambulance or direct people straight to A&E. Calls to NHS 111 are free from a landline or mobile phone.

GP OUT-OF-HOURS SERVICE (OOH)

You can access the GP out-of-hours service by calling NHS 111. The NHS 111 team will assess your condition over the phone and if they think you need to be seen by a health professional, they will refer you to the OOH GP service.

SELF-CARE

Many minor illnesses can be treated at home with basic medicines that are available from your local pharmacy. Stocking up on essential medicines can help you avoid a trip to the GP or even A&E. Medicine cabinet essentials include:
- painkillers such as aspirin, paracetamol, and ibuprofen
- anti-diarrhoea tablets and rehydration powders
- indigestion treatment
- bandages and plasters
- antiseptic cream or spray
- first aid kit

**PHARMACIES**

Local pharmacies can offer expert advice and treatment for a wide range of common conditions and minor injuries. Pharmacies can help with a range of things including aches and pains, hangovers, colds, emergency contraception, and non-prescription medication. General opening times for pharmacies can be found at www.nhs.uk

**MINOR ILLNESS AND INJURY UNITS**

There are a number of Minor Illness and Injury Units (MIIU) across the county that can treat a range of minor illnesses and injuries such as sprains and strains, broken bones, minor burns and scalds, minor head and eye injuries, bites and stings. No appointment is needed.

**Peterborough MIIU**
Monday - Sunday: 8am-8pm
Bank Holidays: open 8am-8pm

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**Travel Vaccinations**

Our travel clinics have now restarted, although there is still a national and global shortage of the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Please ask at reception for a Travel Health questionnaire; one has to be completed for each person who is travelling. Once completed, please return to reception and they will give you an appointment with one of our nurses to discuss and give you the vaccinations required for your destination.

If you are planning to travel outside the UK, you may need to be vaccinated against some of the serious diseases found in other parts of the world. Vaccinations are available to protect you against many travel-related infections, such as Yellow Fever, Typhoid and Hepatitis A.

You don't always need vaccinations to travel abroad. If you do, the type of travel jabs you need depends on which country you are visiting and what you are doing.

If travelling to Europe, please look on the Fit for Travel website www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/ where you will find all the information you need. If vaccinations are required then please contact Reception who will make you an appointment to attend one of our clinics

Please allow at least four weeks before you are due to travel, because some vaccinations need to be given well in advance to enable your body to develop immunity, and some involve multiple doses spread over several weeks. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE
**No Smoking Day**  
**WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH**

Do you need help to stop smoking?

Our smoking cessation advisor provides one-to-one support and encouragement to people who wish to stop smoking. There are regular clinics on Thursday afternoons which can be booked directly via Reception. You do not need to see a Doctor first.

You are **four times** more likely to quit with help from the NHS. If you have tried already to quit but been unsuccessful please try again as help is available.

Visit [http://smokefree.nhs.uk](http://smokefree.nhs.uk)

Help to stop smoking is available from CAMQUIT the Cambridgeshire stop smoking service. For help and advice: Ring 0800 018 4304 or visit [www.camquit.nhs.uk](http://www.camquit.nhs.uk)

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**Dr Stephanie Betts-Masters**

We send belated but heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Betts-Masters and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Florence Margaret, who was born on the 10th December 2017. All are doing well.

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**Staff**

Finance and Facilities Manager Debbie Milner, Practice Nurse Sue Watson, and Clinical Administrator Sharon Godfrey have left us for pastures new. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We would like to welcome Jonathan Pudney, Emergency Care Practitioner, who joined us in January.

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**REGISTRAR**

Dr. Kehinde Adams joined us in December and will be with us for 14 months. We hope she enjoys her time with us.

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**Yaxley Singers**

We meet on Wednesdays in Yaxley Methodist Church, Main Street, Yaxley at 7:30pm and sing a wide variety of music; songs from the shows, Easter music, modern pop 'classics' etc. Sometimes in parts, sometimes in unison. You don't have to read music (but it does help).

We give occasional concerts and the proceeds go to charity; this year to MAGPAS, the local emergency service. If you would like a taster come along one Wednesday. There is a contingent from Stilton, led by Mary Croll who can answer any questions. (241042)

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**Diary Dates**

**MONTHLY CLOSURE**

The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 21st March between 12:30pm and 4pm.  
Emergency Telephone 01733 240478

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

The surgery will be closed on Good Friday, 30th March and Easter Monday 2nd April; open on Saturday morning 31st March.

Please ensure you have sufficient medication for that period. Orders for necessary repeat prescriptions should be made as early as possible in advance.