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Monday 7th, 21st Dec, Wed 6th Jan

**GARDEN BIN AND RECYCLING DAYS:**
Monday 14th, Wed 30th Dec, Tue 12th Jan

**FOLKSWORTH GARDEN BINS:**
Tue 1st, 15th Dec, Thur 31st Dec, Wed 13th Jan

For latest information on refuse collections, go to www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins
DO WE WANT SPEEDWATCH IN STILTON?

Speedwatch is a community scheme that involves monitoring the speeds of vehicles driving in and through Stilton. It is used as a tool to educate motorists and increase awareness of the dangers of speeding, but is not an enforcement tool, and does not lead to prosecutions. It may identify areas where speeding is an issue and so trigger enforcement by police officers. There are frequent complaints about speeding in the village, particularly in High Street/North Street, Caldecote Road and Norman Drive.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

At least six unpaid volunteers, who will be fully trained by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, are provided with high visibility jackets and speed indicator devices, and are fully insured. The speed is displayed on a monitor. This information can trigger an advisory letter from the police. Persistent offenders will be visited by the police. If a real problem is identified then the police will take action. One volunteer is also required to act as Coordinator.

If you are concerned about speeding in our village and have a few free hours each month then please volunteer. If there is sufficient interest Stilton Parish Council will take the next steps to encourage this community initiative.

If you are thinking about volunteering please contact Olive Main (241206) olive.main@tiscali.co.uk, 8 Caldecote Road, Stilton by January 11 2016. For more information go to www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/

Time for You!

This event raised £622 for the Community Building Project. Thank you to all the participants and everyone who supported us on the night.

Special thanks must go to The Bell for hosting the event and to all the local businesses that supported us so generously with raffle prizes. We would like to thank particularly the following Stilton businesses:

- Angel Spice
- Bell Inn Hotel
- Hi-Lite Hairdressers
- McColls
- Nisa
- Talbot
- TEN Hairdressing

Post Early!

The Christmas upheaval is nearly upon the SCAN team, so please let us have your adverts and material as soon as possible. We’ll get the January issue out as early as we can.

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7 Greenways, Sawtry  01487 208026  shop@caresco.org.uk

Looking for a bargain?
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Opening hours
Mon - Fri  9 - 4.30pm
Saturday  9 - 12.30pm
Sunday  Closed

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

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

Accessing Adult 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.

Social care is personal and practical support to help people live their lives by supporting them to maintain their independence and dignity and ensuring they have choice and control over the support they receive. Many people don't think about social care until they or someone they know need support, and then find they are unsure about where to find information or how to access the services they need.

Adult social care customer services are the initial point of contact for all social care enquiries. The trained staff know about the services available and can offer advice on who else may be able to help. Call them on 0345 045 5202. You can also find out more about adult social care in Cambridgeshire on the website below.

If you think you may need help with mental health issues you should contact your GP in the first instance.

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk
Great News - We are Ready to Start BUT

The Stilton Community Project has now secured the necessary funds to start the project thanks to a recent grant from The Football Foundation.

We are now looking for Bricklayers, Electricians, Mechanical Engineers, Plumbers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Roofers, Cladders and finishing trades. Plus security fencing, toilet units, canteen and an office.

If you can help please contact Mark Angus, details below.

Contact Mark Angus
244006 or 07946 133673
1, Willow Close, Stilton
markangus.stilton@gmail.com
Recent changes to the Memorial Hall management team have prompted some fresh thinking about how they can continue to improve the service that the Hall offers the community. The first outcome of this has been the introduction of an online booking service. You can find this by following the link on the Memorial Hall page on www.stilton.org.

Our webmaster, Kelvin Davis, explains: 'I saw that people occasionally had difficulties in communicating with the Booking Clerk. Answerphone ping-pong is notorious for creating misunderstanding and delays! So I took advantage of some off-the-shelf web tools to provide a calendar, on which the Clerk can show the up-to-date availabilities of the Hall, and a booking form. The form makes it easier for the hirer to provide their details and requirements, and quicker to communicate these to the Clerk, making life easier for everybody. I also added the Conditions of Hire and a copy of the Booking Contract on the website to help prospective hirers understand how to use the Hall.'

It's early days with this new feature, so the Hall committee are keen to see how well it works. If you need to hire the Hall, please try out the online form and be sure to tell the Booking Clerk, Sue Smith, if you find it helpful.

Long-time resident George Johnson, of 32 High Street, Stilton, died at Thorpe Hall on 28th October, aged 95 years.

For most of his life he was employed by London Brick Company as an engineering draughtsman. As an army volunteer, he was one of a very small group of men who were evacuated from Dunkirk, where he was one of the rearguard defending the evacuation route. Four years later, as a sapper (army engineer), it fell to George to be the first up the beach at Arromanches, clearing mines for the following troops. Several of his colleagues were killed.

In his own words, the rest of the war was ‘routine stuff’ and he was ‘lucky.’ We are all indebted to modest and unsung heroes like George.

The SCAN production, advertising and distribution team wish our readers - old and new - a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.
We remembered them. The banner of the Royal British Legion led the Armistice Day parade to lay wreaths on the war graves in Stilton Cemetery.

John Bodger lived in Church Street, Stilton, perhaps on the site of Nisa, in the late eighteenth century. He was a land surveyor and keen on horse racing. He was also an artist and in 1787 presented to the Prince of Wales and the Jockey Club a print of Newmarket Heath, printed on silk.

Later on, John Bodger produced a map of Whittlesea Mere, also on silk. He also painted some sporting pictures.

Almost forgotten today in his home village, his work came to light during research on the period carried out for the Friends of Norman Cross.

There is more to be done; if anyone can add to our knowledge of John Bodger, or life in Stilton at this time, please contact Douglas Maltman (242229) or Olive Main (241206).
We cannot believe how quickly four years have passed since the pharmacy opened in Stilton, writes Shabbir Damani. Through this time the team has continued to develop the services that we offer; for example managing repeat medication (the diary system), preparing dosette / blister packs for patients, delivering medication to patients, the use of our consultation room for confidential discussions with patients, undertaking medicine use reviews (like your annual car MOT, but for medicines), as well as providing NHS and private ‘flu vaccines.

We have upgraded our systems to allow electronic prescriptions direct to the pharmacy. So please can all patients contact us to confirm that they are happy for Halls The Chemist to be their nominated pharmacy. This will make a big difference for getting prescriptions to the pharmacy through the day, rather than on our once a day collection to the surgery. Also it helps those who use telephone consultations at the local surgeries, as you can ask the doctor to have the prescription sent through to Halls the Chemist in Stilton, so you do not need to travel to the surgery to collect it. But don’t worry; we continue to visit the surgeries in Yaxley and Sawtry each day so patients can continue to drop off repeats at the pharmacy to be taken to the surgery.

With winter fast approaching, we are here for any free advice about colds or keeping warm; feel free to come and see us. Also we are always here to help you if you have any questions regarding your medication.

I'm sure you understand that Christmas is a busy period, so please ensure you have enough of your medicines to see you over the holiday period. You will find our Christmas opening hours in this issue.

We are offering the repeat reminder / diary service to all of our patients. If you would like any further information please contact any of the pharmacy staff who are always happy to help you.

From all of us at Halls The Chemist, have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.

**HALLS HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS**

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Normal pharmacy hours continue after the 4th January 2016.
Cambridgeshire Minor Ailment Service complements NHS surgery and out-of-hours services by providing easy access to advice and medication from your local pharmacy.

Minor ailments are conditions that can be self-treated with over-the-counter medications. If you suffer from any of the minor ailments listed opposite you can choose to be seen by your pharmacist.

To use the service, you must register with your local pharmacy; in our case, Halls of Stilton.

For more information, pick up a leaflet at Halls or your local surgery.

- Constipation
- Coughs
- Diarrhoea
- Temperature
- Head lice
- Nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Conjunctivitis
- Earache
- Headache
- Hay Fever
- Thrush
- Indigestion and Infant Gripe
- Fungal skin infections
- Thread worm
- Cold sores
- Nappy rash

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**Yaxley Foodbank**

**HARVEST APPEAL**

Please note a change to the Church opening times. Donations can be left in Stilton Church porch, open at service times and every:

- **Tuesday afternoon** [2:30 – 5:00pm]
- **Wednesday evening** [6:00 – 7:00pm]
- **Friday afternoon** [2:00 – 4:00pm]
- **During term-time activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings** [9:00am – 10:30am]
- **Thursday evening – Crossover** [6:00 – 7:00pm]

**FOOD NEEDED**

- Cereals
- Porridge
- Jam
- Tinned: meat, tuna, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat pies and puddings
- Sugar
- Rice, pasta, noodles
- Powdered potato
- Pasta sauces
- Crackers and biscuits
- Orange juice and squash
- Tea bags
- Instant coffee
- Long-life milk
To keep their campaign current and in the media the villagers of Stilton have come together to produce a calendar for 2016. Based around film and TV, in the theme of Calendar Girls with strategically placed Stilton’s Cheese imagery. Raising funds for the village community centre this also serves as an announcement of the imminent production of Stilton’s Cheese in 2016 direct from the village.

To purchase copies of the calendar please contact by phone 01733 240 321 or email rh.landy@virgin.net

These will be a “must have” 2016 calendar for every cheese lover. Get in now! Limited edition of just a 1000 copies.
What a busy start to the new academic year we have had! We have welcomed a new intake of children into Owl Class who have settled in very well and are thoroughly embracing their new learning opportunities.

At the start of the term we held a Macmillan coffee morning and raised £314.13. The event was very well attended and we were proud to support such a worthy cause.

The children attended Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church and each class produced a lovely display for the celebrations.

Well done to our reading super-heroes who attended our travelling book fair! By supporting this event they have enabled us to buy £180-worth of exciting new books for the school.

We have also supported Children In Need and raised money for the charity by holding a ‘Stilton's Got Talent’ competition.

Leading up to Remembrance Day, Hedgehog Class have been selling poppies around the school and classes have been busy creating beautiful poppy displays as a mark of our respect. Our Tower of London poppy is on display in school.

This term, during Collective Worship assemblies, the children have been asked to think about someone they are thankful for and they will have the opportunity to draw that person. The drawings will be put on display for others to see and we are really looking forward to seeing their creations and finding out why these people are so special to them!

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**Programme for 2016**

Meetings take place in Oundle at 7:30pm

**Friday 5 February 2016**
Talk by Mike Brown
- Prebendal Manor Gardens

**Friday 8 April 2016**
Talk by Andy Chapman
- In search of Northampton Castle

**Saturday, 16 April 2016**
Quiz night
- Glapthorn Village Hall

**Friday 6 May 2016**
Annual General Meeting
followed by a talk by Bob Hatton
- Recent archaeological work in the Welland Valley

Contact for further details: Olive Main (01733 241206) Transport available
Local ex-head teacher turned author Ros Rendle

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"The perfect book for lying with on a warm beach or curling up on a cosy sofa"
Stilton Memorial Hall

Hiring Charges

- Hourly charge £6.50 / hour (minimum 2 hours)
- Children’s party £40
- Adult party/event £65
- Commercial £15 / hour (minimum 2 hours)

How to Book the Hall

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Clerk, Sue Smith:
(01733) 240414 | oscarsue@live.co.uk | 07 522 601 459
or use the online booking form on www.stilton.org

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

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

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.
We still want to save our pub! Recently, some of the members of Folksworth Village Pub Society (FVPS) set up a new company called Folksworth Village Pub Company Limited, which is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. The company has entrenched rules that state that its directors receive no pay, so the individuals running the company can never benefit financially from it, and that any profit can only be used for the benefit of Folksworth and Washingley or neighbouring parishes.

This gives us a fantastic opportunity to revive attempts to save our village pub. The first thing on the new company’s list of things to do is to obtain an independent valuation of the site. This will be important evidence to show what a more realistic price would be. We will then be investigating various options in more detail before deciding what to do next.

HELP NEEDED

We need to raise money to pay for things like a professional valuation, a structural survey and printing/publicity. If you can make a donation, it would be much appreciated. We are looking into options for getting a free valuation but that is not very likely. Can you spare £20 towards the costs? To donate, please write a cheque payable to Folksworth Village Pub Company Limited, and post it to 1 Morborne Road, Folksworth PE7 3SS.

In future we will be setting up a way to donate online too.

We also would really like more people to join our company and/or volunteer to help us out with various tasks, such as:

- Delivering leaflets
- Maintaining our website
- Researching and applying for grants

Other types of more practical help would also be needed in future if we were successful in securing the pub. If you have relevant skills and could help in any other way, please let us know! PLEASE contact us if you can help out for an hour or two on either a regular or occasional basis. Please check the latest news on folksworthpub.wix.com/fvps.

WHO ARE FVPS?

Folksworth Village Pub Society is a group of local residents who value having a pub in our community and whose aim is to save the Fox Inn. Please add YOUR name to our growing list of supporters by contacting us: email sarahw.folksworth@gmail.com Or you can find out more on our website: folksworthpub.wix.com/fvps
The Story So Far...

The Fox Inn sadly closed its doors in April 2013. By August 2013, the site had been listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), thanks to Folksworth Village Pub Society (FVPS) making a very strong case to the District Council that the pub and its grounds are valuable to the local community. ACV status is a public statement that local people value having a pub here, and makes it even less likely that the site could be used for redevelopment. FVPS later carried out a survey of residents, the results of which further demonstrated that there is a need for a pub in the village, with 89% saying that having a pub in their local area is important, and 100% saying that they would use the pub if it re-opened.

Meanwhile, the landowner put the pub on the market and, after a few months of nothing happening, inexplicably set the asking price even higher than before. At the time of writing it is still for sale and nothing seems to be happening.

So far, no planning permission for house building or change of use has been applied for. However, if it was, the planning department would have to consider local opinion before deciding, including the fact that it is an ACV.

Add to this the results of a recent housing survey in the village, which showed very little need for any more housing in this area. We therefore feel that planning permission for redevelopment on this site would be extremely unlikely.

We have lots of ideas of how the pub could be a viable business again but, unfortunately, because the landowner has put an extremely high asking price on the site, no buyers have come forward. The ridiculously over-inflated price is, in our opinion, the only reason why the site is still sitting empty. However, if we could obtain an independent professional valuation, we would have an even better idea of what it is really worth.
A QUESTION OF MUSIC

77 people in 11 teams had a great night at the 4th Big Folksworth Music Quiz held in November. The organisers report that a total of £363.36 was raised and will be split equally between the School's PTA and prostate cancer charity. Look out for details of next year's quiz!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Owing to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel Carol Singing in the Village Hall on 8th December.

Santa and his float will visit Folksworth on Saturday 12th December.

‘Thanks to everyone at the Stilton Gardening Club for making a visitor so welcome. The talk on ginger which I saw advertised in SCAN was fascinating.’

A Folksworth resident

HARVEST SUPPER

St Helens PCC would like to thank the School children and all others who donated Harvest produce and decorated our Church. The auction at the Harvest Supper raised £286, which was split between the School and the Church for their special Charities.

Our thanks to all who came and so generously supported us. Our Head Chef and her entourage made the evening most enjoyable and our sincere thanks to all who worked so hard.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Folksworth Toddler Group is a voluntary organisation managed by a local mum. It operates on Thursday mornings in term time 10-11:30am and provides an opportunity for parents/ grandparents and children to socialise, share activities and enjoy refreshments at a small cost.

Lisa is giving up her role from the 17th December and the Group may close if nobody comes forward to take over.

Interested? Please contact Lisa on 07961 422156 or Folksworth Preschool.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Apreece family lived in Washingley Hall until the death of Sir Thomas George Apreece in 1842. He left his estates to St. George's Hospital, London

Contributors!

We want your material for Folklore!

Email to Sarah Abbott at abbottsarahj@hotmail.co.uk
Every summer we reproduce the new local bus timetables, but obviously our new Folksworth readers won’t have seen them, so by popular request we repeat the 46a service timetable.

Cut out and keep!
FOLKSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTS...

THE CHRISTMAS SANTA FLOAT!

Saturday 12th December 2015

FLOAT LEAVES AT 3PM FROM THE CHURCH

Come and join the festive atmosphere at Folksworth Village Hall from 5pm, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, visit the real life reindeer and sing along with the carol singers.
Folksworth Ladies Circle

A small group of ladies from Folksworth. Stilton, Glatton, Barnwell and Norman Cross get together on the 4th Tuesday in the month at Folksworth Village Hall.

We have a mixture of speakers on all topics, quiz evening, pot luck suppers and followed by tea and biscuits. We take it in turns on a rota basis to host the evenings so we all run the type of evenings we all enjoy.

If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. Just come along for 7:30pm. Guests pay £1 per night.

If you decide to join, subscription is £5 a year and a 50p raffle on the night.

December No meeting
Christmas meal TBA

Folksworth Art Club

Every Thursday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Folksworth Village Hall*

Whether you are an experienced artist or just want to enjoy dabbling in pleasant company, you will be welcome at the Folksworth Art Club.

This friendly self-help group meet to have fun ‘doing their own thing’ - be it drawing or painting in any media. Members are of all abilities, varied talents, and there is always help and advice available. Many regularly exhibit and sell their work locally.

The club charges £3 for the whole afternoon, including refreshments which are available on a self-help basis. Members provide their own art materials.

All enquiries: Cherry Hadley Tel: (01733) 244258

*except election days
**Christmas Opening Hours**

**Cambridgeshire County Council**
(0345 0455 200 Emergency 01733 234724)

Close 1pm on Christmas Eve.
Open as normal December 27
Closed New Year's Day

**Huntingdonshire District Council**
(01480 388388 Emergency 01480 434167)

Libraries
Close 1pm on Christmas Eve until Thursday 2nd January 2016

Household recycling centre
Close 1pm Christmas Eve. Open as usual from December 27, closed New Year's Day

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**Post Office Counter services**
Christmas Eve closes 1pm until December 30 - normal hours
Jan 1 closed
Jan 2 normal hours

**Milk deliveries - Dairycrest**
No deliveries Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day

**Local Pubs**

**The Tunnels**
Christmas Eve 12noon-midnight
Christmas Day 12noon-2pm
Boxing Day 11am-12midnight
New Year's Eve 1pm-1am
New Year's Day Normal

**The Talbot**
Christmas Eve 12-12; food 12-8pm
Christmas Day 11:30am-2pm No food
Boxing Day 11:30am-11pm Food 11:30am-3pm
New Year's Eve 12noon-1pm Food 12-2pm, 5-8pm
New Year's Day 4-11pm Food 6-9pm

**The Stilton Cheese**
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve

**The Bell Inn**
No details at time of printing

**TRANSPORT**

**Busway B service (guided bus)**
Christmas Eve normal service until around 8pm
25 & 26 Dec No services
27 & 28 Dec Sunday services
29 & 30 Dec Saturday services
31 Dec Saturday service, last bus around 8pm
Route 46 Stagecoach (01733 207860)
Normal service until Christmas Eve when services stop around 8pm.
Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day - no service
27 & 28 Dec Sunday service
29, 30, 31 Dec Saturday service, stopping at 8pm on New Year's Eve.

National Coaches (0870 608 2608)
No coaches Dec 25, 27, Jan 1
Very limited services Dec 26 and Jan 1

Trains
East Coast Main Line services finish early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The last trains leave Peterborough soon after 5:30pm.
Christmas Day and Boxing Day - no service
27-30 Dec engineering works - reduced timetable
31 Dec Changes to the normal timetable. Services stop early.

You are strongly advised to book tickets in advance.
National Rail 03457 48 49 50
Nationalrail.co.uk
Virgin East Coast 03457 22 52 25
Virgintrainseastcoast.com

Serpentine Green Shopping Centre (01733 896479)
From 14 Dec 9am -9pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Christmas Eve 9am-4pm
Christmas Day Closed
26-28 Dec 10-4pm
29-30 Dec 9-8pm
31 Dec 9-4pm
1 Jan 10-4pm

Tesco
Open continuously from 6am on December 20 to 7pm on Christmas Eve

Yaxley Co-operative (01733 245329)
Christmas Eve Close at 6pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Open 9am-5pm
New Year's Eve Close at 6pm
New Year's Day 9am - 5pm

Aldi Hampton (0800 042 0800)
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Nisa Stilton
Christmas Day 8am-4pm
Boxing Day 8am-6pm
New Year's Day 8am-8pm

McColls Stilton (at time of printing)
Closed Christmas Day

Queensgate Peterborough
Christmas Eve 8am-5pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 8am-7pm
(free parking 5:30 - 11:30pm)
New Year's Eve 9am -5pm
New Year's Day Closed

(Individual shops opening hours may vary.)
Yaxley Foodbank
CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Foodbank will be providing food parcels with a Christmas theme during December. We would be grateful if donations this month could be restricted to Christmas items as there should be sufficient general foods in stock for the time being. Donations can be left in Stilton Church porch.

Examples of Christmassy items are:
- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Special biscuits
- Chocolate selection packs
- Mince pies

Thank you and Happy Christmas.

Winter Night Shelter

Many thanks for all those who enquired about the project, gave support and volunteered to help. The response was wonderful and inspiring. The helpers have been through the application process, trained and are ready to welcome the guests. The primary aim of the Winter Night Shelter, run under the auspices of Light Project, Peterborough, is for the 7 churches to temporarily provide shelter and meals to homeless people who are on their way to finding long-term accommodation with the support of the New Haven and Peterborough City Council Housing Needs Team. The project will last from December to February.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal
A massive thank you to everyone who made up a shoebox for a child who may not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. Stilton Churches and friends collected 46 shoeboxes which is tremendous. Thank you so much for sharing God’s love this Christmas.

Christmas Worship
AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

Join with us in celebrating Christmas at Stilton’s village church.

Sunday 13th 11am
Celebrating Christmas
A service for all the family

Friday 18th 7pm
Carols in the Courtyard
The Bell Inn and Stilton Church welcome all to join in the traditional outdoor carol singing.

Sunday 20th 4pm
Carol Service in the Church

Tuesday 22nd 7:30pm
Ladies’ Holy Communion
Spiritually prepare for Christmas, followed by Christmas refreshments.

Thursday 24th 11:30pm
Midnight Holy Communion in Stilton Church
Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
Services at St. Helen’s
ALL START AT 10AM UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

6th Dec  Family Folkus
   Café style service
   held in Folksworth School

8th Dec.  2pm  Christingle

13th Dec.  Holy Communion

20th Dec.  Carol Service

24th Dec.  Family Service
   Please join us at 3pm to celebrate the true
   meaning of Christmas. As well as singing
   your favourite carols there will be plenty
   of opportunities for the children to join in.
   We look forward to seeing you there

27th Dec.  Morning Prayer

Saturday 19th December at 7:30pm
St Helen's Church, Folksworth

God Rest Ye Merry

David Bale & Frumenty take a sideways look at Christmas
in poetry, prose and music

Tickets £7.50 to include refreshments

Obtainable from any Folksworth PCC member, or phone 242790

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

For full details of church services,
visit www.stiltonchurches.com

or see the Church Link
- delivered to your door every month!

Stilton Church
Coffee Morning

No coffee morning
in December

From January
3rd Saturday of the month

January 16th 2106
10am - noon.
The December EngAge meeting is a Christmas Quiz devised by Pauline Brown. The event starts at 2pm on Wednesday 16th December. All welcome; free tickets for this event are available now in Yaxley Library.

**CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

Yaxley library will close at 1pm on Thursday 24th December and re-open on Saturday 2nd January 2016 at 9:30am.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year!

**RHYMETIME AND STORYTIME**

Rhymetime (for babies aged 0-18 months) runs every Friday 10:30-11am during term time. Storytime (for children aged 18 months - 5 years) will be held on 1st and 15th December from 10:30-11am.

**BOOK & BISCUIT STORY CLUB**

The next Book & Biscuit story club (for children aged 4-7 years) is on Tuesday 8th December from 3:30-4:15pm. Come along and join in our session of stories and activities.

**KNIT AND NATTER OR SCRABBLE?**

We have two friendly groups meeting regularly in the library. Scrabble Club meet every Monday afternoon from 3pm and our Knit and Natter group meet every Thursday from 2pm. New members always welcome.

**ARTS ALIVE IN LIBRARIES**

We are pleased to announce our next Arts Alive event. The Opera Dudes will be performing their Christmas show on Saturday 12th December at 7pm. Tickets for this hilarious show, filled with music and comedy, are now on sale in Yaxley Library priced at £7.50. The ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Numbers for this event are limited; please book early to avoid disappointment.
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

Mobile Library
Wed 23 Dec

Folksworth
10:45 - 11am
Elm Road

Stilton
3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot

Route M24

Yaxley Singers

If you enjoy singing - anything from classical to jazz, religious, secular, songs from the shows etc - then come along at 7:30 - 9pm on Wednesdays to Yaxley Methodist Church, Main Street, Yaxley. You don't have to read music.

We give informal concerts around the area to church groups, ladies groups, charity events and care homes. We are now preparing for our annual Christmas concert in Yaxley Methodist Church, which will include old favourites and new songs, with audience participation!

If you want to know more, ring Mary Croll (241042) or Olive Main (241206). Transport from Stilton is usually available.
From The Cabbage Patch

December in the Garden
DON’T JUST SIT THERE LOOKING AT IT!

The weather may be off-putting but at least the short hours of daylight will give you more time indoors to think about your plans for next year! But there are still things to be done outdoors…

This is the best time to prune apples and pears and there is still time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. It's also the time to dig, so that frosts can help break the soil down. Keep an eye on the temperature and protect your greenhouse and any delicate plants such as camellias.

If you have fish in a pond make sure that an air hole will exist when most of the water ices over. Once you have cleared the leaves from the lawn, spike it, then keep off it. Cast an eye over your tools and equipment so to be ready when someone asks what you want for Christmas!

Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

Tuesday 15 December 7:30pm
Church Meeting Room

Christmas Party
£1 members  £2 non members
All welcome
Bring a plate of party food

Stilton Stumblers
Autumn 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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HUNTINGDONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Ring & Ride service for the Huntingdonshire area

Monday – Peterborough
Tuesday – Peterborough
Wednesday – Huntingdon
Thursday – Peterborough
Friday – Stamford
Monthly – Corby, Bar Hill, St Neots, Morrisons at Cambourne

Door-to-door transport. FREE with bus pass!
Unlimited use. Membership only £10 per year.
You can bring shopping trolleys and wheelchairs.
They also offer day trips (coastal and shopping) and pub lunches!

01480 411114  www.hact-cambs.co.uk  www.facebook.com/hact.transport

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!
Beginners welcome!
Margaret Parsons  Tel: (01733) 243352

Stilton Parish Council

Clerk:  Mrs. Mary Croll
       10 Caldecote Road, Stilton
       Peterborough, PE7 3RH
       Tel: 01733 241042
       Email: stiltonpc@yahoo.co.uk

PLAYING FIELD CLOSED

Under the Health and Safety act 1974 the playing field will be CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE to enable essential maintenance work to be undertaken to improve the playing field surface.

By Order of the Parish Council
Mary Croll, Clerk to Stilton Parish Council

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STILTON PLAYGROUP

Join us for our

CHRISTMAS FETE!

Saturday 5 December
1 - 4pm in the School Hall

Come & have some fun while supporting the Playgroup

- SANTA
- CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
  — local crafts & goods
- FAMILY FUN

...AND LOTS MORE! !

If you would like to book a stall please contact Louise

stiltonplaygroup@gmail.com or 07854 164 912

Church Street, Stilton, Cambs, PE7 3RF. Tel: 01733 247682
Registered charity no: 1000319
Christmas Activities for Children

Build a reindeer
4 - 10 years - £9 per person
Tue 22nd Dec - 2-3:30pm
Enjoy building your very own cuddly toy reindeer. All materials are provided.

Christmas Arts & Crafts
4 - 12 years - £7.50 per person
Wed 23rd Dec - 1:30-3:30pm
All materials and equipment are provided to help you make Christmas cards, decorations and arts.

Ex-Bike
10 - 15 years - £3 per person
Mon 21st Dec - 2:00-2:50pm
Workout to motivational music on specialist indoor group exercise bikes.

Family Circuits
8 - 14 years and parents - £3 per person
Mon 21st Dec - 1:00-1:50pm
Fun workouts for all abilities. Improve fitness, strength and endurance. Please remember to bring a drink.

Run-around Games
4 - 8 years - £3 per person
Wed 23rd Dec - 1:00am - 12:00pm
A fun hour with lots of different run-around games for you to enjoy.
PRIZE BINGO

Friday December 4th
In Folksworth Village Hall - 7:30pm start

£6.50 for 6 books, raffle tickets, tea/coffee and biscuits.
(Smaller books are available)
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Everyone welcome!

Workers’ Educational Association, Yaxley

Russia and Russian Culture - sharing a witnesses experience of living, studying and working in the USSR (behind the 'Iron Curtain')

A new course with Tutor Marina Burrell
This 10-week course begins at 7:30 - 9:00pm on 12th January at The British Legion Clubroom, Broadway, Yaxley.

Course fee £48.00
For further information contact D. Cleverley at (01733) 240010
Krazy Katz Funhouse

Every Thursday • 9.30am to 12.00pm
Every Saturday • 8.30am to 11.30am

Sociable indoor soft play session for parents and under 6's.

There will be a variety of soft play equipment, bouncy castle and a ball pool for children to play in a safe environment.

Tea, coffee and a variety of treats also available.

Green Enc Road, Sawtry PE28 5UY
Tel: 01480 387800
www.oneleisure.net

Oneleisure
Sawtry
Hunts police have just introduced a new blog - take a look by clicking the link below.

They will be posting regular articles on various topics; recently they reported on some recent work carried out regarding human trafficking. There are a number of links on the home page directing you to useful content such as Crime Prevention, and Safe Cycling. You can post replies and be actively involved in online conversations.

https://cambscops.wordpress.com/category/huntingdonshire/.

In the second instance, a rogue trader calls claiming to work for Cambs CC’s Highways or Streetworks Team. They claim they are doing safety markings in the area and are offering - for a fee - surplus thermoplastic paint to refresh any markings you may have (for example parish council-owned car parks.) Genuine County officials would never do this. If you receive any approaches of this sort, decline the work. You can always check the authenticity of any of CCC’s officers by calling 0345 045 5200.

Shark Attacks

A loan shark is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000. It may be tempting to borrow from rogue moneylenders and it might seem like an easy and quick way to borrow money. At first they will seem very friendly and trustworthy. But they will charge you a huge rate of interest, meaning you have to pay back far more money than you borrowed or that you can afford. They often keep increasing the amount you owe and may ask for security on the debt such as your passport, bank card or driving licence.

Victims of loan sharks are not only charged astronomical rates of interest, but very often face violence, intimidation or blackmail if they fall behind with their payments. The
AVERAGE cost of borrowing from a loan shark is THREE TIMES the highest cost of legal credit. Trading Standards have come across one instance of a staggering 131,000% APR! That means that if you had borrowed £1 over 12 months, you’d have had to pay back £109 every month.

If you or someone you know is a victim, contact Trading Standards’ Illegal Money Lending Team in strictest confidence, at reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk, by phone on 0300 555 2222, or text to 60003. For more information visit www.gov.uk/stoploansharks.

**Shop Canny for Christmas**

Christmas presents don’t only get returned to the shop in January because we don’t like them. East of England Citizen’s Advice analysis shows that complaints about faulty items such as beauty treatments, toys and jewellery more than double in January.

So get to know your consumer rights before you go Christmas shopping. The new Consumer Rights Act, brought into effect on 1 October, can help people to shop with confidence and get their money back if things go wrong.

The top five most complained about goods in the East of England January 2015 were:

1. Laptops, notebooks and tablet PCs
2. Women’s clothing
3. TVs
4. Toys
5. Jewellery

Complaints were mostly about defects or misleading claims and descriptions.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Check the date. The new rights in the Consumer Rights Act only apply to goods bought after 1 October 2015.

Delivery not explained? If you're shopping online or with a salesperson who's visiting your home, certain information including any cancellation rights, delivery charges, delivery restrictions and returns policies MUST be clearly given. If it isn't, this could extend your right to cancel from 14 days to possibly up to a year.

Want your money back? Now, if you get a product that’s faulty, poor quality or not fit for purpose, you can return it within 30 days for a full refund.

Poor quality purchase? The new Act states that products must match the description given. If they don’t, your rights to a refund can come into play.

Bamboozled by small print? Now, important terms and conditions must be made prominent. This makes it easier to know what you’re signing up to, and to compare contracts so you know you’re getting the best deal.

Can’t resolve a dispute? Previously, consumers would often have to pay to take businesses to a small claims court to get their problem sorted. Now it’s simpler to go via Alternative Dispute Resolution, which uses other routes to solving disputes such as going to an Ombudsman for free.

For advice on goods and services you’ve purchased, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06, or go online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk.
Police are prioritising burglary as part of Operation Hunter and are using all tactics available to prevent crimes and to catch offenders and put them before the courts. As part of Operation Hunter readers are urged to check their home security to help prevent a rise in burglaries this winter. Fewer hours of daylight and the Christmas period often result in more break-ins.

Last year’s Christmas holiday saw a 10% rise in house burglaries.

Readers are urged to:

- Always keep doors and windows closed and locked, or in a ventilated but locked position. Always check and lock doors with a key.

- Remove keys from door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where you can find them in an emergency.

- Never leave items such as keys, bags, money or presents on show through a window.

- Ensure that keys cannot be reached through the letter box, even with a length of wire.

- Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are away from home.

- Use motion-activated lights at the front and rear of your property.

- Use bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.

- Install a visible intruder alarm box. It’s one of the biggest deterrents to an opportunist burglar.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.
Be Safe This Christmas
DON’T SMOKE THE TURKEY!

It is the time of year when we’re enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

Cambs Fire & Rescue Service has some timely reminders to make sure your festive cheer doesn’t go up in smoke:

Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking the festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.

Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.

Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.

Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power the Christmas presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find CFRS on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs.

01480 444500, www.cambsfire.gov.uk

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www.stilton.org

Contacting our Local Police
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Call 101 and ask for the Hampton office

Stilton and Villages:
Pc Paul Sykes: email: huntscops@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Keep this somewhere handy!

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Beyond turkey and Brussels sprouts it is now easy to try more unusual foods. Most supermarkets sell vegetables that may be new to many of us, such as celeriac, Jerusalem artichokes, kale or salsify.

You can buy guinea fowl, which has a taste somewhere between chicken and pheasant, and there is a wide choice of fish beyond cod and haddock. Also at their best in December are many types of oranges.

If you have to find a quick dessert, look in the fruit bowl to make this simple fruit salad.

### Correction

**FOOD HYGIENE STANDARDS UPDATE**

The Haven (out of school club) has asked SCAN to point out that the star rating printed in last month's issue is very out of date. The last inspection was carried out in 2009 before the move into the school. The Haven now has no cooking facilities and so will not be rated again. SCAN apologises for the misinformation.

### Seasonal Bests

TRY SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY THIS CHRISTMAS

**ORANGE, APPLE AND PEAR SALAD**

Divide two oranges into segments, catching the juice in a bowl. Squeeze another orange; you need 50mls of juice. Stir two tablespoons of caster sugar into the juice until dissolved. Core two eating apples, slice thinly, do the same with one ripe pear (catch any juice).

Stir all the fruit together, pour over the juice. Taste; you may want to add a little more sugar. Serve at once.
Free Shopping Bus

TRY A FOOD SHOP IN OUNDLE FOR A CHANGE

Readers who fancy a change from food shopping at Tesco or Nisa may welcome a new shuttle bus service operated for the Co-op at Oundle.

Decker Bus will stop in Stilton every Thursday morning as follows:

09:45  Church Close bus stop
09:47  Colbrook Garage
09:50  Opposite Stilton Cheese
09:52  Mill Road bus stop

Apparently it will even stop if you hail it, so don’t run to the bus stop!

The bus arrives in Oundle for 10:45 and departs at 12:15pm. Plenty of time for some shopping at the Co-op or a browse around the Thursday Farmers’ Market!

Even better, the service is FREE! If you have any queries, call (01733) 351694.

HOLME VILLAGE

BABY and TODDLER GROUP

All welcome - just pop along every Friday 9:30-11:30am Term time only

Great selection of toys, crafts & messy play
Quiet Baby corner
Large outdoor play area
Tea, coffee, milk & snack

The Village Hall Short Drove Holme PE7 3PA

Plenty of free on-site parking

Babies £1
Toddlers £2
Per additional child 50p

Find us on Facebook
Christmas Closures

We will be closed on:

Friday  25th December 2015
Saturday  26th December 2015
Monday  28th December 2015
Friday  1st January 2016

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.

Carer Support Group Meeting

The next meetings of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesdays 2nd December 2015 and 6th January 2016 between 2pm-4pm in the Health Education Room.

If you care for a family member or friend then you would be welcome to join our small but friendly group for coffee, biscuits and a chat. All carers will be made very welcome.

Rowlands Pharmacy

We would like to introduce Helen Bollans, the new permanent pharmacist at Rowlands. She has already made significant changes to improve the service, which has suffered in recent months due to a number of factors. Whilst the pharmacy is located in the surgery, the doctors do not own or run the business and patients have always been free to use whichever pharmacy they wish. Nevertheless we have been working behind the scenes for some time with Rowlands to resolve the difficulties that have resulted in a service that falls far below our expectations.

We welcome the new changes and look forward to working closely with Helen in the coming months.

To help our team at YGP and the pharmacy we ask you to plan ahead with your prescriptions and order early if necessary to avoid running out of medication over the Christmas and New Year period.

Thank you, Dr Alison Graham

Staff News

We would like to say a special farewell to Receptionist Rosemary Hardy, who left us on the 9th November after 13 years at YGP. Rosemary and her husband David are looking forward to becoming grandparents for the first time in the very near future. We all wish them well.

We are pleased to welcome Human Resources Manager Karen Crowther and Receptionist Belinda Lett to YGP. We hope they enjoy working with us all.
Prescriptions

Repeat prescriptions require at least 48 hours to process and possibly longer if you need to see or speak to a doctor to authorise a repeat. (Please note this does not include the time required for the Pharmacy of your choice to dispense the prescription, this can vary and sometimes could take up to 72 hours.) Repeat prescriptions may be requested on line, in writing or by faxing (01733 244645). Written requests are left in the post box by Reception. They are preferable to telephone requests, as errors can be made when taking a verbal message. Repeat prescriptions are not processed on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Health Walks

The Huntingdonshire Health Walks scheme offers nine free weekly walks, which will help you take in the stunning views and landscape that Huntingdonshire has to offer. Walks are held in and around Huntingdon, St, Neots, St. Ives, Yaxley, Sawtry and Ramsey.

Walking is one of the safest and easiest forms of physical activity. You don't need any specialist equipment to start walking and it can easily be built into your daily routine. The Health Walks are led by trained volunteers on routes of varying lengths; they are a great way to improve stamina and can benefit a variety of health conditions alongside the benefits of meeting new people. All health leaders are also first aid trained.

Walks are free of charge and you can walk in whatever location you fancy. In Yaxley, walks take place on alternate Tuesdays / Thursdays at 2pm. Walks are roughly about an hour long and often end with optional refreshment facilities.

You can view the current brochure at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks and click the brochure text. For further information, contact the Sport and Active Lifestyles team on 01480 388469 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activelifestyles

SCAN says: And if you get a taste for walking, why not join the Stilton Stumblers for a fortnightly stroll around the local countryside? Just Google ‘Stilton Stumblers’ for details.

Thank You

Once again this year during both open Flu Clinics on Saturdays 3rd and 17th October members of the Patients’ Association were selling raffle tickets to raise valuable funds for the surgery. All prizes were generously donated by local residents and businesses. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of them for their support and generosity. The draw was made on the 21st October and the lucky winners were notified; a list of winners is on our Patients’ Association notice board. We want to thank everyone who so generously bought raffle tickets and helped us to raise a superb £812.

Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated

Linda Smith, Patients Association Librarian
Local Pharmacy Services

If you have any queries, comments or complaints regarding the services provided by the local Pharmacies, please contact them directly.

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Volunteer Drivers Wanted
FOR STILTON, FOLKSWORTH AND WASHINGLEY

The North Huntingdon Community Car Scheme has completed its tenth year of operating a volunteer service, supplying transport to people who do not have their own means of getting to such places as doctors’ surgeries or hospitals.

The volunteers supply their own transport and receive a fixed sum of money per mile to cover fuel etc.

Stilton has around 40 people per month requiring this service but the number of Stilton drivers has reduced to only two. Folksworth also needs drivers.

No volunteer is obliged to do any particular number of runs or times, each lift being requested as and when required and the volunteer can accept or decline any opportunity offered.

At the moment the local region consists of some 16 drivers, 14 of whom do not live in Stilton. Because of this shortfall it means that undue pressure is falling on other members of the group, who are not only based further away but have their own local people to transport.

If anyone thinks they would like to offer their services, could they please contact Diane Hankins or Jenny Chambers on 07795 542084.
**Keeping Well**

**News from the Wellside Clinic**

(01487) 830340

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**‘FLU VACCINATION**

May we remind all patients falling within the following at risk categories that you are entitled and encouraged to have a flu vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Patients at any stage of pregnancy
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination please contact our Reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

**BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT**

As we try to meet increasing demand for appointments our reception staff may ask you if you are able to provide some information as to the nature of your problem. This is so we can direct you to the best person or resource to meet your need and make best use of the increasingly limited resources we have available.

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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING**

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If you require urgent GP care whilst the practice is closed you should call 01487 830340 or 111 to be put through to the out of hours service.

**REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**

Please remember that requests for repeat prescriptions take two working days. Please make sure you submit your repeat requests during this period in plenty of time to allow for this.

We wish all our patients and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Best Regards,**

*Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager*