Be On Tree Watch!

HADDON UPDATE
STILL FIGHTING HARD

AMENITIES UPDATE
GOOD PROGRESS! CAN YOU HELP TOO?

TEAM TIME
GET YOUR CHEESE-ROLLING ENTRIES IN

Ash dieback disease could be as serious as Dutch Elm Disease was. Our Gardening Club gives some valuable advice about how to spot it and deal with it.

(Image courtesy www.forestry.gov.uk)
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Norman Cross Action Group

On March 19 Peterborough City Council gave outline planning permission for the plans to develop Great Haddon. This was despite detailed objections, including representatives from the Norman Cross Action Group, (which represents all the parishes in N.W. Huntingdonshire) Stilton and Yaxley Parish Councils, Yaxley Health Centre, Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Councils.

In the next few weeks NXAG will look at all ways to influence the detailed plans for this massive development. Our focus will be

1. Reducing the access onto the Old Great North Road from the residential development.
2. Redesign of the loop road and the central boulevard.
3. A much wider buffer between the development and the village of Yaxley.
4. Defence of current G.P. services.
5. Coherent plans for secondary education across this part of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.
6. Better protection for the scheduled monument, the Napoleonic Prisoner of War Camp.

Earth Day
APRIL 22nd

This is an annual event when events are organised worldwide to increase awareness of environmental issues. The first in 1970 is thought to mark the beginning of the modern environmental movement. The day is designed to raise awareness of the damage we are doing to the earth and what we can do to stop this damage. SCAN suggests the easiest way to make an individual difference is to try to save resources by:

RECYCLING
...by making sure we dispose of everything that can be recycled appropriately.

Household Recycling Centre
Woodwalton Lane
Alconbury
Open seven days a week, all year round.

RE-USING
...bags, wrapping paper, boxes, can often be reused. Donate good quality objects such as clothes, toys, household items to a charity shop, or use of the many charity bags.

SHOPPING WISELY
...do you actually need this item? Is the packaging excessive? Can it be recycled? Only buy food that you know you will eat before it is outdated. Bring your own re-useable bag to the shop.

LOVING FOOD; HATING WASTE

Britain throws away 7.2 million tons of food each year, at a cost for the average family of £680 per year.
The outline planning proposal for the Great Haddon development was approved by Peterborough City Council on 19 March. The development is for 5350 houses, a shopping and community area, four primary schools and a secondary school for 1200 pupils.

The Norman Cross Action Group comprises the Parish Councils of Stilton, Yaxley, Farcet, Folksworth, Haddon and Chesterton together with two County Councillors and a Member of Parliament. It has persistently continued to make the case for major reforms to the original planning proposals. There has been some success, notably:

- The number of access junctions from the Old Great North Road has been reduced to two. This road is designated as a country road and is part of the Peterborough Green Wheel.
- The number of junctions from the A15 has been reduced to three.
- There is a large green wedge between the development and Yaxley, enabling Yaxley to better retain its distinctive identity and not become part of the Peterborough urban sprawl.
- Secondary schooling in the area will be available for Yaxley children.
- The environmental buffer surrounding the Norman Cross Monument site has been extended to 100m.

There are a number of matters that remain of huge concern of the Norman Cross Action Group and will form the basis of further discussions with the developer and Peterborough City Council. These are:

- The nature of the A15 junctions onto the development. There is the risk of serious traffic back-up in peak travel times. The development will attract at least 12,000 vehicles.
- The ‘Yaxley loop’ and the potential traffic congestion from the ‘loop’ into the shopping/community area which has the secondary school and a primary school nearby.
- Proposed traffic calming on the A15.
- The environmental buffer along the A15 should be greater than 35m in order to lessen the urban impact of the development. (Note what Hampton looks like along the A15.)
- The provision of adequate and appropriate medical facilities.
- A scheme to protect the rural and Green Wheel identity of the Old Great North Road and to ensure that traffic restrictions are honoured onto the Peterborough Gateway commercial site A1(M) junction 17.
- Detailed discussions about Secondary Education in the whole area.

Stilton Parish Council has been fully involved on the work of the Norman Cross Action Group and has met with the developers and has made representations to Peterborough City Council at all stages. Our MP Shailesh Vara has been fully involved.

The developer and the City Council have made commitments to better involve local communities in the detailed planning. The developer stated to the Planning Committee that the mistakes made in Hampton ‘would not be repeated.’ Watch this space!
School News

DISCOVERING THE JOY OF BOOKS

We celebrated World Book Day at Stilton Primary by having our own Book Week focusing on traditional fairytales. Throughout the week, the children were encouraged to spend time reading their favourite books.

The teachers blew their whistle at different times of the day, with the children having the opportunity to read for 5-10 minutes. Children in Robin Class had a sponsored reading session, involving them reading as many books as they could in an afternoon. A total of £250 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

MUMS & DADS TOO!

We really enjoyed involving parents in our Book Week. We held open afternoons, where parents could come into school to support their child with their reading. Our parents also had the opportunity to listen to a talk from Marilyn Brocklehurst, a specialist children's librarian, who gave parents ideas and inspiration for reading with their child at home. We also had a 'Bedtime Story' session in school. The children came to school with their parents for an evening wearing their pyjamas to listen to a range of stories read by the teachers.

EXTREME READING

We completed our Book Week with the children coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters, such as Alice in Wonderland, Sherlock Holmes - and even Willy Wonka! We also ran a 'Get Caught Reading' competition where children sent in photos of themselves reading in unusual locations. We received some fantastic photos including reading whilst doing gymnastics, riding a horse, and even climbing a tree! The photos are on display in our entrance hall.

PERFORMANCE ART

The children were treated to a visit from the 'Muzik Makers', with the children using African drumming, dance and singing to tell stories. The Norwich Puppet Theatre also performed for the children, using a variety of different props, music and lighting.
Amenities Project Report
THE BIGGEST PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE IN A GENERATION

WHAT A BOOST!
The project has received a very generous anonymous personal donation of £1500 from a resident of the village. We are all so grateful and it gave the team a huge boost of encouragement.

FUNDING TIMESCALES
SASG are working towards the start of construction in Autumn 2013 and are currently preparing grant applications. The grant organisations have advised that we apply now, particularly because if, for some reason, the grant is not awarded at this stage a second application can be made without affecting the construction timescale. Discussions that Mark Angus and Kevin Whiston had with Sport England were very positive. Kevin is leading a group pulling together grant applications and they are all doing outstanding work on our behalf! Hours of effort!

The application to Sport England was submitted on 17 February and is for the upgrade to the field playing surface. The next application, to The Football Foundation, is huge - £100,000 hopefully - and will be a grant towards the construction of the building.

PLANNING
There was an on site pre-planning meeting between the architects, SASG and HDC on 13 February. The planning application was submitted to HDC on 1 March. No immediate problems have arisen. Planning consent will take eight weeks. The architects, Saunders Boston, are preparing detailed designs.

INSTITUTE OF GROUNDSMANSHPAMSHIP REPORT
The report is about what needs to be done to improve the playing surfaces to the field. It was received on 15 February and provides a bill of costings. The work to be done will be subject to tendering.

PARISH COUNCIL LOAN APPLICATION
Work on this will begin in early March with the intention of submitting the application to the Public Works Loan Board after the 9 April meeting of the Parish Council. No problems are foreseen in securing the loan.

FIELD USE
At the meeting on 21 January between the grant providers and Mark and Kevin, it was confirmed that outside of the time when the field is used by regular uses, through bookings etc, the field is available to other users on a casual basis or for general use by the community. During out of season periods when remedial work is done to the field surface the field will be open to general use (best if light in nature). There may be small areas fenced off where intensive remedial work has to take place.

BUILDING USE
The same scenario will apply to the hall as to the field. This is the case with the current Memorial Hall arrangements.

AGREEMENTS
Once all the funding arrangements are in place agreements for regular and casual users of the facilities will have to be drawn up.
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FORECASTS

General projections have been prepared for the Sport England application. More detailed work is required for the Football Foundation application. SASG propose to tie together a Management and Organisation for the facilities with more detailed revenue projections. The group also proposes a fallback position should income streams fall short of those planned for once the facilities are built. It is essential to ensure that the Parish Council and community are not left exposed to covering shortfalls in income.

FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The SASG will provide a complete breakdown of the recommended other sources for grant. So far these are: Sport England; Football Foundation; QEII; Garfield Weston; Wren; Woodford Waste Management; Inspired Facilities; Big Lottery; HDC & CCC

The grant organisations selected are those which best suit the demographic profile of PE7 and where most boxes are ticked. More detail will follow on the amount of grants to be applied for.

PUBLICITY

A leaflet giving latest details about the project will be posted to every household in the village in mid-April. There will be an exhibition at the Stilton Country Club as soon as the plans are finalised.

VILLAGE GROUP ENGAGEMENT

Representative from village groups are invited to an information event at the Bell on 17 April. Groups will be encouraged to fund-raise and to approach their national organisations for funding support. It is essential that groups are encouraged to be a part of the preparation and planning.

The school has been contacted suggesting their involvement in many ways. There are huge opportunities for young people in a project of this nature. Some will grow up, stay in the village and say to their children ‘we did that!’

LOCAL FUNDRAISING

The ‘buy a brick’ campaign (£5 each) is ongoing. Do make contact (Tel: 244006) if you would like to do this. Plans will be on display at Cheese Rolling and you can ‘buy a brick’ at the Amenities Group stall.

The Amenities Group will hold a fundraising Dinner Dance at the Bell on 5 October.

The Bell will be holding the annual "Dick’s Do" dinner/dance later in the year. All the funds raised will be devoted to the project.

A number of local businesses are also going to support the project. Watch this space!

An Open Letter to Stilton Parish Council

‘May I congratulate your team on the progress they have made in providing the village with long-overdue new amenities. ‘This will be a wonderful opportunity for local builders and craftsmen etc. to show the enormous breadth of skills the village of Stilton has to offer. It will also provide a welcome boost to the village economy. I'm sure there are many businesses that would be proud to be involved and provide help and guidance to the project.

‘May I suggest you publish a list of all the local skills willing to support and be involved in this exciting venture.

‘As far as my hotel is concerned, we will help in any way possible and will continue to provide meeting rooms to assist the project. We will also be organising fund-raising events later in the year.’

Liam McGivern,
Proprietor, The Bell Inn, Stilton
Welcome Christine!
OUR NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER JOINS THE TEAM

We’re delighted to announce that SCAN has a new Advertising Manager.

Christine Kime has nobly volunteered to take on this important role so that we can provide a better service to the businesses on whom SCAN depends. She will be contacting all our current advertisers to introduce herself personally and to ensure that they get maximum value from their adverts.

New advertisers should continue to use scan1@stilton.org but can also contact Christine on 01733 243336.

Stilton Parish Council

Jubilee Mugs

Children resident in Stilton and born since June 2012, or children living in Stilton or attending Stilton School who were under 11 on 1st September 2012 but did not receive a mug can apply for one free of charge.

The mugs are also available to purchase as gifts or souvenirs at the modest price of £7 each.

Ring Olive Main (241206)
Get Me My Longsword, Ho!
SCAN RETURNS TO THE BRONZE AGE

It’s rare enough that Peterborough offers any quality cultural diversions, so imagine SCAN’s delight on finding that Vivacity were hosting a Bronze Age sword-making workshop. We stumped up and stumped along to Flag Fen on a cold and wet weekend.

The workshop was run by one Dave Chapman, who first started sword-making at Flag Fen about ten years ago and is now something of an expert. A group of ten eager pupils joined him in the roundhouse.

To make a sword in just two days naturally requires a few shortcuts that our ancestors would have relished. Dave began by melting weighed bundles of scrap copper wire (which is very pure) in a gas-fired furnace and then adding pure tin to make a 12.5% bronze. Meanwhile his stone moulds were warming up. These were made from soapstone; easy to carve and able to stand the shock of molten bronze at over 1000°C.

Dave poured three blanks while explaining the finer points of sword casting. With the proverbial ‘ones I made earlier’ we each had a raw casting to turn into a finished sword. This is where the hard work started.

The first task was to saw off the sprue formed by the funnel at the top of the mould, and then nibble off the ‘flash’ around the edges with pliers. Bronze runs like water in the mould and finds even the tiniest gaps. Offcuts went back into the furnace.

Then it was outside to the picnic benches to begin the work of dressing the blanks with a file, ‘draw-filing’ along the length of the blade to remove the surface roughness and create a smooth, blemish-free blade.

Subsequent dressing then involved first a coarse emery cloth, followed by successively finer grades of wet & dry paper down to about 1200 grit. Our ancestors would have used graded stone blocks, of course.

Dave had cut some small oak slabs for the hilt. These were tailored to the tang by heating it to red heat and then clamping it between pairs of oak slabs to burn the shape into the wood. Lots of smoke!

A bit of nifty trimming on a Bronze Age bandsaw cut the blanks to rough shape, and a Bronze Age bench drill made the rivet holes. Once we had got the hilt end of the blade to an acceptable polish, Dave then skilfully riveted the oak to the blade with soft copper rivets. Working carefully with a rasp, files and sandpaper, we turned the oak into a smooth and attractive hilt. The oak was finished with a generous application of linseed oil and the rest of the blade polished to a mirror finish with metal polish. Last of all, the edges were sharpened by careful draw-filing.

The end result is a very pleasing artefact that closely resembles a Bronze Age original. The main difference is that it took us only two days, not two weeks, thanks to modern tools. It’s easy to understand why a sword was such a highly prized possession. It would have carried a lot of religious or supernatural significance; even today, knowing about metallurgy, there is still something quite magical about turning a lump of green rock into a golden mirror-like object.

All together, a very worthwhile weekend.
At our March meeting local resident Fred Daynes, who is working on a project relating to the dieback of ash trees, gave a depressing account of the situation.

A fungus, Chalara fraxinea causes leaf loss and usually leads to the death of the tree. It has been found in many areas, including Sawtry and Great Gidding.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Ash trees are often late coming into leaf, but by June all healthy trees will be in full leaf. By August it will be clear if the tree is infected. The tops of the tree may die back and leaves may be wilting.

In winter there will be discolouration of the stems, but also diamond shaped lesions on the main trunk.

WHAT TO DO

If you think you have spotted the disease use the Tree Alert Reporting form on the Forestry Commission website:
www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara

Prune affected branches, collect up and burn fallen leaves and even fell the tree.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S AN ASH TREE?

The Forestry Commission's web site has an excellent section on how to identify ash trees. It also points out the differences between ash and mountain ash (or rowan) trees which are NOT affected.

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 18th at 7:30pm
Stilton Church Meeting Room.
Pat Maltman will give an account of gardens in Australia.
All welcome
Members £1 Non-members £2
Annual membership now due £5 /£7 family
STILTON UNITED UNDER-8s FOOTBALL TEAM

NEED YOU!

If you are aged 8 or under and you would like to become part of a fun, sociable team and enjoy - or would like to try - playing football, Stilton United Colts would love you to come and join their training sessions.

We train Saturday mornings 9:30am - 10:30am
and/or Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm at Stilton playing field.

£2 a session

All proceeds go towards the development of the football team

We would love to develop this team and see some new faces
so if you fancy a new challenge please contact:

Marcus Panks (Manager) on 07855 159004
Philip Harker (Assistant Manager) on 07565 511880

Contacting our Local Police

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Yaxley Office: 1 Queen Street Yaxley PE7 3JE
Call 101 and ask for the Yaxley office

Stilton and Villages:
PC Paul Sykes: 07889 499 066
PCSO Barry Chamberlain: 07921 094 828
email: huntscops@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Tuesday 23rd April is World Book Night. Come along to Yaxley Library to help us celebrate and discover our "Hidden Gems and Buried Treasure" Books!

**RHYMETIME & STORYTIME**
Rhymetime (for children aged 0-18 months) continues every Friday from 10:30-11am.
Storytime (for children aged 18 months upwards) will be held on Tuesdays 16th and 30th April from 10:30-11am.

**ENGAGE SOCIAL GROUP**
The next Engage social group event will be on Wednesday 17th April at 2pm. This month's talk is 'Shape Your Place' with Matthew Hall. Come along and find out about Huntingdonshire's new online voice, giving local people power to improve their neighbourhood. **Free** tickets for this event are available in Yaxley Library from 1st April but numbers are limited.

**CREATIVE WRITING & READING GROUP**
Our popular Creative Writing and Reading Group continue to meet once a month on a Monday evening. Please call in to Yaxley Library for more information.

**NEW JUNIOR READING GROUP**
We plan to launch a new junior reading group in May, aimed at readers in years 3 to 5. You will have a chance to discuss your favourite books and authors and get ideas on what to read next. There will also be fun activities to take part in. If you are interested in joining the group please call in to Yaxley Library and register your interest with a member of staff.

**KNITTING GROUP**
Our popular knitting group will be meeting in the library on alternate Thursday afternoons. New members are always welcome.
If you have any wool to spare we would be very grateful to receive it. Any donations of wool will be used by the group to complete charity projects. It does not matter how much or what colour! Please hand in to Yaxley Library.

**MAGAZINE DONATIONS**
If you have any spare, good quality magazines we would be happy to receive them in the Library. The magazines will be distributed across the county to Care Homes and housebound customers.

**ANYONE FOR CHESS?**
We are trying to gauge the level of interest for a regular chess club meeting in the library. If this is something you would be interested in, please register your details with a member of library staff.

**NEXT STEPS IN FAMILY HISTORY DAY SCHOOL - HUNTINGDON LIBRARY**
Saturday 20th April from 10am - 3:30pm.
Tickets £25 - Please contact Huntingdon Library for more information.
Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a home delivery service for people who can no longer use the library because of mobility problems, ill health, or because they have full-time (unpaid) caring duties.

This service (previously called the Doorstep Service), operates in partnership with volunteer Library Visitors to make sure that people who have particular problems in visiting a library do not miss out on a regular supply of books or audio books.

Have you got a few hours to spare each month? Do you get on well with people?

Would you like to share a love of books with readers who can't get to a library by delivering to them?

If so, The Library at Home Service of Cambridgeshire Libraries would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering for this service, please telephone 0345 045 5225, email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or ask at any library

Here are some comments from readers receiving the service:

.... an excellent service and much appreciated.

.... a wonderful service - I should be lost without it. I cannot go out alone and this service is of great value to me. Thank you to all concerned.

What would we do without it! Thank you

I cannot say how good the service is it makes my life so happy as I am housebound and I look forward to my books which are very good. Best wishes to all.

I am glad you are here for me and others like me.

All the books I have been given are what I would have chosen myself which I think is very good. My thanks go to all the volunteers who undertake this service and bring pleasure to people like myself who cannot visit their local library.

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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

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Mobile Library

Wed 24th April
3:10 - 4:00pm

Outside The Talbot

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
We are all anxious about the quality and source of our food and sometimes confused by the many labelling schemes. This time of year used to be called 'the hungry gap'. When the stored winter crops were nearly finished and the first spring vegetables were not yet available.

These days we are not dependant on local supplies but it is still possible to cook tasty dishes with root vegetables and greens that are in the shops. Why not try this tasty cauliflower & Stilton soup? This uses home grown cauliflowers that are available and those bits of Stilton cheese lurking in the fridge.

Break up one cauliflower into florets.

Melt 2oz butter in a saucepan, add one chopped onion, the white part of one leek chopped, 1 stick of celery chopped and the cauliflower.

Cover and cook for about 8 minutes, but stir frequently. Stir in 2 tablespoons of plain flour and cook for 2 minutes. Then add one cup of milk and ½ pint of stock or water, stirring all the time. Simmer for about 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Blend until smooth. If the soup is too thick add some more milk. Bring it back to a simmer, add 3oz Stilton cheese crumbled, and stir until dissolved. Check for seasoning with pepper and salt.

Garnish with parsley and a swirl of cream and serve with crusty bread.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Coffee Morning
Sat 27th April
10:30am - 12noon
Church Meeting Room

Stilton Over-60’s Club

The A.G.M. was held on Friday 1st March. 23 members attended. A new Committee was re-elected with Sylvia Ward as Chairperson. Several suggestions for outings were discussed. There will be one to Springfields and one for your diary is Tuesday 1st October when we shall visit Melton Mowbray market day; a good opportunity for some early Christmas shopping and a chance to purchase some pork pies and Stilton Cheese. Watch for details of more outings to come.

The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. New members are always welcome. For more details please contact either Sylvia Ward on 242457 or Doreen Clark on 242643.
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2013
Junior Participant Parental Consent Form

To be completed and returned for EVERY participant under the age of 16 years

I hereby give permission for ........................................................................................................

to take part in the Cheese-Rolling Championship on May 6th 2013

Name: ........................................................................
Address: ........................................................................

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Signed: ........................................................................
Date: ........................................................................

This form must be returned with the relevant Team Entry Form to:
Olive Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton.

Teams will NOT be allowed to compete unless a consent form has been received for EVERY member under the age of 16yrs (Senior OR Junior teams.)

Stilton Gardening Club

All indoor meetings at 7:30pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month
Stilton Church Meeting Room

Tuesday March 19
Speaker: Fred Daynes
‘Ash die-back disease’

CHALARA FRAXINEA is the fungus responsible for ash die-back disease. It has been reported in East Anglia, so we are pleased that Stilton resident Fred Daynes is able to give us an update on this situation.

Tuesday April 16
Pat Maltman will give an illustrated talk on her visit to Australia.

Non-members are welcomed at £2 per meeting
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2013
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES:

1. Competitors must be between 8 and 13 years of age.
2. The age difference between team members must not exceed 3 years.
3. Teams will be made up of 4 young people and may be all boys, all girls, or mixed.
4. All competitors MUST cover arms and legs; suitable protective gloves must also be worn.
5. The rules of Cheese Rolling apply.
6. The referee's decision is always final.
7. The competition will be limited to 8 teams, on a “first come, first served” basis.
8. There will be a prize for the best-dressed team and a prize for the winning team.
9. Parental permission for EACH team member must accompany this entry form. (Use form overleaf)

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: ..............................................................................................
Team Members: 1. ..................................................................................
                2. ..................................................................................
                3. ..................................................................................
                4. ..................................................................................
Contact Name: ..........................................................................................
Address: ..................................................................................................
Tel No: ......................................................................................................

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising.
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2013
SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES:

1. Teams will consist of 4 members including the captain
2. Teams will be all male or all female
3. No one under the age of 14 yrs may be included in a team; participants under the age of 16 yrs MUST provide a completed Parental Consent form
4. Cheeses must be rolled by hand; no kicking, throwing or picking up of the cheese is allowed and teams MUST keep to their allotted lanes.
5. Each team member MUST roll the cheese at least once during the race.
6. The first cheese to strike the end boards of the course wins.
7. The referee’s decision is always final.
8. Teams must report to the control tent by 11:00am

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: .................................................................
Team Members: 1 .................................................................
2 .................................................................
3 .................................................................
4 .................................................................
Contact Name: .................................................................
Address: .................................................................
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Tel No: .................................................................

Under-16 permission?  

Entry form and fee of £5 per team (payable to STILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION) to Race Controller: Mrs O Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton, Peterborough PE7 3RH Fees will be refunded to teams in fancy dress.

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising.
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Activities For Parents and Children

Drop in and try these:

Tuesday 9am: Children's Fun Dance

Wednesday 9am: Drop in for a drink and chat
1st Wednesday: Children's Songs

Friday 9am: Linking Hands

Sunday 11am: 2nd Sunday LinCup Café worship
               4th Sunday Family Worship

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love

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 or 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.
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sat 13th April 8am
Church Meeting Room

New worshippers welcome; please call Peter Newman to let us know that you are coming: 01733 241815

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Wednesday Worship at Lunchtime

Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch
Every 3rd Wednesday in the month

17th April 12:30 - 1:30pm
Church Meeting Room

Stilton Memorial Hall
Charges from Sept 1st 2010

- Hourly charge £6 / hour (minimum 2 hours)
- Child’s party £35
- Adult party £60
- Commercial £12 / hour

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary:
Jade Smith 15 Woodward Close (01733) 243691

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!)
Dementia Information Points aim to provide information and practical and emotional support to anyone with concerns about memory. Whether it is for yourself, your friend or family member the Dementia Information Point is your opportunity to meet with a fully trained member of the Alzheimer’s Society to ask questions, and gather information about memory loss, and sources of support and assistance.

We are delighted to announce a new Dementia Information Point in Sawtry. It will be held at the CARESCO Centre on the 2nd Friday of each month 9-11am.

For further information regarding this service please contact the Alzheimer’s Society on (01733) 893853 or at peterborough@alzheimers.org.uk

Other Dementia Information Points are available:

- **St Neots Dementia Information Point**
  St Neots Museum, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm

- **Huntingdon Dementia Information Point**
  Huntingdon Library on the last Tuesday of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm

- **Ramsey Information Point**
  The Rainbow Surgery on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm

- **St Ives Dementia Information Point**
  St Ives Library on the last Monday of the month, 10:30am-12:30pm
Stilton Cheese Rolling

High Street Stilton
Monday 6th May 2013

Celebrating the Movies!

FREE ENTRY

Fun starts at 10:30am!

- May King and Queen
- Magic Dave
- Local dance groups
- Plenty of food and drink
- Stalls and Sideshows

Cheese-rolling starts at 12 noon!

For more information, or to book a stall, ring Carol 07508 502534 or visit www.stilton.org

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Saturday Morning
SAVE SATURDAY
FOR EMERGENCIES

We are proud to be the ONLY surgery in the Peterborough area that has never closed on a Saturday morning; however, we have been aware recently that demand at weekends for non-urgent routine work is escalating.

During the week we don't make any distinction between urgent or routine - we will see everyone the same day.

On a Saturday however we must stress that we can only provide for urgent work that can ONLY be done that day.

There is unrivalled access to us during the week when we are fully staffed and so now there are only limited reasons why patients should call us or drop in on a Saturday morning:

1. A genuine medical emergency
2. Urgent requirement for medication
3. Work-related reasons which mean attending Mon-Fri is impossible. These patients can discuss their situation with the doctor and will be booked in if necessary by the doctor.

We have only one doctor and one receptionist working to cover 15,000 patients. We have no access to our usual diagnostic facilities (e.g. ECG or blood tests) and no practice nurses for dressings etc.

We cannot increase the staffing and, if current trends continue, may have to re-consider whether we open at all on a Saturday.

Please help us to continue to provide what we believe is a valuable service for patients in genuine need. You can do this by:

4. Planning ahead when ordering your medication and not leaving it until the last minute
5. Contacting us for problems during the week, when we are never full and will always see you
6. Discussing any access difficulties with your doctor who can book a Saturday appointment for you. Please don't just walk in

Expectations of patients are increasing and we are grateful that most of our patients use Saturday mornings appropriately. We want to continue to provide this service; please think carefully before calling us at the weekend.

Thank you
The Doctors at YGP

NHS Prescription Charges

The NHS prescription charge in England will increase by 20p from £7.65 to £7.85 for each quantity of a drug from 1st April 2013.

However, the cost of a Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) will remain at £29.10 for a three-month certificate. The cost of the annual certificate will remain at £104. PPCs offer savings for those needing four or more items in three months, or 14 or more items in one year.
Carers UK
THERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT CARERS

Carers UK is a charity set up to help the millions of people who care for family or friends. They provide information and advice about caring, alongside practical and emotional support for carers. Carers UK also campaigns to make life better for carers and influences policy makers, employers and service providers, to help them improve carers' lives.

They can provide information and advice on:
- benefits and tax credits
- carers employment rights
- carers' assessments
- the services available for carers

You can contact them on 0808 808 7777 or visit their website at: www.carersuk.org

At Yaxley Group Practice we hold a monthly Carer Support Group on the first Wednesday of the month between 2pm and 4pm in the Health Education Room. The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 3rd April. All carers are welcome to attend this small but friendly group for coffee and a chat.

For more information please see Linda in the Patients' Library.

Health Care Assistant
Band 2 (equivalent)
Hours to be confirmed

We are currently seeking a part-time Health Care Assistant to join our nursing team to assist in the care of our practice patients. The new team member will work alongside three established Health Care Assistants, as well as experienced Practice Nurses, GPs and Nurse Practitioner.

Responsibilities will include phlebotomy, new patient health checks, blood pressure readings and ECG recording.

Phlebotomy experience in a primary care or hospital setting is essential for this post.

For informal enquiries and further information please contact Catherine Forward (Nurse Practitioner) on 01733 240478, or apply in writing to Mrs Shirley Drawwater, Practice Manager at Yaxley Group Practice, enclosing a covering letter with your CV.

Closing date for applications: end of March 2013.

This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975. It will be necessary for a submission for disclosure to be made to the Criminal Records Bureau.

We are committed to equal opportunities.

Patients' Association
Annual General Meeting

Monday 22nd April 7pm, in the Health Education Room. Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm.

Our speaker will be Dr. Alison Graham:
Dr. First Appointment System
All Welcome

District Nursing Team

Community Staff Nurse Elaine Fares is retiring from the District Nurse Team on the 8th April 2013. We all wish her the best.
Planning your summer holiday?

Why not visit our twin village of St Christol les Ales? There is so much to see and do.

- Amazing scenery in the hills and gorges of the Cevennes, or the plains of the Camargue
- The historic cities of Nîmes, Avignon, Arles and Montpellier
- The world heritage site, the Roman aqueduct at the Pont du Gard
- The amazing Norman Foster viaduct at Millau
- The spectacular Tarn and Ardèche gorges. Canoeing available!
- Donkey trek the Stevenson Way through the Cevennes
- Visit the Mas de la Barque www.lemasdelabarque.com
- The beaches and warm waters of the Mediterranean (about one hour’s drive)
- Fantastic wines of the Rhone, Languedoc and Roussillon

Fly to Nîmes from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports or travel in style by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nîmes

St Christol is 30 mins drive from Nîmes airport. Or to drive - motorway from Calais via Reims and Dijon to within 60 miles of St Christol.

St Christol families are really keen to host, particularly our young people over the summer.

Find out about St Christol online:

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the Stilton & District Twinning Association, please contact Chris on 241376.
Stilton Amenities Steering Group

Invitation to Stilton village groups and organisations

**Stilton Community Project Meeting**

**Wednesday 17 April at 19:30 The Bell Inn, Stilton**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Meet you again and to brief you on the latest news about the hall, field and facilities
- Receive confirmation that your group will transfer its activities to the new facilities
- Consider future furniture, equipment and storage requirements
- Hear about future proposals for your group
- Hear about your regional/national group arrangements
- Discuss ideas on the future promotion of your group
- Discuss any fundraising your group can do to support the project
- Hear about any grants available from a groups national organization
- Discuss ideas about the management of the new facilities and charges.

Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!
STILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A WEEKEND IN FRANCE

28 - 30 June 2013

Join us in the bustling historic city of Arras
- Executive coach via the Channel Tunnel
- Two nights B&B
- Quality hotel in the city centre
- Sunday lunch at a gourmet restaurant

Pick-up from Stilton or Folksworth at 9:30 am on Friday
Visit Vimy Ridge - Arrive Arras approx 6 p.m

Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday

>> Just one place left! <<

Only £185 per person
Contact Audrey and Paul for details:
241739   paul.springford@gmail.com

Twinning Diary Dates

27 April - 1 May  Group visit from St Christol. See notice in this issue
6 May 2013   Cheese Rolling - sponsoring the Junior Championships
28-30 June 2013  Weekend visit to Arras - see ad in this issue
9 Nov 2013   Race Night

If you are interested in any of these events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.
Middle Nene Archaeological Group

Visit to London

British Museum
‘Life & Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum’

Museum of London

Sunday May 19th 2013
£40 per person

Itinerary

8am    Depart Oundle long-stay car park
       (If sufficient interest, will depart Stilton 7:45am)

10am appr.    Arrive British Museum

10:20am    Timed entry to the Pompeii & Herculaneum Exhibition

12:30pm    Leave for Museum of London

4pm    Depart Museum of London

6pm appr.    Arrive Oundle

Please reserve ............. places I enclose £ ........ (£40 per person, non-refundable)
Cheques payable to Middle Nene Archaeological Group please.
Name: .......................................... Telephone: .........................................
Address: .................................................................................................

Return this reservation to Olive Main, 8 Caldecote Road, Stilton
Potholes

Ten road patching teams are working across the county to repair the winter's damage. An extra £90m will be spent on highway maintenance in the next five years. The first priority is repairing the minor damage patching and filling potholes.

To report a highways fault ring 0345 045 521.

Plant Sale

at Denton Church from 2-4pm

Refreshments will be available

Proceeds to Friends of Denton Church

More about the Chapels

Reader Mrs Sherrington has come up with more information about the two Methodist chapels in Stilton.

In 1930 her grandfather, Wilfred Shadwell Hobbs, of Fen Street, bought the chapel on the corner (the building now occupied by McColls) and opened a fish & chip shop there. He sold the building some ten years later to a Mr Marshall who opened a newsagents and fancy goods shop.

The Chapel on the site of the flats was open until the early 1970's. Mrs Sherrington remembers being a Sunday School teacher at the ripe old age of 13!

Don’t Forget!

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES OF STILTON LIFE FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR

We’ve already had some great pictures of Stilton’s countryside, but how about some of our sportsmen and women? (No, don’t worry about Cheese-Rolling; we’ve got hundreds already, thanks!)

If you’re going along to support SUFC, take your camera and grab some action shots!
HUNTINGDONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

5 Martin Avenue, March, Cambridgeshire, PE15 0AY
Phone: 01480 411114 - Fax: 01354 661235
Email: contact@fact.gb.com  Website: www.hact-cambs.co.uk

HACT will be taking over the provision of the Ring and Ride service in the Huntingdonshire area from the former service, Nene & Ouse Community Transport. This change will take place from April 2013.

All new members wanting to join the service should please call our office telephone number on 01480 411114 or send a cheque for £15 made payable to HACT to our office address at 5 Martin Avenue, March, Cambs PE15 0AY.

We are extremely pleased to be taking over this service and hope that residents in the Huntingdonshire area will join HACT and reap the benefits of this new transport service.

Our website will be launched soon, www.hact-cambs.co.uk, where you will be able to find details of all trips and services available to HACT members.

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, visit http://stumblers.stilton.org or call Jan on 07740 167377 (mobile) - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
STILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Group Visit from St Christol

27 April - 1 May 2013

A group of 30 will be visiting us from St Christol

Visits to Cambridge, the Harry Potter Exhibition, Oundle and Peterborough

If you would like to be involved in the programme or to host a visitor, please contact Chris Walford on 241376.

Have some fun and support the entente cordiale!

More Choice in Social Care

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

If you need social care the County Council will arrange your care for you, but they now have a duty to offer and provide Direct Payments. Direct Payments are an alternative way of getting the care and support you need. They are cash payments made directly into a Direct Payment bank account so that you can use the money to make your own social care arrangements.

With a Direct Payment you have more choice, control and independence about how your care is organised.

If you would like to find out more about Direct Payments visit the Your Life, Your Choice website, pick up a leaflet from your library, phone adult social care enquiries on 0345 045 5202, or contact the Cambridgeshire Direct Payment Support Service on 0845 6000 684.

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk
Sawtry Day Care Centre
The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 3:00pm
The Centre provides:

- A day out for the housebound or socially isolated, and a break for those who care for them.
- Transport door to door
- Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- A local shopping trip
- A short session of gentle chair exercises, for those wishing to take part
- A two-course mid-day lunch prepared in the Centre’s own kitchen using fresh ingredients
- A small raffle on both days, with members providing the prizes. Monies raised go into the member's social fund which subsidises occasional trips out.
- Wednesday afternoon Bingo session. For those who do not wish to take part, there is a selection of board games, or you can just chat or relax.
- On some Thursday afternoons a local man (Terry) plays old-style music. On other occasions visiting speakers give talks/slideshows on a wide range of subjects.

The Centre currently has some spaces and is looking for new members.

For more information, please contact the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105 or email office@caresco.org.uk