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The Christmas Spirit

We’ve got rather a packed issue this month, with lots of news items, seasonal activities and our traditional listing of the holiday opening hours of local shops and facilities.

SCAN serves everybody in and around Stilton and Folksworth, and the events publicised here are open to all our readers, so let’s see some good turnouts as we celebrate the season of peace and goodwill.

Our District Councillor Tim Alban recently commented that SCAN reflected the strong community spirit among our villages. With so much focus on serious national issues at present, it’s easy to overlook the value of local people just quietly doing their bit for their local community. In this issue you can read about the Christmas Night Shelter project and how you could help it make a difference. We bet at least one person you know has quietly supported this worthy initiative in previous years and has never mentioned it to you.

Buy Your Calendar!

The 2019 SCAN calendar - to which readers contributed its stunning images - is on sale now. Only £5 each, or £4.50 if you buy more than one. A perfect Christmas present!

Calendars are available around the villages, from the Stilton Cheese, The Talbot, Hi-Lites and at the Christmas Fair. Or call Olive Main, 241206.

Diary of Events

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

DECEMBER

1st Christmas Fair Stilton Pavilion
8th St Mary’s Choir Concert
8-9th St Mary’s Xmas Tree Festival
14th Carols in the Courtyard
16th Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
22nd Folksworth Santa Night
23rd St Helen’s Carol Service
26th Folksworth Burns Night Quiz
27th SUFC Games Night

JANUARY

20th Folksworth 15 road race

FEBRUARY

2nd Twinning Wine Tasting
3rd Stilton in Tune concert

MARCH

3rd Stilton in Tune concert
9th Twinning Race Night

January SCAN

Due to the inevitable holiday period disruption to our schedule, our January issue will appear a little later than usual. If you have any material for January, please get it to us as soon as possible so that we can minimise the delay.

Thank you for your patience!
Greetings for Christmas
AND BEST WISHES FOR 2019 FROM OLIVE MAIN

I send my good wishes to all friends and neighbours in Stilton and the surrounding area. I will not be sending so many cards this year; instead I am twinning my three toilets with a latrine in Africa as part of the campaign to 'flush away poverty'; see: www.toilettwinning.org

2018 has not been a good year healthwise and I want to thank all those many people who have helped sustain me in so many different ways over the past ten months. I am joined in this by Airlie and Isla, who fully appreciate my great good fortune in living in such a caring community.

On what must have been the coldest and wettest day in August four intrepid souls - namely Adam and Phil Shailer, Chris Soulby and Xavier Benoit - braved the weather and had their hair removed to raise money for MAGPAS Air Ambulance. A HUGE thank you to the brave people who turned up on the day and to all those who donated online. An amazing £1,258.95p was raised.

Thanks also go to the Stilton Cheese Inn that hosted the event and donated proceeds from the BBQ they kindly put on; and finally to Darren and his daughter from MAGPAS.

On the 1st December at 18:00hrs the big Christmas light switch on is to take place at 81 North Street Stilton to raise money for MAGPAS Air Ambulance. Tea, coffee, and cakes, along with official merchandise and a raffle for some great prizes, will be available on the evening. Please come out and help support this worthy cause that relies solely on donations to keep operating.

Helping Others
CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME!

GOING FOR BALD

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018

Mobile Library
Route M24 - 4th Wednesday
No service in Dec

Folksworth
10:30 - 10:50am Elm Road

Stilton
09:30-10:15
Outside the school

3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot
The SCAN Christmas Quiz
GIVE THOSE LITTLE GREY CELLS A WORKOUT!

We know few of you can resist a quiz, so here’s something to entertain the family while you’re digesting the turkey and plum pudding. Answers elsewhere in this issue.

1. Which Disney film title character contracts rabies?

2. What links Canada this October with Uruguay in 2013?

3. What links Rio; Bali; Singapore; Utopia; Wigan Pier?

4. ‘We never sleep’ was the motto of which US agency?

5. Which ship sank in 1545 during the Battle of the Solent?

6. Which mythical treasure was kept in Colchis?

7. Castor and Pollux are the brightest stars in which constellation?

8. What links: Dumbo; Dopey; Sooty; Snoopy; Pink Panther; Maggie Simpson?

9. Why did the UK’s biggest wholesaler begin rationing beer, cider and soft drinks this year?

10. What did 176,632 people claim as their religion in the 2011 census?

11. Which earthwork is named after an eighth-century king of Mercia?

12. Which president told off a teenager this year for not addressing him with his correct title?

13. What is known locally as ‘the smoke that thunders’?

14. Which currency has a limit of 21 million units?

15. What were tested at the Rainhill trials?

16. At your Christmas celebrations, where would you find a muselet?

17. Bekonscot in Beaconsfield is the oldest example of what?

18. What invention famously cost a penny at the 1851 Great Exhibition?

19. Which initially-mocked theory was proposed in 1912 by Alfred Wegener?

20. What links: Kerry Hill; Cheviot; Romney; Herdwick; Rough Fell; Swaledale?

Tie-breaker / bonus question:

How did Polish pianist André Tchaikowsky enjoy a posthumous theatrical career?
We’ve brought together the holiday opening hours of a range of essential local services. Please note that these were correct as we went to print in November, but may be subject to late changes. We recommend you check before setting out; contact details are provided wherever possible.

THE LAST POST

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www.postoffice.co.uk/christmas/last-posting-dates

NHS SERVICES

GP surgeries will mostly be closed from 22nd - 27th December. If you need GP services during that period, ring 111. The NHS 111 team will assess your condition over the phone and will refer you as necessary. Of course, in a genuine emergency you can ring 999 at any time.

Peterborough Minor Illness and Injury Unit is open as usual on Christmas Day, 8am-8pm; Peterborough City Care Centre, Thorpe Road, PE3 6DB.

Mental Health Crisis - ring 111 and select Option 2 for this service, which is open 24/7 every day of the year.

GETTING ABOUT

Petrol

BP, London Rd Yaxley, is open 24 hours every day. Tel: 244233

Rail Services

The holiday period (22nd Dec - 2nd Jan) is usually a busy time for engineering works and there are usually timetable changes too. So be sure to check before you set out. The best site is National Rail Enquiries (www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Generally, the network starts to wind down late on the afternoon of Dec 24th, with no service on Dec 25th & 26th; Saturday services from 27th-31st Dec and a Sunday service on 1st January.

Travel Assistance. If you are disabled or need help, you can organise assistance in
advance free of charge; Peterborough Station has always given the Editor good service. Call freephone 0800 022 3720. You can also book assistance if you buy your ticket online. The Disabled Person’s Railcard website is also useful: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk/

Bus Services

Stagecoach Services:

From 24th Dec - 2nd Jan (school holidays) there may be amended timetables. Also, buses will probably finish early (around 8pm) on Xmas Eve and New Years Eve.

No buses on Xmas Day or New Year’s Day. Saturday services on Dec 27th - 30th.

National Express Coaches:

More coaches than in previous years will be operating over the Bank Holidays into London, where airport services will be available.

Xmas Eve services will cease in the afternoon; no coaches on Xmas Day; full service on Boxing Day.

Sources: www.booknationalexpress.com 0871 781 8181 - open 10:00-18:00 every day

Serpentine Green will close at 4pm on Xmas Eve and re-open at 9am on Boxing Day. Individual stores may have different hours. Boots: 01733 893528 for enquiries Tesco: Open from 6am on Dec 20th to 7pm on Xmas eve Asda: Open 6am-midnight, Mon-Thur and 6am-7pm on Xmas Eve. Sainsburys: Similar to Asda, but close at 6pm on Xmas Eve.

PHARMACIES

Pharmacies sited in supermarkets will generally be open when the store is open, but it’s wise to check late hours.

Halls the Chemist
Tel: 229090
Xmas Day CLOSED
Boxing Day CLOSED
New Year’s Day CLOSED
Normal hours: 9am - 1-pm; 2pm - 6pm

Millfield Pharmacy
387 Lincoln Rd; PE1 2PF Tel: 312933
Xmas Day 10:00 - 18:00
Boxing Day 15:00 - 20:00
New Year’s Day 15:00 - 21:00

PUBS

The Talbot

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The Stilton Cheese

See advert in this issue.
One of the lost treasures of Huntingdonshire is being brought back to life in a new book by local author Paul Middleton.

Inspired by his love of the Fens, doctor of archaeology Paul has delved into the story of Whittlesea Mere, once the largest lake in lowland England.

The draining of the Mere in the 1850s, which bordered the edge of the Fens, ended a long, rich history of fishing, reed-cutting and boating, which excited the interest of kings and was fought over by medieval abbots and monks; by 17th century drainers, and by local communities and rival landowners.

Once drained, the Mere continued to influence farming practice, hindered the smooth running of the railway line and bequeathed to the nation what have now become two important nature reserves at Holme Fen and Woodwalton Fen.

Today, recognition of the area's unique ecological and educational value has seen the creation of a major environmental restoration project, the Great Fen Project.

An earlier study of this rich landscape, published in 1987, has been out of print for many years and much new research has been carried out since. Paul, a former lecturer at Peterborough Regional College, decided that the story was important enough to re-tell for a generation which can now experience one of the most significant re-wilding undertakings - the Great Fen Project.

Paul explained: ‘During my research for the new book, I was privileged to have access to documents, maps, archives and stories passed down by many generations of people who have called the Fens their home.

‘I hope this publication will bring much pleasure both to local residents, justifiably proud of their heritage, and to visitors to the area wanting to know more about its history.’

Priced at £8.50, the book will be available through local outlets and on the Amazon and Waterstone websites.
The SCAN Calendar

ON SALE NOW

The Visual Treasure of Stilton and Folksworth

A pictorial calendar of the changing seasons by village photographers

2019

Discover the unexpected visual treasures of Stilton and Folksworth

The ideal Christmas gift

£5 each

Includes full year planner

13 stunning images

Buy two or more for only £4.50 each!

Proceeds to Stilton Community Association
The magnificent wooden lectern in St Mary Magdalene church commemorates Lt John William Butts Archer, son of the then Rector Rev. George Archer and his wife Beatrice. John Archer served in the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) and died of wounds in February 1915. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Chris Walford is to be thanked for his loving and skilful renovation of the lectern in time for the centenary commemoration of the Armistice last month. It is a truly magnificent piece of woodcarving and repays close examination next time you visit St Mary’s.

It is a sad coincidence that only 27 years later another son of a Stilton Rector, Pilot Officer John Michael Fisher, also died in war. He was killed in January 1942 and is buried in Stilton Cemetery.

**Stilton Church**

**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday Dec 15th**

**10:30am - noon**

Everybody is welcome!
On Sunday 11th November, writes Chris Walford, Stilton paid fitting tribute to all who made the ultimate sacrifice in both world wars: 32 in WW1 and 9 in WW2. The 28 who gave their lives in St Christol were also remembered.

The commemorations began in the cemetery where poppy posies were placed at the Commonwealth War Graves for:

**WW1**

Private David Cullip, Northants Regiment.

Private Cecil Walker, Huntingdon Cyclists Battalion (unmarked grave).

**WW2**

Pilot Officer John Fisher, Royal Volunteer Reserve (122 Squadron).

Able Seaman Leonard Inks, HMS Pembroke.

The poppies were place by Charlotte, Alice and Harry Bennett, and Hope Tadman. Each poppy bearer was accompanied to the graves by a member of the armed services present at the ceremony. Prayers and readings were led by Stuart Reed and Sq. Leader John Hyde (RAF). About 40 people attended.

The Royal British Legion (Tom Cochrane) and Stilton Brownies presented colours, both at the cemetery commemoration and in the service in Stilton Church led by Revd Richard Gibbs. Wreaths were placed by Stilton Parish Council, Stilton Twinning Association and Stilton Brownies.

At 19:00 hours a huge beacon was lit at Moonshine Gap (the highest point above Stilton). A real beacon of light and hope. Thanks for the support of Tim and Phil Hart, Jo Porteus and Tony Darke. The Last Post was sounded, followed at 19:05 by the church bells (Stuart Reed).

Those present said that Stilton’s commemorations were most fitting and moving. Thank you to everyone who made this happen.
Stilton & District Twinning Association

Fun Events 2019

Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February
19:00 in Stilton Church
Wine Tasting

Saturday 9\textsuperscript{th} March
19:30 at Stilton Pavilion
Race Night

June or September
Weekend in France/Belgium
Maybe Ypres area
More details later
Hope to see you!

Contact:  Ian & Hazel Parmenter    243056
Chris Walford          241376
Paul & Audrey Springford 241739
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Remembrance was the theme in Collective Worship at the beginning of this half term, writes Helen Smallman. We remembered all the fallen soldiers and are reminded of their great sacrifice as we look at all the beautiful poppies our children have created and that have been displayed in our entrance hall.

In classes, EYFS (Reception Class) have been learning about different celebrations and Year One have had fun being Big Cat experts as they explore how predators sneak up on their prey. 'Fire!' is the topic in Year Two, where they are learning all about the Fire of London. Year Three have been 'Urban Pioneers' and Year four are expecting a visit from a Roman Soldier! Descending into the depths of Britain's coal mines is allowing Year Five to find out how coal miners brought up to the surface precious coal that was needed to power industry. And in Year Six, they have found what it would have been like to be at school in the Victorian times.

We have chosen our first Learning Detectives (children who have shown exemplary learning behaviours) and our first teams of children will be leading Collective Worship next week.

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the most generous personal tribute in the November SCAN.

It has been a huge privilege to have helped make Stilton a better place for everyone to live in. I have been fortunate to be a part of a group of people who all had the interests of the village at heart. To have achieved the village’s ambition of 20 years ago to provide a village hall fit for purpose was a considerable accomplishment. I will always appreciate the ‘daring’ of the Parish Council, led by Olive Main, for taking on the challenge and to the Steering Group who worked over six years to achieve a building for the benefit of all future Stiltonians.

The village’s twinning with St Christol will, I am sure, continue from strength to strength. The next generation are already committed to ensure this and that the promises enshrined the Twinning Charter are fulfilled.

There are few better places in which to live than Stilton! Thank you.

With best wishes, Chris Walford.
Christmas Fair at Stilton

1st December 2018
Stilton Pavilion
10am - 4pm

• Craft Stalls & Games
• Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
• Letters to Santa
• Raffle Draw
• Gifts & More

Raising funds for a new children’s play area at the Pavilion

Support Your Village

For more details or to book a stall contact Dee Darnell on 07806 833555
de.darnell.stiltonpc@gmail.com

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Parish Council News
PLANNING, FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish Council has had another busy month and continues to work for the good of the village.

PLANNING ISSUES

We have submitted our response to the District Council regarding the North Street development planning application, which is available for residents to see on our website (see below). We shall be submitting our response regarding the High Street development application shortly too; this will also be available on our website once we have submitted it to HDC.

There was a good turnout for our public forum this month where the Parish Council listened to residents concerns on the High Street development and there was the opportunity to put questions to Andrew Campbell, who is working on behalf of the landowner. Based on the questions, both from residents and council members, we have asked Mr Campbell to supply us with further details on the application. Once we have received these, we will hold another residents’ forum session where the application can be discussed further.

BUDGET PRECEPT

November is the time when the Parish Council set their budget for the forthcoming year, and the Parish Council have set their Council Tax precept raise at 5%. This equates to approximately 30p per household per month, or £3.60 per year. The Governance which Parish Councils must follow has changed enormously over the past year or two, which adds greatly to the workload of Parish Council staff.

In addition, cuts in County Council budgets means they are simply unable to carry out some of the village maintenance work they used to. To ensure our village is well maintained, the Parish Council is acting to perform these tasks from within its own budget, such as trimming the Walnut Way hedges as one example.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

To improve communications, we have just launched a new website, which we will be developing over the coming months. More details will be published in the next issue of SCAN, but feel free to have a look at www.stiltonparishcouncil.org. The site will be used to keep residents informed of council news, such as meeting agendas and minutes, as well as being able to notify the council of any maintenance issues from around the village.

Finally, Stilton Parish Council wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Xmas!

The SCAN production and distribution team wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.
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Worship in December

Sun 2\textsuperscript{nd} 11:15am Holy Communion

Wed 5\textsuperscript{th} 12:30pm Holy Communion
followed by Soup Lunch

Sun 9\textsuperscript{th} 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
11:15am Morning Praise

Fri 14\textsuperscript{th} 7:00pm 'Carols in the Courtyard' at The Bell Inn

Sun 16\textsuperscript{th} 4:00pm Carol Service

Wed 19\textsuperscript{th} 7:30pm Ladies’ Holy Communion

Sat 22\textsuperscript{nd} 4:00pm Carols by Candlelight in Denton

Sun 23\textsuperscript{rd} 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Mon 24\textsuperscript{th} 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Sun 30\textsuperscript{th} 11:00am Group Service at Haddon

The Foodbank at Christmas

Thank you for your support throughout 2018.

It's that time of year when we are looking ahead to Christmas and preparing Christmas parcels for families in need. Please can you consider if you are able to donate small Christmas items for the parcels? The following would be greatly appreciated:

- Pieces of Christmas Cake
- Chocolates and Christmas Biscuits
- Christmas Puddings
- Mince Pies (ensure that the ‘use by’ date is not before Christmas!)
- Gravy Mix Powders
- Cranberry Sauce
- Packets of Stuffing Mix
- Christmas-style Personal Hygiene Products

You will help to make Christmas happy for local families in crisis.

All donations can be left in Stilton Church porch, or contact Pearl (241114).

Happy Christmas!
The Winter Night Shelter

The venue for the Night Shelter rotates between seven different Churches in the Peterborough area, each offering accommodation for one night per week to those who are street homeless.

St Mary Madgalene Church, Stilton is again hosting the Winter Night Shelter on Sunday nights and Monday mornings from

**16th December 2018 - 11th March 2019.**

**Could YOU help?**

We still require volunteers to prepare a meal or dessert in their own homes for eight people (volunteers and guests).

The meal is then delivered to the Church Meeting Room for 6:45pm for the shift volunteers to serve to the guests.

This date will be arranged in advance.

Another way in which you could help would be by donating produce or funds for meals

To find out more information about the project or providing a meal please contact Claudette via e-mail: claudedriscoll10@gmail.com or on 07 545 033 215

For more information on the WNS please refer to their website www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk.

**Together, we really can make a difference.......**
Now in its 30th year, Yaxley Runners’ annual event is a hugely popular fixture in the local road running calendar. The race will start at 11am on Morborne Road and a partial road closure will be instigated at the top (South East) end of Elm Road, from the junction with Washingley Road to the corner of Aprreece Road. With agreement from the Parish Council the road will be closed to traffic from 9am - 2pm. Parking will be at the end of Townend Way.

Yaxley Runners really appreciate the support that Folksworth provides to the race. Not only do they take pains to minimise disruption to the village, they also raise money to support the village hall which has always provided an excellent Race HQ for this annual event.

Club Chairman, Gary Thurgood, recently presented Joy Blythe with a cheque for £250 for Folksworth Village Hall.

If you enjoy running, Yaxley Runners always make new members very welcome. They meet weekly in Hampton; for details visit www.yaxleyrunners.org.uk.

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**BINGO WITH A BAR**

@ FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 1st December

Eyes Down for Bingo from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

£6.50 for one set of books; families may share. Raffle tickets are included in the price.

Bar available from 7pm

ALL PROFIT WILL GO TOWARDS FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL
WHEN | WHAT | WHO
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1st December | Bingo & Bar | Village Hall Committee
22nd December | Father Christmas comes to Folksworth | Pre-school
23rd December | Village Carol Service | St Helen's Church
20th January | Folksworth 15 Race | Yaxley Runners
26th January | Burns Night Quiz and Supper | Village Hall Committee
12th February | Community Event: Keeping You Safe | Village Hall Committee

**Folksworth School**

Remember, remember, the month of November for although it has come to a close the children at Folksworth have been busy as ever as the rest of this poem will show. They learnt of Diwali, the festival of light and made celebration lamps to take home. They then took part in a WW1 Commemorative exhibition by contributing Remembrance stones. Next they all learned to 'Speak Up and Speak Out' as the NSPCC came in for the day so our anti-bullying week got off to a loud start and it finished much the same way!

Then two of our classes went to Peterborough Museum for workshops on dinosaurs and toys. They worked very hard. They made us all proud. They learned and they certainly enjoyed! Now December is here, the work does not stop with Hanukkah and Christmas ahead. Celebrations, festivities - all rich learning ground. So much to be learned, sung and said. With all this to do, we need an extra hand - or two - if you'd like to help us, or think that you might? Could you be our midday supervisor or a play worker? For all the details please visit our website. As winter arrives, and the dark evenings draw in our children have achieved such a lot. We hope there is no reason, why this autumn season could ever be forgot.

**Folksworth Preschool**

On Saturday the 22nd December the one and only Father Christmas and his Elves will be visiting every street in Folksworth to wave hello to all the good boys and girls! Please see our advert.

**Rainbows**

At the end of the Summer Term we said a sad farewell to three Rainbows, but were delighted to enrol our newest recruit and welcomed her and her family, who came to watch the ceremony.

The Rainbows have been busy during the first half of the Autumn Term. We played memory games, including Kim's Game and Pairs. One of the highlights of the term was our visit to Pets at Home where we were very well looked after. We were introduced to tiny mice and allowed to gently handle them. The next animal was a larger version of the mice - a rat! He turned out to be very cute and well behaved. We were then introduced to a lovely fluffy rabbit. The Rainbows were all given a goody bag to go home with - after they had washed their hands, of course!

When we returned after half term it was the day before Halloween. We made ghosts and bats by drawing round our hands. You'd
be surprised what we conjured up by just doing that! We also wore glow in the dark bracelets and had ghostly chocolate treats! The week after our spooky evening we held a Christmas card and gift sale to raise funds for our Rainbows.

We are now looking forward to a visit from our 'Mad Scientist' and visiting Yaxley Library. We will then be turning our minds to Christmas crafts and a Christmas party!

Folksworth, Washingley and Morborne Village Hall

COMMENORATION WEEKEND

The village hall hosted an extremely well attended WW1 exhibition over the commemoration weekend. Hundreds of people visited the hall to learn about the young men from Folksworth and the surrounding villages who sacrificed their lives. Alison Brown and Yasmin Rodgers collated historical information and investigated the lives of those who fell and whose names are displayed in St Helen's Church in Folksworth. The storyboards and case studies told us the individual journey the young men made and explained their last resting place. Alongside the social history, other community members set up stands displaying uniforms, helmets, guns, flags, medals, coinage, armoury, posters, art and collectibles. We even had a genuine WW1 dispatch rider's motorbike on display. Those exhibiting were very informative and generous with their time. Refreshments were available, in addition to 'Trench Cake'!

Children of Folksworth Primary School had hand painted stones with artwork and poppies and these were on display, with the names of one of the five fallen men on the back of each stone. Folksworth Preschool contributed with a lovely paper poppy board display. Earlier in the week the Brownies had made special poppies that were set around the village in a historical local 'Poppy Trail' for people to follow on a map.

On Sunday evening the Beacon behind The Fox was lit. A large crowd gathered to hear the names of the fallen and the 'Last Post' in recognition of the 100-year centenary of the Armistice.

FUTURE EVENTS

Back by popular demand is our Burns Night Quiz with Haggis Meal on Saturday 26th January. See our advertisement. On the 12th February we will also be holding a Community Evening. This will feature speakers and information from Rural Crime Information and NatWest and help keep us safe and avoid fraud and scams. More details to follow next month.

Folksworth Ladies Circle

In October we watched a fascinating demonstration on ‘How to put a ship in a bottle’. Robert Arrowsmith brought along several items, including a scene of a coalmine and a lighthouse which lit up, all of which took several months to complete. In November, we had a demonstration of cupcakes with a Christmas theme. December sees us at Glatton for a Christmas meal. We look forward to seeing new faces in 2019. We meet at 7:30pm in the village hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
News From
St Helen’s
OUR DECEMBER SERVICES

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A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in our Harvest Supper. Sara and Hege did a fabulous job organising, along with Isabel Gibbs cooking soup and lasagne for around 90 people, Belinda organising the dessert table, and everyone who baked. We are very grateful to the children who helped set up and all the young servers who did such a fantastic job and donated their tips of £45.55 to Marie Curie. Thank you to Folksworth School for donating the school hall and Stilton Church for lending us crockery. Final numbers on how much was raised to be announced soon. All profits go to worthy causes, some of which are chosen by the children of Folksworth.

December 23rd is the Village Carol Service at 3pm in our church. Groups that make our Folksworth community will be taking part. Do put this in your diary and come to enjoy carols and readings to celebrate this special Christian time together.

FOLKSWORTH, WASHINGLEY
AND MORBORNE VILLAGE HALL
BURNS NIGHT QUIZ AND SUPPER
SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY
7:00 FOR 7:30PM (PROMPT) START

Join us for a quiz and
Haggis (*) & Neaps Supper
Fully licensed bar
Tickets £8.50 per person. Teams of up to 6

To book a table contact Annie Blair on 01733 243463 or email annie.blair1@btopenworld.com

All profits will go towards further improvements to the Village Hall
(*) Vegetarian option available

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NEW COUNCILLORS

We welcome two new councillors. Andy Goodfellow and Yasmin Rogers have been co-opted as Councillors for the remainder of the current term.

WEIGHT RESTRICTION

Unfortunately, Council has been informed that its bid to have a weight restriction imposed on the village is not feasible for many reasons. A reduced bid of putting advisory signs ‘Not suitable for HGVs’ has been suggested and will be discussed. As the name indicates this signage is advisory only and not enforceable. Council continues to look for ways to deal with this issue.

POCKET PARK DEVELOPMENT

This project still needs volunteers to help with the clearing of nettles/brambles/ivy etc. If you could spare some time to help, please contact either Cllrs Brown, Clarke or Goodfellow, or the Clerk.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH INTERPRETATION BOARDS

There has been confusion as to where the footpaths across farming land start and finish. Public footpaths are the responsibility of the County Council but it seems their input into maintenance is at best minimal and at worst non-existent. It falls to the Parish Council to try to ensure they are clearly marked and safe to use. We are looking at providing interpretation boards to publicise the paths.

POTHOLES AND STREET LIGHTS

I am happy to report any problems, but it is also quick and easy to report them directly to Cambs County Council via their website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and then 'Report a Fault'. The more reports there are the more likely we are to get the repairs done quickly.

2019 TOUR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The route of the 2019 event will follow the same lines as previous years and Folksworth roads will only be closed on the Saturday.

2019-20 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Council has been working on its budget for the next financial year and has decided that its Precept will remain unchanged.

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month, except August, at 7:20 in the Village Hall. Agendas and Minutes can be found on the noticeboards and on Council's website. All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at the start of each meeting for members of the public to speak.

Everyone at the Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2019.

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO
# Movers & Shakers

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**Stilton Stumblers**

**Autumn/Winter 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!

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Folksworth Santa Night

Saturday 22nd December
6.00pm

Santa starts his tour of the village at 3.30pm from the Church ending at the Village Hall just in time to enjoy the evening festivities.

Candy Floss  German Sausages  Mulled Wine

Jacket Potatoes  Mince Pies  Hot Chocolate

Licensed Bar

Lots of crafts and games to keep the kids busy whilst you enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours to really kick off Christmas.

In aid of Folksworth Preschool Charity no. 1013835
Peterborough ‘Take Note’ Community Choir

Presents

Fabulous Favourites from the Attic

St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton
Saturday 8th December, 7:00 pm

A group from this very professional choir will be singing some songs from their October concert, including some traditional Norfolk folk songs, Ar Hyd y Nos (All through the Night), the Sound of Silence, It Don't Mean a Thing, Vicar of Dibley, and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves.

They have also promised some songs for the audience to join in.

Light refreshments are included in the interval.

Tickets £8.00

from Linda Mitchell on (01733) 244666 or Pat on (01733) 242229
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#### YOUNGSTERS
- **Outside The Talbot**
  - 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm
- **Phyllis Hope**
  - 9 - 11:45am & 1 - 3pm
- **Mums & Toddlers (Folksworth)**
  - 10:00-11:30 term time
- **Pre-School (Folksworth)**
  - 9:00am - 3:00pm

- **To join Stilton or Folksworth Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, please visit:**
  - www.girlguiding.org

- **Stilton United Colts**
  - KO 10am

#### ADULTS
- **Parish Council (Stilton)**
  - 7:30 - 9:30pm 3rd Tuesday in month
- **Parish Council (Folksworth)**
  - 2:30 - 5pm
- **Sewing Group**
  - Over 60's Club

- **Holy Communion**
  - 1st & 3rd Sun 11:15am
- **Holy Communion (BCP)**
  - 2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am
- **LinCup (Café style worship)**
  - 2nd & 4th Sun 11:15am
- **Stilton Group Service**
  - 5th Sunday in month
- **Linking Hands (mums)**
  - 9am
- **Crossover (Y6)**
  - 6 - 7pm in term time
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
  - 8am 2nd Saturday in month
- **Holy Communion (soup lunch)**
  - 1st Wednesday 12:30-1:30
- **Church Choir**
  - 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30pm
- **Prayer Focus**
  - 8am
- **Christian Congregation in UK**
  - 5 - 11pm, 1st & 3rd Sun in month

#### CHURCH
- **Stilton Gardening Club**
  - 3rd Tues 7:30pm
- **Pilates (Stilton)**
  - 9:30-10:30; 10:30-11:30am
  - 10.00 - 11.00am & 10.30 - 11.30am
- **Pilates (Folksworth)**
  - 7 - 8pm; 8 - 9pm
- **Clubbercise**
  - 7,15 - 8,15pm
- **Stilton Table Tennis Club**
  - Mon (adults) 2-4pm; Tue 7:00-9:30pm
  - 2pm Mon, 7.30pm Thu
- **Stilton Carpet Bowls Club**
  - 7 - 9pm weekly. May-Aug fortnightly
- **Folksworth Indoor Bowls**
  - 7:30 - 9:30pm
- **Peterborough Opera Group**
  - 8 - 9:35pm
- **Band**
  - Yoga
  - 5.30 - 7pm
- **Mats Pilates**
  - Mat Pilates
  - Mon 8-9pm; Tue 6-7pm; Wed 9-10:30
  - 11am-12:30pm
  - 3:00pm kick-off
  - 7:30pm
- **Taoist Tai Chi**
  - 12:30-4:30pm
- **Folksworth Art Club**
  - 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm
  - Alternate Sundays 10:00am
  - 10am-noon, 2nd Monday in month
- **Yaxley Flower Club**
  - 5:30 - 6:30pm
  - Dance lessons
  - 3:00 - 6:00pm

#### SPORT & LEISURE
- **Mobile Library (Stilton)**
  - 3:10 - 4pm (4th Wed in month)
- **Mobile Library (Folksworth)**
  - 10:45 - 11am (4th Wed in month)
- **Age Well Club**
  - 10 - 11:45am
- **Carers' Group**
  - 1st Weds, 2 - 4 pm
- **'Chatterbox' Carers' Support Group**
  - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2-4pm
- **Music & Spoken Word Social Group**
  - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:30-3pm
- **Sawtry Vintage Club**
  - 10am - 2:30pm
- **Sawtry Friendship Club**
  - 10:30am - 1:30pm

### Are we up to date?

To book: Stilton Pavilion - 07 484 746894 | Folksworth Village Hall - (01733) 241938 | Stilton Church

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Are we up to date? Tell SCAN about your activities!

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Thursday

27th December 2018
Talbot Inn, Stilton

GAMES START AT 19:30

PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT!

GAMES NIGHT

...AND A QUIZ!

In aid of Stilton United Football Club
Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th December

Saturday 10.00 to 5.00. Sunday. 12.30 to 5.00

What’s on? (Entry Free)

- Christmas Trees, many and variable, mostly lit up
- A programme of words and music
- Activities to suit all ages
- Children’s Church Trail
- Children’s book stall
- Craft items for sale
- Local produce stall
- Special items from the Sewing Club.
- Café Royale, Cakes, Scones Tea & Coffee,

For more details on any of the events listed above please call
Linda or Peter Mitchell on 244666, or Pat Maltman on 242229

Proceeds towards Stilton Church

Saturday 7.00 pm Concert,
Fabulous Favourites from the Attic
Sunday 11.15 to 12.30.
Morning Praise, all welcome
Library News

Get Packing!
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACKS FOR CHILDREN

Christmas Activity Packs are available for children, jam-packed with Christmas crafts, goodies, and the chance to receive a letter from Father Christmas himself! These are only £1.50 per pack, available at the counter.

FALLING IN LOVE WITH READING

Parents and carers with children aged 3 - 7 years are invited to sign up for this free, friendly and exciting course at Yaxley Library. Discover the joy of telling stories, interacting with your child, bringing words and pictures to life. This course is designed to run over three weeks, one hour per session and a start date will be confirmed. For more information please speak to a member of staff or phone 0345 045 5225.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We'd like to say a very big thank you to Christine Crosbie and Pat Coombs, who have worked hard to run our monthly EngAge sessions for several years; we couldn't have done it without you ladies! They will be volunteering at their final EngAge session with us in December. We would also like to welcome Dawn, our new EngAge volunteer, who will be facilitating sessions from January.

Regular Activities
FOR CHILDREN DURING TERM TIME

All events, apart from Lego Club, are free of charge but donations are always appreciated. Parents / carers are required to stay with their children at all times, please.

STORYTIME

This continues as a weekly session, every Tuesday 10:30 - 11:00am with the last one before Christmas on Tuesday 18th December (aimed at children 18 months - 4 years old).

AFTER-SCHOOL FUN

On the second Thursday of every month, 3:30 - 4pm; on 13th December. Stories, poems, songs and games! (Aimed at children aged 4 - 8 years old.)

RHYMETIME

Every Friday 10:30 - 11:00am, with the last session before Christmas on Friday 14th December. (Aimed at babies and toddlers up to 18 months old.)

Please note: Storytime, Rhymetime and After-school Fun are TERM-TIME ONLY.

LEGO CLUB

Every Saturday 10 - 11:30am; 50p per child. The last session before Christmas will be on Saturday 22nd December.
FOR ADULTS

These are also all free of charge, although donations for refreshments are always appreciated.

EngAge in the Afternoon

Will be on Wednesday 12th December, 2 - 3:30pm, when you are invited to join us for our Christmas get-together. Please collect a free ticket from the Library.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Every Monday from 3pm. Last session before Christmas: Monday 17th December.

GAMES CLUB

Every Tuesday from 2pm, with Rummikub and Mahjong on alternate weeks. Dates for Rummikub - 4th and 18th December; Mahjong - 11th December only.

KNIT AND NATTER

Every Thursday from 2pm.

CAFÉ CLUB

Meets at the library every Friday 9:30am - 12 noon for coffee, cake and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL DROP-IN

Sessions take place on the first Tuesday of every month, 9:30am - 12 noon. Your local parish councillor, June Willis, is available to assist with any parish enquiries or concerns you may have.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

An advisor from the council will continue to be on hand every Tuesday at the Library from 9:30am - 12:30pm and 1 - 5pm, during normal opening hours at the Library.

BLUE BADGE AND BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

If you need help with applying for or renewing one of these, we have weekly appointment slots available to assist you with this. Please come in and ask for further details, or call 0345 045 5225.

COME AND JOIN US!

We always welcome new library members and it's free to join - just bring ID with your name and address. It only takes a few minutes to get your new library card.

Please do come and talk to us if you have any ideas or suggestions for your library.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

We would like to wish all our customers, visitors and volunteers a very happy Christmas. The Library will close on Saturday 22nd December at 1:30pm and re-open after the Christmas break on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 9:30am.

Yaxley Library

OPENING TIMES

Mon 3:00 - 7:00
Tue 9:30 - 5:00
Wed CLOSED
Thu 9:30 - 5:00
Fri 9:30 - 1:30
Sat 9:30 - 1:30

Renewals & enquiries: (0345) 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
Even grown-ups enjoy a bit of creative doodling. You can find loads more colouring pictures like this for free at the Crayola website: www.crayola.com
Going Dry
THERE ARE LOTS OF ALCOHOL-FREE DRINKS TO ENJOY

My medication precludes alcohol writes Olive Main, so I’ve been investigating alternative tipples. I’m bored with Coke, lemonade, ginger beer and water, but searching online I found an extensive variety of alternatives.

Consumption of non-alcoholic, or low-alcohol, drinks is becoming more popular, so supermarkets now all have separate shelves displaying these products.

But forget the bad reputation that many such drinks have had; most are at least palatable, well-packaged, low-calorie and increasingly fashionable.

Today you can find such imaginative drinks as a Campari-style aperitif (Monte Rosso); a Prosecco substitute (Nosecco) and a green fruit juice (Thomas and Evans) - and even a gin substitute!

Dry January is nearly upon us, so start trying a few teetotal tipples now and get into practice! There are far too many other drinks to list here, so just Google for ‘non-alcoholic wine’ (or beer; whatever) and read the customer reviews.

THE ARTS SOCIETY PETERBOROUGH
Thursday 13th December, 10:45am
The Fleet Community Hall, Old Fletton PE2 8DL
Final lecture of 2018:
Messenger or Missile - Angels with Glad Tidings, Doom, Gloom or Perdition
A talk by international lecturer, broadcaster and author Caroline Holmes, looking at angels in centuries of paintings, engravings, illustrations and sculptures.

Come and sample this lecture for FREE.
Membership (£45) includes nine monthly lectures from Sept-May and many other interesting visits and activities.

For information, visit www.pdfas.co.uk
This time of year, when we’re enjoying a tipple with friends or cooking up festive feasts for the family, it’s all too easy to be distracted when cooking in the kitchen. Half of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking.

So to avoid your festive cheer going up in smoke this Christmas, Cambs Fire & Rescue are sharing their tips for safe cooking over the festive season:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Do not cook when tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy.
- Regularly clean the grill pan and oven; built-up fat can easily catch fire.
- Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house.
- Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob; tea towels, oven gloves - and even laundry baskets - can catch fire.
- Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long.
- Oven chips or temperature-controlled deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking.
- Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers. Never leave them on if you go out or go to bed and register your appliances online to ensure you are made aware of any faults or recalls.
- Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm.
- Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.
- If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.

For more information or to get in touch contact CFRS at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or on 0800 917 9994. For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow them on social media, or call 01480 444500.

Don’t Burn the House Down!
ONLY THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE ON FIRE...
The Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club initiated and continues to sponsor the Crocus Cafe, which caters for persons with dementia and their carers. The Rotary Club also have a close working relationship with Nene Park Academy, who on Halloween treated members of the Cafe to a splendid afternoon tea. Students chatted to them as they served the tea, creating a great inter-generational reaction. The Year 7 choir entertained with songs whilst health and beauty students gave hand massages.

At the next meeting the choir from Fulbridge Primary Academy will be singing Christmas songs and carols, while later in the month The Salvation Army will be cooking a Christmas lunch for Crocus Club members. Orton Rotary Ladies also provide cakes each month.

As part of a Shakespeare Festival, the Rotary Club also sponsored Nene Park Academy students in a performance based on The Tempest at the Key Theatre.

Rotary is a volunteer organisation where members use their skills and time to improve lives of others locally and globally, whilst building friendships and having fun in the process. Why not consider joining us?

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**Stilton Parish Meeting Room**

**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; telephone (01733) 229130.

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

A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
Keeping Houseplants Happy
TREAT THEM LIKE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY!

Many of us will receive (or buy for ourselves) a seasonal houseplant such as a poinsettia, Christmas Cactus etc. If you’re not sure what you’ve got, look at the label so you can give it proper care and a chance to thrive. (Labels often don’t tell the whole story though, so a useful resource is the RHS website: www.rhs.org.uk.)

Many such plants are tropical and cannot stand even slight exposure to cold, so wrap it up before leaving the shop and hurry it into the warm when you get it home. If it has been standing in a draughty spot in the shop it may already be damaged; buy somewhere else.

At home, plants like a consistent temperature, so don’t put them on a windowsill where they will be covered by the curtains at night; nor on a warm shelf above a radiator, where they may dry out.

Don’t over-water; wait until the soil is dry to the touch. Poinsettias like sun, as does the Christmas berry. Azaleas prefer partial shade and cool conditions (below 68°F, 20°C). The Christmas Cactus originates in the rain forests of Brazil and needs a temperature over 68°F, plenty of light and well-draining soil. Misting the leaves emulates the humidity of their native environment.

COME AND ADMIRE THE SNOWDROPS

Instead of an indoor meeting in February, the Gardening Club will enjoy a visit to the winter garden at Anglesey Abbey to see the world-famous display of snowdrops. Non-members will be welcome to come.

The probable date will be Tuesday 19th February, leaving Stilton about 10am. If you would like to come, please contact Olive Main; telephone 241206 or email to olivekmain@googlemail.com.

Full details will be in January’s SCAN.

Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club
Stilton Church Meeting Room
Tuesday Dec 18th
Christmas Party and Quiz

New and former members welcome
Bring an offering of food or drink
Raffle prizes welcome
£2 entrance
Frogs Need Love Too
THEY’RE JUST UN-KISSED PRINCES!

Garden ponds are valuable habitats for amphibian wildlife, including frogs, toads, newts, dragonflies and beetles. Many of these species have been declining in numbers over recent decades.

Based in Peterborough, UK wildlife charity Froglife is committed to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles. It’s currently carrying out a project to identify ponds in the Peterborough area for conserving amphibians. It has already identified 193 ponds just within Peterborough, but there must be many more in the surrounding area.

So Froglife is asking local residents to tell them about ponds in their local area - either private or public. They would like to know if you have a pond in your garden and, in particular, about any wildlife that it attracts.

If you have a garden pond, please contact Froglife with the following information:

- The size of your pond: small (less than 1 x 1 m), medium, or large (more than 10 x 10 m)
- Have you ever seen frogs, toads or newts in your pond? If so, which species?
- Have you got fish in your pond?
- Do you have a problem with blanket weed or duck weed in your pond?
- Your approximate location (e.g. district) within the Peterborough area.
- Have you ever needed to manage your pond (e.g. to remove excess vegetation or dead leaves)?
- If your pond needs improving.

You can contact Froglife by email to info@froglife.org. For more information about what they do, visit www.froglife.org.

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 abottssarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 247275
Our October Keyboard Concert was well received, writes Tony Oliver, when John Cooper entertained us, along with his father working on our video screen to accompany the music in pictures. John played the Yamaha Stagea with its magnificent orchestral sounds and thrilled our audience with some outstanding and popular music.

Once again, attendance was good despite competing with a weekend keyboard / electronic organ Music Festival at Huntingdon’s Marriott Hotel. By the time you read this, our November concert, featuring Daniel Watt FLCM, will have taken place which I hope many of you will have attended. Don’t forget to give us a try - a warm friendly atmosphere and heart-warming music can be guaranteed. And at just £7.50 for an afternoon’s entertainment (including refreshments) it can’t be bad!

On to December; my goodness how the year has flown! We have another classically trained artiste, Chris Stanbury, whose superb playing will take us through a range of varied music in the two hours he will perform for us. With jazz, big band, popular and a little classical music, his programme will have something for everybody and, no doubt, a little Christmas music will be included! Come and enjoy the entertainment on 16th December; you will be well looked after and should have a fun time. My team and I look forward to greeting you for a great musical experience.

Concerts start at 2:30pm (doors open 2pm) and, with an interval for free refreshments and a raffle, finish around 5pm. Do come and join our music-loving group; you will be welcomed by our friendly team of helpers. Oh, the cost? Just £7.50 per person! We look forward to seeing you at The Pavilion.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to our patrons and everyone.

For further details please contact me, Tony Oliver, in one of the following ways: telephone 01480 474282 or 07918 602600 email tony.oliver5@btinternet.com.

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)
Stilton Parish Council

The Parish Council Office is now open at Stilton Pavilion every Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 12:30 am.

You are welcome to drop in for a chat with either the Clerk or Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) if there is any information you need about our services.

As we also show families round the Pavilion and meet them to discuss bookings, if you have an urgent or important issue you wish to discuss then it is best to make a booking with either:

Mary Croll - Parish Clerk - stiltonpc@yahoo.co.uk (Thursdays)
Kate Waller - RFO - stiltonparishcouncil@gmail.com (Wednesdays)

Residents are invited to attend all Parish Council and Parish Council Committee meetings. Meetings are normally held in the Parish Rooms commencing at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

There is a 15 minute Public Forum at the start of each meeting, so feel free to come along and have your say on local issues.

Agendas and minutes for recent meetings together with the Audit Report for 2018/2019 can be downloaded from the website: www.stiltonparishcouncil.org

Details of any change in time/date or venue for meetings are detailed on the agenda.

Stilton Pavilion

For information on the availability for hire, times of regular classes or rates of hire please contact the Clerk or RFO as above, or visit the Stilton village website at www.stilton.org/facilities/stilton-pavilion

Special rates for Stilton residents!

Proof of address and identity are required for all bookings and a deposit is held until completion of the booking. For details see www.stilton.org/facilities/stilton-pavilion

No smoking is permitted in any part of the building or within 10 metres of the building.
Changes to Phone Line Message and Times

On Wednesday 7th November we introduced some changes to the times the routine appointment line is open at the surgery. The new times will be **from 08:00 to 12:00 and then 13:30 to 17:15. Outside of these times you can still get through if it is an emergency.** Online bookings for telephone call-backs will also be available during these times. There may be a proportion of people that may only be able to receive a call within a specific time frame; as long as it is stipulated at the time of booking, we will try our utmost to achieve this time frame.

These changes will affect neither the number of appointments that we are able to offer nor our opening times. There will also be a dedicated prescription line (option 2) that will be open from 08:00 to deal with your enquires regarding prescriptions as efficiently as possible.

Due to national guidance, telephone requests for medication are no longer accepted. This is to increase patient safety and reduce drug errors. Repeat prescriptions can be requested via the repeat prescription form on the right-hand side of your prescription and handing this into reception. You can also order medication via the SystmOnline via website or smartphone application. You can request more information about this from our reception staff.

This change has been introduced to allow us to continue to give same-day access and maintain a high level of service to our patients. You can still continue to contact the surgery as usual, on 01733 240478, but you will hear a new telephone message with our new options.

We hope that these changes will maintain our excellent access, but will also ensure that we can rise to the challenges faced by many parts of the NHS. Thank you for helping us on this journey.

**Announcement**

The partners of Lakeside Healthcare Group are delighted to announce that Hereward Group Practice in Bourne, South Lincolnshire, is to merge with Lakeside Healthcare.

The 'super-practice' will serve the healthcare needs of more than 165,000 patients across four counties: Northamptonshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

This is very exciting news for all patients and staff as it ensures sustainability and continuity of service provision as well as terrific opportunities for future growth.

We remain deeply committed to providing high quality primary care services for this and future generations in our region.
Staff
We were pleased to welcome the following new staff:
- Claire Adams, Clinical Administrator
- Sarah Milliken, Emergency Care Practitioner
- Nicky Storrs, Research Administrator

We hope they all enjoy working with us.

After five years here at Yaxley, Emergency Care Practitioner Jo Hercules is leaving for pastures new. We would all like to wish her well for the future.

Christmas Closures

We will be closed on:

Tuesday 25th December
Wednesday 26th December
Tuesday 1st January 2019

Please make sure you have sufficient medication to cover the festive period.

The Doctors and Staff wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Festive Season.

Citizens Advice Peterborough (CAP)

We're here to help, whatever the problem!

If you need advice with your Benefits, Debts or Loss of Job, have Housing issues or any other problem, then Citizens Advice Peterborough can offer free, independent, confidential and impartial advice available by appointment only.

Appointments are now available at Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley on Friday afternoons 1:45pm - 4:30pm. Ask at Reception for an appointment in the Citizens Advice Clinic

Stilton Stay & Play

Bring your children - 0-5 yrs - to play and meet new friends

Wednesdays in Stilton Pavilion 9:00 - 10:15am
£1 donation per child

www.facebook.com/stiltonstayandplay
Flu Vaccination

All patients falling within the following at-risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above (including those becoming age 65 by 31.03.19)
- Chronic respiratory disease (such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis)
- Chronic heart disease (such as heart failure)
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease (such as Parkinson’s or motor neurone disease, or learning disability)
- Diabetes
- Splenic dysfunction or asplenia
- Weakened immune system due to disease or treatment. Consideration will also be given to the immunisation of household contacts of these patients.
- Morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 or above)
- All pregnant women (including those who become pregnant during the flu season)
- People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities

- Carers - patients who are in receipt of a carer’s allowance, those who are the main carer for an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill, patients employed as carers in a care home or working in the community.

If you haven't had your vaccination yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Online Appointments

Our reception team have reported a number of instances whereby someone has used their online appointment login to book an appointment for someone other than themselves - eg. a parent using their account to book an appointment, then arriving at the surgery and advising that the appointment is actually for their child. The system is not designed to be used in this way, and doing this causes administrative issues at the point of arrival.

Please can I remind patients that they should only be using their online accounts to book appointments for themselves, not others. If you are making an appointment on behalf of someone else, please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to book.
## Christmas and New Year Opening Times

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During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and **remember to allow two working days for your request to be processed.**

On behalf of us all here at Wellside Surgery, I would like to wish all of our patients, their friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Best Regards,*  
*Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager*
A Mammoth Project!
BIG NEWS FROM THE A14 PROJECT

Just too late for the November SCAN, we learned of the discovery of the remains of a woolly mammoth on the A14 project.

Excavating near Fenstanton, archaeologists and Highways England experts found the partial remains of a woolly mammoth and a woolly rhino, both at least 100,000 years old. These are the latest in a series of important discoveries, including prehistoric henges, Iron Age settlements, Roman pottery kilns, three Anglo-Saxon villages, and a deserted medieval village.

In recent years, it has become increasingly apparent that the Fens contain unexpectedly rich archaeology, with sites like Flag Fen and the stilted encampment at Must Farm.

Kasia Gdaniec, Senior Archaeologist at Cambridgeshire County Council, explained: ‘Quarries, such as the one at Fenstanton, afford unique opportunities to understand deep time periods and how humans and animals adapted to the changing climatic and environmental conditions.’

Both the woolly mammoth and woolly rhino were alive during the last Ice Age, which began about 2.6 million years ago and ended around 9,700 BC. This was a time when the climate oscillated between cold conditions with vast glaciers and warm temperate environments when hippopotamus foraged along the banks of the River Thames.

The woolly mammoth is closely related to today’s Asian elephant, and were roughly the size of modern African elephants, with the larger males weighing up to six tonnes. The last of them lived on in the Arctic until around 1,560 BC – around a thousand years after the Pyramids of Giza were built.

The woolly rhino weighed just under a tonne and had two distinctive horns on its head. They went extinct in Britain around 15,000 years ago, and have no living relatives.

The latest discoveries will now be treated by conservators in London and then studied by Ice Age specialists.
Improving Healthcare

WHAT IS HEALTHWATCH ENGLAND?

Whenever possible, SCAN tries to include health-related information published by Healthwatch Peterborough and Cambridge. This is one of nearly 150 local independent statutory consumer champions for users of health and social care services. Their aim is to work cooperatively with all parts of the health and social care system, challenging where necessary, to bring about improvements for all consumers and communities.

A newsletter is published each month, outlining recent and upcoming activities and raising awareness of current issues. In November’s newsletter there is a report on how a Healthwatch report has resulted in improved information access for disabled people. Peterborough City and Hinchingbrooke hospitals can now provide an emergency online British Sign Language Interpreter for deaf people via a tablet. They have also trained staff so they are aware of problems faced by blind people and those with learning disabilities.

Meetings are held in public; the next is on December 5th, 9:30-12:30, at the Oasis Centre, Wisbech, PE13 3NR.

SCAN subscribes to the Healthwatch e-newsletter but, regrettably, it arrives too late for our press date for many of their upcoming events. So we recommend readers to subscribe directly. You can sign up at: www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/
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