Merry Christmas!

Open All Hours
Local Christmas Opening Hours
District Update
Report from our District Councillor
Job Vacancy
Could you manage Folksworth’s Pre-School?
Xmas Bin Collections
Make a note of the Changes!

Now is the time for family gatherings and a bit of over-indulgence, but let’s not forget those who aren’t able to enjoy such good things. Give generously to the Foodbank, or help the gallant crew at St Mary’s Night Shelter project. Make a difference this Christmas!

Incorporating folklore, for readers in Folksworth and the surrounding villages.
Grey Bin Days:  
Mon 4th, 18th December;  
Tues 2nd January

Garden Bin Days:  
Fri 1st, 15th, Sat 30th December;  
Fri 12th January

Recycling Bins:  
Mon 11th, Sat 23rd December;  
Mon 8th January

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

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

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

**DECEMBER**

1st  Norman Cross Lecture
2nd  Twinning Quiz in School Hall
16th Christmas Chorale at St Mary’s Church Coffee Morning
17th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

**JANUARY**

21st  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

**FEBRUARY**

11th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

**MARCH**

11th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

**APRIL**

15th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

**MAY**

20th  Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

MAKE SURE YOU TELL US!

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

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On the Red Carpet

**NATIONAL PARISH MAGAZINE AWARDS 2017**

SCAN was entered into the A5 Magazine Category and came 48th out of over 410 entries. The 1st prize went to another Cambridgeshire publication, Wilbraham’s Warbler. This is a glossy, colourful (=expensive!) magazine, with great artwork on the front and back covers, but it is only published quarterly. However, it also covers a number of neighbouring villages.

To see the latest edition, Autumn 2017, go to www.wilbrahams.co.uk/warbler

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Merry Xmas!

The SCAN production and distribution team wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018.
POSTING DATES

1st Class mail Thursday 21st December
2nd Class mail Wednesday 20th December

Belgium, France and Ireland 16th December
Rest of Europe 15th December

Airmail: USA/Canada 14th December;
Australia & NZ 9th December

Stilton Post Office is open 07:00-21:00 seven days a week.

Parcelforce recommends last posting to guarantee delivery is 20th Dec for 2 day delivery and 21st Dec for 1 day delivery. Express 24 service will deliver on Saturday 23rd Dec with a £9 delivery fee.

RAIL SERVICES

From Peterborough (0345 484950) 23rd December - 2nd January

There will be many changes to timetables as engineering and maintenance works takes place. Virgin East Coast services will finish earlier than normal on Sunday 24th Dec and will start again on Wednesday 27th Dec. Trains will run in England on January 1st but to an amended timetable.

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE

B bus to & from Cambridge will stop by 8pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. There are no buses on December 25th, 26th or New Year's Day.

PETROL

Tesco Serpentine Green Closed Christmas Day. Motorway services J17 A1(M) not yet available.

BP petrol London Road Yaxley (0906 784 0042) open 24 hours all over holidays.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From October 29th Stilton is now served by Bus B: P’borough-Huntingdon-Cambridge.

The earliest from Peterborough is 7:03am (Glebe Road) (7:43am Huntingdon) then 8:03am and after that 9:33am and every 33 mins past the hour until 8:26pm.

From Stilton to Peterborough, 27 minutes past the hour from 6:27am to 7:42pm.

HACT 46A community bus continues to run from Stilton to Sawtry and Huntingdon and Stilton to Peterborough. One bus each day runs via Folksworth.

FREE Shoppers bus to Oundle Co-op and market Thursdays leaves Stilton at 9:50am and 10am in Folksworth. The bus leaves Oundle Co-op at 12:15pm

RECYCLING CENTRE

Alconbury PE28 4LH 01480 414796

Closed 1pm on Christmas Eve, re-opens 27th December. Closed New Year's Day. Normally open 9am-4pm.
MEDICAL SERVICES

Dentists

Most dentists will be closed between 22-27 December and 29th Dec to Jan 2nd. In an emergency ring 111 and you will be advised of the nearest Dental Access Centre.

Minor illness and injury

City Care Centre, Thorpe Road, Peterborough PE3 6DB

Yaxley Health Centre

Closed after Christmas Eve until Wednesday 27th December and from December 30th to January 2nd. (See also p26)

Pharmacy services

Halls the Chemist are closed from December 22-27 and on January 1st.

Millfield Pharmacy 387 Lincoln Road Peterborough PE1 2PF (01733 312933)
Christmas Day 10am-6pm
Boxing Day 3-8pm
New Year's Day 3-8pm

Tesco Serpentine Green

Closes at 4pm on Christmas Eve, opens 9am-6pm on Boxing Day (closed December 25th). New Year's Day opens 9am-4pm.

Aldi

Closes 4pm Christmas Eve, opens 8am on December 27th. Closes 4pm New Year's Eve, closed 1st January.

Serpentine Green

Closes at 4pm on Christmas Eve, closed Christmas Day, opens at 9am on Boxing Day. Closes 6pm on 31st December, open 10am-4pm New Year's Day. Individual shop times may vary, so check the website for full details.

SHOPS

Nisa, Church Street, Stilton

Open every day as normal, but will close late afternoon on Christmas Day.

FOOD & DRINK

The Stilton Cheese (240546)
Christmas Eve 12noon-11pm
Christmas Day 11:30-2pm (no food)
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve 12-1am - free disco and buffet. All Welcome.
New Year's Day closed

S Bar (formerly The Tunnels)
Closed Christmas Day

The Talbot Inn (240291)
Bar Food
Christmas Eve 12-12 12-8pm
Christmas Day 11:30am-2:30pm no food
Boxing Day 11:30am-11pm 11:30am-4pm
New Year's Eve 12 -1am 12-3pm and 5-8pm
New Year's Day 12-11pm 12-4pm
Rev. Richard Gibbs led representatives of the District Council, Stilton Parish Council, St Mary’s church community, the Guides and the Royal British Legion in Stilton’s Armistice Day service on Saturday 11th November.

Olive Main sends Christmas greetings to all her friends, neighbours and colleagues and wishes everyone a very happy and healthy new year.

Instead of sending cards to people I see and meet regularly I am donating to Tear Fund’s appeal and I am twinning my toilet with a village in Africa. I have three toilets in my house; it seems unfair that many people do not have access to such a basic facility and in this way I can do a very tiny bit to make life better for some people.
Stilton & District Twinning Association

20 Years of Twinning Anniversary Celebrations

2017/2018 marks 20 years since we signed the two Twinning Charters with St Christol les Alés. A great deal has been achieved over these years:

- Over 600 exchange visits have taken place
- Strong friendships have been formed
- We have learned about our different cultures
- We know more about our respective countries
- We know more about our local regions
- Travel grants have been awarded to young people
- Above all….fun has been had!

Anniversary Visit
25 to 29 August 2018

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

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

Once there visitors will be hosted by local families

There will be a programme of visits and celebrations.

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

The Foodbank supplies food for families in crisis every week. Thanks for your continued support. The Foodbank is now low on:

- Cereals
- Milk - powder or long-life
- Tea / Coffee
- Bags of sugar
- Orange juice / squash
- Tins of meat / tuna / beans / tomatoes / soup / vegetables / fruit
- Packets of soup / pasta / rice / dried fruit
- Cartons / tins of custard / rice pudding
- Jars of pasta sauces / jam / preserves
- Packets of biscuits / crackers / crisps / cake / chocolate / sweets

Where possible, please ensure that tins have ringpull tops for ease of opening and that all items have a reasonable remaining use-by date.

Please contact Pearl Reed (01733) 241114 if the Church is not open or if you need anything collected.

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!

Beginners welcome!

Margaret Parsons      Tel: (01733) 243352

Twinning Diary Dates

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

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

Funds raised by the Association provide for travel grants for young people on exchange visits to St Christol and activities here when groups visit from St Christol.
Stilton in Tune
DON’T MISS OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENT!

The October music event saw an increase in numbers attending, writes Tony Oliver, with some ‘new’ local faces who said they enjoyed the afternoon and will be returning on a regular basis. That’s what we like to hear! Our keyboard player was Andrew Nix who entertained with an excellent selection of music played on his two-keyboard electronic organ. This versatile musician is also adept at playing the more complicated theatre/cinema organs. As usual, by the time you read this article, our latest artist, Brett Wales, will have played with his individual style, which is always top notch.

The final music event of 2017 which, being on the 17th December, will have a mixture of music including, of course, some seasonal and Christmas pieces. We are welcoming Northampton-based player Matthew Bason who will be presenting his one-man variety show which always provides something for everyone. Do come along and join us on this festive occasion in support of the Pavilion for a fun afternoon – just £7.50 per person which includes interval refreshments of the usual beverages, biscuits, cake and, this time courtesy of Tesco, freshly cooked mince pies! We are not a club so all are welcome to this friendly musical event. If you have been before why not introduce a friend or two to our kind of music which we hope will become ‘Your Kind of Music.’

Doors open at 2pm and the show starts at 2:30pm (One hour of music followed by a 30 minute interval for refreshments and the raffle draw, then another hour of entertainment taking us to around 5pm). Our team of volunteers look forward to welcoming you and to help you enjoy the musical experience.

Finally, I am pleased to say that our monthly shows will continue in 2018 with the following early dates for your diary – all Sunday afternoons, 21st January, 11th February, 11th March, 15th April and 20th May when the ‘Flying Dutchman’ DirkJan Ranzijn will be returning to entertain. Weather permitting, he will also again be playing in the open air on Marvin and Carol Richards’ driveway on Cheese Rolling day.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you, patrons or not, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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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!
Santa and his sleigh

The Stilton tradition of Santa & his sleigh will be bringing the festive spirit to the streets of Stilton with his friendly elves on the 9th & 10th of December.

Stilton Pavilion

OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

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

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

Attractive rates for commercial hire and other options

For information, see www.stilton.org/facilities/stilton-pavilion/

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

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

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

95% of Cambridgeshire may well benefit from superfast broadband, writes Cllr Tim Alban, but that doesn't help the residents of Denton and Caldecote who continue to be in the 5% which doesn't. Along with our MP Shailesh Vara I am continuing to press for an improvement but unfortunately progress seems to be anything but superfast; I'll keep working on this and post any news on my Facebook page.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Usually I am not able to attend but this year I was able to be part of the moving act of remembrance at Stilton Cemetery on 11th November. I also planted a Poppy Cross at the olive tree in the churchyard.

WEEDS, LITTER & LEAVES

During the summer I arranged for the District Council's Cleansing Team to tackle the weeds which had taken hold in a number of roads in Stilton and was delighted with the time and effort they gave to our village. I don't think they envisaged the work taking quite so long but they certainly did a good job.

Unfortunately, some of the weeds on the B1043 just outside the village returned so I arranged for the Cleansing Team to return where they tackled the weeds, leaves and litter.

FEN LANE FRUSTRATIONS

The lack of any No Through Road signs at the junction of Fen Lane with the B1043 has again caused problems for both residents and drivers. When the A1(M) was blocked recently, drivers were trying to find a way through to Yaxley and, with no signs to say that it leads to a dead-end, many of them tried to go via Fen Lane - only to have to turn round on the single track road and come back out again. I am working with County Councillor Simon Bywater to try and get the signage changed.

COURTS 4 KIDS - SCHEME EXTENDED

I'm delighted to report that One Leisure agreed to my suggestion to extend the Courts 4 Kids scheme to 16-18 year olds; previously a child became ineligible when they turned 16. Now, on weekdays during school holidays, a child in full-time education can hire courts at any of the leisure centres in Huntingdonshire for just £3.

ROADS & LINES

Following complaints from residents I have made representations to the County Council who have agreed to repaint the white lines in Church Street near the junctions of Mondela Place and Stackyard Close - although they haven't given me an idea when this will be done. They were quicker to respond to my request to tackle the damage to the tarmac near the junction with the flyover towards Holme, which they repaired fairly promptly.
PARKING

This continues to be a sensitive issue and one about which I met with the Police recently. The Police have issued tickets when vehicles have been parked on the double yellow lines near the shops and have monitored the situation since.

I have also made them aware of residents’ concerns about vehicles blocking pavements. Vehicles may be parked partly on a pavement but room must be left for a wheel chair or pushchair to be able to get through without having to go into the road; anything else and the parked vehicle risks being ticketed.

DISTRICT DISCUSSIONS

Since my last report, the District Council has considered a wide variety of topics including changes to the waste collections, the merger of Hinchingbrooke Hospital with Peterborough & Stamford, car parking, the future of Customer Service Centres (including the one at Yaxley which serves our area), enforcement, the future plans for the development of the district and the takeover of Luminus Housing. There is the also the matter of the Council Tax for 2018/19 to be decided in the new year.

AND FINALLY…

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me with issues and comments during the year. For me, trying to get things done for the villages I represent on the Huntingdonshire District Council is the most rewarding part of being a councillor.

Up to date news of issues I am trying to tackle can be found on my Facebook page facebook.com/TimAlbanForStiltonWard.

To contact me please email tim.alban@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or call 07913 101145.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year,
Tim Alban

Friends Of Norman Cross

Friday December 1st at 7pm

At the Norman Cross Gallery,
London Road PE7 3TB

War Memorials in the Landscape

A talk by Rev. David Bond

Stilton Church Coffee Morning

Dec 16th
10:30am - noon

(Third Saturday in every month)

Everybody is welcome.
Come and try the homemade cake.
Take a chance to win the raffle!
Based in Folksworth Ben Hawkins and Tony are your Community First Responders who attend 999 calls around the Peterborough area. They mainly support Folksworth, Stilton, Yaxley, Sawtry, Glatton and Holme but even reach out to the Ortons and city centre. Together they volunteer on average 450-500 hours a month. Between October 2016 - October 2017 they attended 143,999 calls in the area. This year alone they have been dispatched to 7 cardiac arrests and had to use their defibrillator multiple times during resuscitation. They provide urgent care in the critical minutes before an ambulance arrives on scene. They enjoy what they do but now they need your help.

They urgently need to find £2,000 to pay for a new defibrillator before theirs runs out of date and there is other equipment they need too. On 1st December, Ben will be sky-diving to raise funds. He’s terrified of heights so jumping out of a perfectly good aeroplane at 13,000 feet is a big deal!

Please sponsor Ben by clicking on his Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/folksworthresponders. All donations however large or small would help to achieve this target. Contact Ben Hawkins on 07727 266121.

The children have been busy designing their own Christmas Cards. These are also available to buy as mugs and coasters so hopefully many of these will be delivered around the village in December.

We are now holding a weekly Zumba class in the school on Mondays from 7 to 8pm. Come and have fun and get fit at the same time! Classes cost £5, or £20 for five classes, and all profits go to the PTA. We'd love to see you there. If you have any questions please contact our instructor Nicci on 07567 559552.
FOLKSWORTH CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays at 7pm. New players are welcome, even if it's just to have a go. All equipment is provided and there's no obligation to make a regular commitment. If you'd like to know more call Chris on 01733 241938

FOLKSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

A feast of events are planned for Saturday 9th December, starting at 3pm with Santa visiting the village and finishing with the draw of the winning ticket of our Christmas Cash Raffle. This is your chance to win £500! Please see the main adverts for further details.

We're recruiting for an Early Years Professional to join our team as Setting Manager. Please see our advert, or call Rhiannon Asplin on 07540 517552.

FOLKSWORTH LADIES CIRCLE

We've had some interesting speakers these last few meetings, including George Waugh who told us about his life as a butler including his time at Burghley House. Also a husband and wife team living in Peterborough who are the only people in England to hand make tartan kilts. We've chosen to go to the Admiral Wells at Holme for our Christmas Meal in December.

We are looking forward to next year’s meetings and hope to see some more ladies join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in Folksworth Village Hall. Please contact Phyllis Hope on 240947

FOLKSWORTH 15 SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018

The Folksworth 15 has become an annual race fixture for many runners and is a great training race in preparation for one of the many spring marathons. Now in its 29th year, the route comes through our village. Please give them a cheer as they run by.

FOLKSWORTH, WASHINGLEY AND MORBORNE VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us and used the hall over the past year. The hall is gradually improving and, as we are sure that all the users would agree, the new heating system, lighting, doors and storage cupboards have made a significant difference. The plans for the additional room extension to the hall, new toilets and storage room/cupboards have been drawn up and we will shortly be going forward to the planning stage.

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended our Family Bingo and Social evening. Please put in your diaries Saturday 27th January 2018 for our Burns Night Supper and Quiz. Tickets, priced £7.50, will go on sale in the New Year.

All proceeds from these events will go towards further improvements to the village hall.

To find out more about the various groups who use our Village Hall, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FolksworthVillageHall/. For information on joining any of the groups, please visit the hall on the appropriate day and time. For hall bookings please contact Mrs. Joy Blythe on 01733 241938.
News From St Helen's

We are holding a NORDIC STYLE CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT on Saturday 9th of December from 4 to 6 pm. Everyone welcome and all profits go towards the upkeep of our historic church. (See the main advert)

We're also taking pre-orders for decorative Christmas tins of Scandinavia's most popular gingerbread biscuits (from a well-known Scandinavian stockist) for just £4 per tin.

Tins can be reserved in advance and collected and paid for at the event. Please email hegemmg@gmail.com to place your order.

Thanks in advance for your support!

DECEMBER SERVICES

3rd 9:45am Holy Communion
10th 9:45am Family Folkus in the school hall
17th 9:45am Morning Praise
24th 3pm Crib Service
25th 9:45am Family Service
31st 9:45am Group Service

Beryl Haynes 1927 - 2017

With her husband Archie, Beryl moved to Folksworth when they built their first house on Morborne Road in 1956 and this became the family home where Anne, Richard and Trevor grew up.

She was an active member of Folksworth's Women's Institute and Mothers' Union for a time and she also helped with the flower rota at St Helen's Church, Folksworth. For many years she collected in Folksworth for the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal, for which she was awarded a Poppy Appeal brooch for her long service to this appeal.

Beryl had a sense of fun and smiled often, she was well-liked and made life-long friendships, including a number of friends in Folksworth, Stilton and the surrounding villages.

Beryl was a keen gardener and when she moved to White Lodge on Folksworth Road she had her work cut out but over the years she created a beautiful garden. She always managed to achieve amazing colour in her gardens throughout the year and each garden she nurtured was her pride and joy. It was her gardening that helped her stay so fit and healthy for so long and to reach her 90th Birthday in August and beyond.

Beryl and Archie moved to Yaxley in 2002 and settled well into their retirement there whilst still keeping in touch with their friends locally and enjoying a weekly walk in the countryside.

Contributors!

We want your material for Folklore!

Email to Sarah Abbott at abbottsarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 247275

FOLKLORE - FOLKLORE - FOLKLORE - FOLKLORE - FOLKLORE
Our lovely village pre-school is currently recruiting for an Early Years Professional to join our team as Setting Manager.

Desirable criteria: Level 4 or above early years education and childcare qualification or degree.

We are looking for an individual:

- To provide safe, high quality education and care for early years children.
- To fulfil legal and statutory requirements.
- To successfully lead and manage staff on a day-to-day basis.
- To contribute to and to implement early years policies.
- To ensure that all statutory, legal and setting obligations are followed and met.

For a full Job Description or further information please contact Rhiannon Asplin:
chair.folksworthpreschool@gmail.com
Mobile: 07540 517552

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£10.00

£500
CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Only 100 tickets available!!

Draw will take place 8:30pm on Saturday 9th December at Folksworth Village Hall

If you would like to take part in our fantastic £500 cash draw please call Rhiannon on 07540 517522 or email chair.folksworthpreschool@gmail.com

Run by Folksworth Village Pre School, Folksworth Village Hall, Manor Road, Folksworth. PE7 3SU. Registered Charity no. 1013635
NEW COUNCILLOR

Council is pleased to welcome Steve Chapman as a co-opted Member, which means there are now no casual vacancies.

2018 ELECTIONS

2018 is an election year for all Cambridgeshire Town and Parish Councils. If you are considering standing for election and would like further information, please contact the Clerk.

BUDGET/PRECEPT

Council has held its Annual Budget Meeting. Full details of the budget for 2018-19 are available in the Minutes. It was decided that the Precept will be held at its current level for a further year.

HGVs

Council is pursuing the implementation of a width limit for the village due to the increase in number and frequency of HGVs in the parish. This is not an easy task and evidence is needed. Residents have started to send me photos of instances, particularly around the area of the double bends in Manor Road and we need as many different ones as possible to build our case. An independent traffic survey will also be undertaken. Any information or documentation would be appreciated.

MEETINGS

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month (except August) at 7:20 in the Village Hall, Manor Road. However, the December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:20pm.

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

We meet on Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 pm in Folksworth Village Hall to paint/draw in a friendly, informal atmosphere, helping each other when necessary.

NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS ARE VERY WELCOME

Why not join us? Bring your own materials.

£3 per session, including refreshments.

Contact Cherry Hadley Tel: 01733 244258 - or just come along and enjoy yourself!
Movers & Shakers
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clerk@folksworthandwashingley-pc.org.uk  www.folksworthandwashingley-pc.org.uk

Your Community Needs You!

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

We would love you to join us, so call Dianne or Jennie on 07795 542084 to find out more.

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Father Christmas and his Reindeer are coming to Folksworth

On Saturday 9th December the one and only Father Christmas will be visiting every street in Folksworth to wave hello to all the Good Boys & Girls.

The festive fun doesn’t stop there!

Join him, Elsa, Anna AND real life Reindeer at Folksworth Village Hall for Carols, BBQ, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and lots of festive fun right into the night.

3pm - Father Christmas starts his Journey
5pm - The Bar Opens
6pm - Meet & Greet with Father Christmas, Elsa and Anna at the Village Hall
7pm - Christmas Carols
8:30pm - 100 Ticket Raffle £500 Prize Draw

To find out more and purchase tickets for our fantastic raffle please see our Facebook page ‘Folksworth PreSchool’ or ask a member of staff for the details.

This year’s Father Christmas Float is sponsored by:

PRINCEBILD
meeting your property needs... today
Nordic Gingerbread Festival
at
St Helen's Church, Folksworth
Saturday 9th December 2-5pm

Decorate a Gingerbread House Competition - £3.50
Pre-purchase a kit, include it in your gingerbread scene and bring it to the festival. Prize for the winner, whoever gets the most likes on facebook!

Christmas Tin of Scandinavia's Best Gingerbread Thins £4
Only available by ordering in advance, collection at the festival.

Scandinavian Style Café
Hot Christmas punch, speciality hot chocolate with marshmallows, freshly cooked waffles, gingerbread biscuits and more.
Come and enjoy some winter cheer!

Decorate the Tree
Make or buy a decoration at the festival to place on the Christmas tree.

Plus music, live performances, tombola and gifts for sale.
All profit goes to the Church Building fund

Gingerbread Wonderland - contact us now to place your orders
Gingerbread House Competition £3.50
Order your kit from Belinda on 07840 809593

Christmas Tin of Gingerbread Thins (500g) £4.00
Orders by e-mail: hegemmg@gmail.com

Do you have a Christmas talent and would like to perform at the festival?
Let us know in advance stiltonchurches@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Due to changes in GP services locally, mainly the new GP Hub at Boroughbury Medical Centre and the new Integrated Urgent Care Service (IUC) accessible via 111, we will no longer offer emergency appointments on a Saturday morning from December 2017. There are a number of services in place to deal with our patients' urgent care needs on weekends and we will continue to offer pre-booked appointments at Yaxley Group Practice.

The Rowlands Pharmacy will be open as usual to collect medication that you have already ordered. There will be no facility at Yaxley Group Practice to have a repeat prescription issued on a Saturday. If you have forgotten to order your prescription and it is urgent you should speak with your pharmacist for advice and/or dial 111.

Repeat prescriptions can be ordered online or in writing and it takes 48 hours to process the request (please note this does not include the time required for your chosen pharmacy to dispense the prescription). Repeat prescriptions are not processed on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Reports, letters and forms can still be collected from the Practice on Saturday for an interim period.

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**Dropping Off a Urine Sample**

Please make sure you have spoken to a clinician or have a telephone call booked before leaving your sample. If you haven't your urine sample will be discarded and will not be tested. This is because we need clinical details and not just a urine sample to be able to test the urine for the right thing.

We test urine samples for lots of things other than infections. Sometimes we do not need to test the urine due to new guidance on the management of urine infections.

If a clinician has asked you to bring a urine sample in then please ensure it is correctly labelled otherwise the lab will reject it and the sample will be disposed of untested.

**Staff News**

Dr. Betts-Masters went on maternity leave in mid-November and will return to YGP in late May 2018. We would all like to wish her well for the future.

We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Sheila Darroch who will be with us till mid May 2018.

**Christmas Closures**

We will be closed on:

- Monday 25th December
- Tuesday 26th December
- Monday 1st January 2018

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

There is currently a national and global shortage of the Hepatitis A and B vaccine. After the 15th September we will be cancelling our Travel Clinics until normal vaccine supply resumes.

If you require this vaccine for your travel please contact one of the private travel clinics listed below to see if they have any available vaccine. (Please note charges will apply and they vary depending on provider)

However, we do currently still have supplies of Yellow Fever, Typhoid and Rabies vaccine. If you require this, please speak to Reception to arrange an appointment.

City Doc Peterborough
63-65 Mayor's Walk
West Town
Peterborough
PE3 6EX
Call 0203 733 5696
or book online at citydoc.org.uk

Boots
Queensgate
Peterborough
Call 01733 312211 or online at www.boots.com/vaccinations/travel-vaccination-health-advice-service

The Cambridge Travel Clinic
41 Hills Road
Cambridge
CB2 1NT
Call 01223 367362

For European travel please visit website www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk for vaccination advice.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING SERVICE

The Psychological and Wellbeing Service (IAPT) offers treatments across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for those people who are experiencing common mental health problems, such as Depression, Stress, Anxiety, Worry and Low Self-confidence. They can also provide psychological help to those suffering with long-term respiratory (COPD) and cardiac conditions.

The psychological therapies offered are treatments approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). This means that the talking therapies that they offer are proven to be effective treatments for problems such as those mentioned above.

You can refer yourself directly via the Internet at: www.cpft.nhs.uk or telephone: 0300 300 0055. Lines are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Merry Christmas!

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

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

- Aged 65 or above (including those becoming age 65 by 31.03.18)
- 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 who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Patients who are morbidly obese - ie. BMI of 40 or above.
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an older or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not had yours yet, please contact our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to book an appointment.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Fri 22nd December - open as usual
Sat 23rd December - closed
Sun 24th December - closed
Mon 25th December - closed
Tue 26th December - closed
Wed 27th December - open as usual
+ evening surgery 6:30-8pm
Thur 28th December - open as usual
Fri 29th December - open as usual
Sat 30th December - closed
Sun 31st December - closed
Mon 1st January - closed
Tue 2nd January - open as usual

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

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

Best Regards,
Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager
Stilton and District Twinning Association

Twinning
Jumelage

Quiz Night

Saturday 2 December 2017

Stilton School Hall

7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people

Ticket price £7.50 per head

Supper & Dessert

(Bring your own drink and glasses)

book with:

Chris 241376 or Audrey & Paul 241739

It's a great night!

We look forward to seeing you.
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- **Playgroup (Stilton):** 9 - 11:45am & 1 - 3pm.
- **Stay & Play:** 9 - 10:15am.
- **Mums & Toddlers (Folksworth):** 10:00 - 11:30 term time.
- **Pre-School (Folksworth):** 9:00am - 3:00pm.
- **Playgroup (Folksworth):** 10 - 11:30am.
- **1st Stilton Brownies:** 6:15 - 7:45pm.
- **Stilton Rainbows:** 5:15 - 6:15pm.
- **Folkswoth Brownies:** 6:30 - 7:45pm term time.
- **1st Folkswoth Brownies Rainbows:** 5:30 - 6:30pm.
- **Guides:** 6 - 7:30pm.
- **Stilton United Colts:** KO 10am.
- **Parish Council (Stilton):** Wednesday after 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm.
- **Parish Council (Folksworth):** 7:30 - 9:30pm 3rd Tuesday in month.
- **Sewing Group:** 2:30 - 5pm.
- **Over 60's Club:** 2:00pm.
- **Holy Communion:** 1st & 3rd Sun 11:15am.
- **2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am:**
- **2nd Sun 11:15am:**
- **4th Sunday 11:15am:**
- **9am:**
- **6 - 7pm in term time:**
- **8am 2nd Saturday in month:**
- **1st Wednesday 12:30 - 1:30:**
- **2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30pm:**
- **8am:**
- **Holy Communion (soup lunch):**
- **Church Choir:**
- **Prayer Focus:**
- **Christian Congregation in UK:**
- **Stilton Gardening Club:** 3rd Tues 7:30pm.
- **Pilates (Stilton):** 9:30 - 10:30; 10:30 - 11:30am.
- **10:00 - 11:00am & 10:30 - 11:30am:**
- **7:45-8:45pm Wed. 8 - 9pm Thurs:**
- **7:15 - 8:15pm:**
- **Mon (adults) 2-4pm; Tue 7:00-9:30pm:**
- **2pm Mon, 7:30pm Thu:**
- **7 - 9pm weekly. May-Aug fortnightly:**
- **7:30 - 9:30pm:**
- **8 - 9:35pm:**
- **5:30 - 7pm:**
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- **Mon 8-9pm; Tue 6-7pm; Wed 9-10:30:**
- **11am - 12:30pm:**
- **3:00pm kick-off:**
- **7:30pm:**
- **12:30-4:30pm:**
- **7:30-9:30pm 4th Tuesday in month:**
- **3rd Thursday, 7:30pm:**
- **Alternate Sundays 10:00am:**
- **10am-noon, 2nd Monday in month:**
- **5:30 - 6:30pm:**
- **Mobile Library (Stilton):**
- **Mobile Library (Folksworth):**
- **Age Well Club:**
- **Carers' Group:**
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**Date? Tell SCAN about your activities!**

Stilton Church Meeting Room - (01733) 243553 | Stilton Parish Room - (01733) 241042 | Leave a LANDLINE number!

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Chorale at Christmas

by the Sawtry Chorale

Stilton Church, Saturday 16th of December

£7.30 under 12s free

Tickets from Peter on (01733) 244666

Stilton Stay & Play

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

Wednesdays in Stilton Pavilion 9:00 - 10:15am

£1 donation per child

www.facebook.com/stiltonstayandplay
**Stilton Parish Meeting Room**

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

**HIRING THE ROOM**

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

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

**FEES:**

| All Day (9am - 6pm) | £50 | Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm) | £25 |
| Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm) | £25 | A deposit of £50 is required when booking. |

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**Linking Hands**

**Ladies Group**

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

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

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

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

Why not come along and join us?
Many houseplants that we receive as Christmas gifts suffer because we don’t know how best to care for them. So here are some tips to keep them going well after the festive season is over.

**CHRISTMAS CACTUS**

A native of the mountains of Brazil, it is a tropical plant, not a desert variety, so it needs to be kept moist but not waterlogged. The temperature must not drop below 10°C; it is happiest around 20°C. In the winter it likes direct sunlight.

It should flower into February and then needs to rest, so keep it cooler and in partial shade. Once the buds appear in autumn start to water more and keep it warm.

**POINSETTIA**

This comes from Mexico. The flower head is made up of red bracts and can last several months, but once the flowers and leaves fall you will need great patience to get it to flower again.

To keep it over Christmas it needs a temperature around 20-24°C, watering only when the soil feels dry. Rainwater is best. Keep it on a brightly lit window sill.

**WINTER CHERRY (SOLANUM)**

This should survive and be put outside in summer, but be aware it is poisonous to cats and dogs, also to children who may see the berries as tomatoes.

This plant likes a coolish 15°C temperature, but keep it out of draughts, moist soil and bright light. Prune it and re-pot at the end of winter.

**CYCLAMEN**

This should be kept in full light, cool (13-15°C). Feed it every two weeks. When it starts to die back water sparingly, then keep dry for three months. As new leaves appear start to water again.
There’s a lot to be said for the traditional Christmas turkey, but by the time you’ve been to a few works Christmas dinners you may feel the need for something different. Why not try a succulent beef joint? It cooks a treat as a pot roast in the slow cooker. Or try a bird in a bird in a bird for a more tempting mix of flavours?

Equally, you may be bored with Christmas pudding; happily, all the major food stores provide amazing desserts. M&S have several chocolate-based dishes, a collection of mini mince pies and a cheese Christmas cake (which costs £35).

Waitrose sell Mary Berry's brioche-based bread & butter pudding, which is fruity and light. Iceland offer a range of frozen desserts and Tesco Finest are always delectable and often come in individual sizes as well as full size.

Aldi's Christmas food is also amazing; my eye was caught by a robin perched on a log. Morrisons also have individual/mini desserts and a snowman Madeira cake.

I shall stick to a traditional pudding, but am bewildered by the choice. It's going to be simpler to make my own!

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Tickets £5, children £3 include light refreshments and a lucky ticket.

Tickets on the door
or from Mary Croll (241042)

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Friends of Yaxley Library - FOYL - is a friendly group of like-minded individuals who get together to share ideas for events and promotion in the library. FOYL will be supporting The Library Presents in the Spring with the following events:

**Classical Reflections**

On Friday 2nd March, a performance by 22-year-old classically trained identical twin singers Naomi and Hannah Moxon, who have appeared on BBC's show 'The Voice.'

**Samba Drumming Workshop**

Wouldn't it be great to drum in a library? Samba drumming will get your feet tapping, arms moving, head nodding and your heart beating. Dates to be confirmed.

**Mosaic Workshop**

Join Carolyn Ash to learn about mosaic techniques. Dates to be confirmed.

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

FOYL has also kindly supported our Family Learning Festival by purchasing boxes that were decorated and turned into a Time Capsule. Friends also provided drinks for the children who attended. Thank you!

If you would like to become a member of FOYL and get involved please do speak to a member of the library staff or email friendsofyaxleylibrary@hotmail.co.uk. You would be most welcome.

**Regular Events**

**RHYMETIME**

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

**STORYTIME**

Come along to Yaxley library to hear lovely stories and join in with our action rhymes. Our December session is on Tuesday 12th at 10:30am. For ages 18 months - 4 years. It's free! No booking required!

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

**BOOK & BISCUIT**

Let's get reading! Book & Biscuit is a special story club for children aged 4 - 7 years. Each month we will share a themed story adventure and craft to match! Our next session will be on Thursday 14th December at 3:30pm, with the following sessions
continuing on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Parents / carers must stay with their children. This is a free event! No need to book; just come along.

**LEGO CLUB**

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

**Games Club for Adults**

Come along to our new games club, where you can learn and play some games and meet new people, every Tuesday afternoon. Rummikub will be held on Tuesday 5th and 19th December and Mahjong will be held on the 12th December. Sessions are from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Free to attend and no need to book! Donations welcome.

**EngAge in the Afternoon for Adults**

Christmas Get-together - Wednesday 13th December from 2:00 - 3:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of festivities and festive treats.

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

We wish all our customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Christmas Opening Times**

We close at 1:30pm on Saturday 23rd December and re-open at 9:30am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. All loans will be extended over the holiday period.

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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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

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**Mobile Library**

**No Service in Dec**

Next visit 24th January

**Folksworth**

10:45 - 11am Elm Road

**Stilton**

3:10 - 4pm

Outside The Talbot

Route M24

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in **SCAN!**
The A14 project is on track to open by the end of 2020, with over a quarter of the main construction completed. 34 bridges and structures are being built, of which one (near Wood Green Animal Shelter) is already open to traffic.

The project’s ecology team has already created three of the 18 wildlife habitats. Five barn owl boxes already installed were used for nesting this year and three of the birds successfully reared chicks.

The A14 Community Fund has allocated more than £110,000 to 16 local projects over the past year. More than 2,000 people are estimated to benefit from the projects so far.

Some 22 apprentices and 44 graduates have been recruited into the project team and 19 students have done work experience with the team too. The project’s skills team visited 30 schools to promote science, technology, engineering and maths, and to talk about careers in civil engineering.

With 200 archaeologists working on the scheme, more than 25 settlements have been uncovered so far, including Iron Age, Roman, Saxon and Medieval villages.

Next year’s schedule includes starting on the Bar Hill junction and widening the Cambridge northern bypass between Histon and Milton; opening the Grafham Road bridge over the A1, the first of the new Girton interchange bridges and the new A1 between Alconbury and Brampton to traffic.

Nearly eight miles of narrow lanes have been installed on the A14 and A1, avoiding the need for lane closures during the day and maintaining road capacity.

100% of the project’s electricity comes from renewable energy, including six solar-powered lighting towers.

A heritage strategy has been funded to encourage leisure activities and tourism around the A14 corridor. The project team is working with Cambs County Council to create additional footpaths, cycleways and bridleways around the scheme.

MORE INFORMATION

For the latest information about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, including job and training opportunities, visit the scheme website, follow @A14C2H on Twitter and like our Facebook page.

For more information about the A14 Community Fund and to apply, visit the Cambridge Community Foundation website.

To book the A14 Cambridge to Huntington mobile visitor centre to attend a public event for free, call 0800 270 0114 or email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.
It is the time of year when we’re enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking up festive feasts for the family and entertaining loved ones. With all the fun to be had it is easy to be distracted when cooking in the kitchen.

50 per cent of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking.

Cambs Fire & Rescue want to help ensure your festive cheer doesn’t go up in smoke this Christmas by sharing their tips for safe cooking over the festive season:

● Never leave cooking unattended.

● Do not cook when tired.

● Do not cook when under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy.

● Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built-up fat can easily catch fire.

● Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house.

● Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob. Tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire.

● Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long. Always read the instructions on the packet – never guess the time needed.

● Oven chips or temperature controlled deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking.

● Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers and never leave them on if you go out or when you go to bed.

● Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm.

● Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.

For more information, or to get in touch, contact Cambs Fire & Rescue on 0800 9179994 or at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk.

For general fire safety information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow CFRS on social media or call 01480 444500.
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