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GREY BIN DAYS:
Tuesday 7th, Monday 20th January, 3rd February

GARDEN BIN AND RECYCLING DAYS:
Monday 13th, 27th January, 10th February

For latest information on refuse collections, go to www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

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(See advert on p15.) Public services, NHS, Councils and Community Groups are involved in this project to look at the issues and find workable solutions to the future provision of transport services. Stilton has already had to face deteriorating bus services so this is a good opportunity to be active to prevent further damage and maybe get improvements.

Even if you never (or rarely) use public transport someone near to you might, so please fill in the questionnaire and return it either to the meeting to be held on January 13 or to the Parish Council post box (just inside the Cemetery gate.)

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**Can You Wield a Baton?**

There is now a new singalong group in Yaxley; it meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Methodist Chapel. The group has a competent pianist but needs a conductor / musical director to help it expand its activities and attract new members.

If you have the skills and enthusiasm to help develop this vibrant group, please contact Mary Croll on 241042. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

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**Emergency Food Supplies**

**A BREATHING SPACE AT TIMES OF NEED**

The foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. Local professional care workers in the Peterborough area refer them, with a food voucher, to the foodbank centre where they are given their food supplies, a cup of coffee and help in finding other professionals who can help them out of their crisis. (In rural areas, they are given Emergency Food Boxes direct by the local care workers.)

The foodbank also supports existing agencies working with the distressed and destitute by donating food in bulk.

The foodbank enables the general public to contribute to and support local well-being in a simple, practical way.

For further details of the work of the foodbank and how you can be involved, contact Peterborough foodbank, 2 Staplee Way, Parnwell, Peterborough PE1 4YT

Tel: (01733) 311156

info@peterborough.foodbank.org.uk

www.peterborough.foodbank.org.uk
STILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

HISTORIC WEEKEND IN FRANCE

20 - 22 June 2014

Join us in the historic city of Amiens

- Executive coach via the Channel Tunnel
- Two nights B&B
- Quality 3-star hotel in the city centre
- Sunday lunch at a gourmet restaurant
- Visit the unique Museum of the Great War at Peronne
- Visit the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme

Itinerary

- Pick-up from Stilton or Folksworth at 7:00 am (tbc) on Friday 20 June
- Visit Peronne Friday afternoon
- Arrive Amiens approx 5 p.m
- Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday

£219 per person, all inclusive

Contact Audrey and Paul for details: 241739 paul.springford@gmail.com
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Activities For Parents and Children
Drop in and try these:

- Tuesday 9am: Children's Fun Dance
- Wednesday 9am: Drop in for a drink and chat
- 1st Wednesday: Children's Songs
- Friday 9am: Linking Hands
- 2nd Sunday 11am: LinCup Café worship
- 4th Sunday 6pm: All-age Family Worship

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love

More Choice in Social Care

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

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

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

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

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Yaxley Flower Club

16th Jan Richard Bull Dobbies Horticulture 20th Feb Sue Sewell My Favourite Things

20th March AGM

Contact: Helen Burton (01733) 242198 or Lesley Young (01733) 240265

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excl. Aug & Dec)
at the Yaxley British Legion, Broadway, Yaxley.
Stilton & District Twinning Association

Group Visit to St Christol

27 - 31 May 2014

The St Christol Twinning Association has kindly invited a group of up to 25 from Stilton and District to visit St Christol. The group will be a mix of adults and young people.

Whilst there we will enjoy a great programme. The main feature will be to experience the Alès Féria, an annual fête and festival unique to this area of France. You will be wonderfully hosted including, of course, excellent wine and food.

If you are interested contact, asap, Chris and Linda on 241376 or email: clstilton@btinternet.com

St Christol les Alès is in the department of Gard on the edge of the beautiful hills of the Cevennes. It is situated 30 km NE of the Roman town of Nîmes and 4km from Alès, the capital of the Cevennes region.

Twinning Diary Dates

1 March 2014  Quiz Night
April 2014  Race Night - to be confirmed
6 May 2014  Cheese Rolling - sponsoring the Junior Championships
27-31 May 2014  Week’s visit to St Christol - see ad in this issue
20-22 June 2014  Weekend visit to Amiens - see ad in this issue

If you are interested in any of these events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Coffee Morning
Sat 25th January
10:30am - 12noon
Church Meeting Room
Proceeds to Church funds

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!
Rector: Rev. Jamie Mackay
(01733) 243253

St Benedict's Catholic Community
Sawtry

Sunday Mass 9:15am weekly
Women's Institute Hall,
Gidding Road, Sawtry
We are served by the Roman Catholic Parish of St Luke's 26 Benyon Grove,
Orton Malborne, Peterborough PE2 5XS
Parish Priest - Fr John Minh
Tel: (01733) 370877
Email: saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.saintlukesparish.org.uk

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!
Beginners welcome!
Margaret Parsons   Tel: (01733) 243352   pianable@aol.com

Stilton
Gardening Club
Tuesday, 18 January at 7:30pm
Stilton Church Meeting Room
Pat Maltman
Gardens of Singapore
Shake a Leg!

Make a New Year resolution that you can keep!

We’re always being encouraged to walk more than we do because it’s healthy. So it is, but since when do we ever do anything because it’s good for us?

Much better to do something that you enjoy and then find that it does you good.

So why not make a resolution to join the Stilton Stumblers on one of their fortnightly strolls around the local countryside? Here’s a few good reasons why you should:

- Walking folk are almost universally friendly, welcoming people with a positive outlook on life
- You get to see places off the beaten track that you’d never even know about otherwise.
- It’s an easy way to get some gentle exercise
- It doesn’t cost anything (well, apart from the odd round of drinks in a country pub afterwards!)

The Stumblers have a new calendar of walks for 2014; you can find it printed in SCAN and on their newly refurbished website: http://stumblers.stilton.org.

There’s lots of helpful information on the website, or you can just stroll down to the Pump for 10am on a Stumbling day to meet the Stumblers in person.

Stilton Stumblers

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

For more information about Stumbling, visit http://stumblers.stilton.org or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
Be a Little Rotter!
HOME COMPOSTING EQUIPMENT

If you didn't succumb to the temptation of a second garden refuse bin you might like to know that the County Council recycling authority recommends compost bins from www.getcomposting.com

Their bins start at £16.95 for a basic compost bin, but there are many others to choose from, including slatted wooden bins. You can get also water butts, wormeries and a variety of kitchen composters and caddies.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Wednesday Worship
at Lunchtime

Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch
Every 1st Wednesday in the month

5th Feb
12:30 - 1:30pm
Church Meeting Room
As we wave goodbye to 2013, we have much to be thankful for. A great era ended as we bade farewell to Jane, our long-time Playgroup Leader. She is now enjoying her retirement with her granddaughter. We welcomed Lesley as the new Supervisor and she is now settled in her new role.

The past year has brought us fabulous fêtes (with guest appearances from Batman and Santa Claus), a Hawaiian day complete with indoor beach, Pirates and Princesses Day and visits from the Police and the Life Bus. One Mummy brought in her guitar and sang songs with the children - what a treat! The spring/summer season gave us the chance to grow strawberries, radishes and carrots, which we sampled at snack times. Fantastic learning experiences!

We continue to fund-raise and are very grateful to our villagers for their generosity, particularly in December. Our Christmas Fête and two-day Santa Float raised approximately £1000! Special thanks to Darke Steel for their help in providing transport for Santa.

Looking ahead, we still have space in our sessions for new children to join us. If you have a toddler at home who would like to join our playgroup, please remember we now offer places to children aged 2½ onwards. Even if your little one is too young now, get their name on our list and reserve your place!

So; on to 2014! We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to many more exciting events and opportunities! Before we know it, the focus will shift towards preparing the older children for school. They are already learning about letters and sounds and our PE sessions will soon start. We will enjoy watching these little ones flourish and bloom over the next few months. Watch this space for more news in each month's SCAN!

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**Stilton Over-60s Club**

At the end of November, 36 members went on the outing to The Three Horseshoes at Gravely, near Papworth, for the Club’s Christmas Dinner. A hearty meal was enjoyed by all and the day concluded with a visit to Huntingdon Garden & Leisure Centre.

The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Church Meeting Room. For information, please contact either Sylvia Ward (242457) or Doreen Clark (242643.)

A happy and healthy New Year to all our members!

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School News
A GREAT FINISH TO 2013!

The whole school have recently taken part in our ‘Global Thinking Week’. We learnt about different countries and cultures, including different festivals, food, music and dancing from around the world, and how to greet people in other languages.

We were also thinking about Christianity across the world and looked at how churches in other countries differ to ours in Stilton. Each class learnt about a different type of Christian cross that is symbolic in other countries. Then, using different art techniques, we all had a go at creating our own crosses, which are now on display in school.

Several children from Badger and Hedgehog classes took part in a Bikeability workshop, where they learnt how to cycle safely around the village.

To finish off our week, each class took part in a circus skills workshop, where the children learnt how to juggle scarves, balls and clubs, spin plates, throw diabolos, balance peacock feathers, ride fun wheels, flick flower sticks and walk on stilts.

We have had a wonderful festive period at Stilton Primary School. Children in Owl, Robin and Otter classes performed a nativity play for their grown-ups, and children in Rabbit, Badger and Hedgehog classes performed in our annual carol concert. We also had a Christmas Crafts Day, where the children made a Christmas card for their family and friends, and made decorations for their classrooms out of recycled materials.

We rounded off our term with every child going to the Beauty and the Beast pantomime, followed by a Christmas party in school.
A Top Twenty Hit!
STILTON SCHOOL SETS THE STANDARD

Readers may have been dismayed by recent TV news stories that Peterborough primary schools were among some of the lowest performing in the country. Happily, Stilton Primary School stands out as a conspicuous exception to this, having been ranked in the top 20 of 253 Cambridgeshire primary schools by the Daily Telegraph.

Here’s how Stilton ranked among local schools at Key Stage 2.

These results reflect great credit on the staff, pupils and governors of the school. Congratulations to you all!

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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  
Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm) £25

A deposit of £50 is required when booking.

Stilton Memorial Hall

**Charges**

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

**GREAT NEWS! NO PRICE RISES FOR THE FOURTH YEAR RUNNING!**

Despite increasing cost pressures - particularly heating charges - the Management Committee has decided to continue to hold letting charges for our local community at 2010 rates. Please continue to support and enjoy your Memorial Hall. With seasons greetings and very best wishes for 2014 to all the users of the Memorial Hall

**To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary:**

Jade Smith  15 Woodward Close  (01733) 735001

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!)
Cambridgeshire Future Transport

What is CFT?
Cambridgeshire Future Transport (CFT) is a programme that is working with communities to design local transport solutions.
Transport solutions will be applied in all areas across Cambridgeshire that receive bus subsidies from the Council.
The solutions could include reviewing the bus routes & times, community bus schemes, car sharing schemes, etc.

What can you tell us?
- how you travel e.g. by public bus, dial-a-ride, etc
- what kind of transport solutions we can develop together that best suit your local community needs

Please drop in anytime during the times below to learn more about the project and share your views. Everyone is welcome!

Stilton Memorial Hall Mon 13th Jan, 10am-12pm
North Street, Stilton, PE7 3RP

or we will also be at these venues:

Huntingdon Library Mon 6th Jan, 3-5pm
Princes Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3PA

St Ives Library Wed 8th Jan, 10am-12pm
Library Row Station Rd, St Ives, PE27 5BW

Sawtry Parish Council Hall Mon 13th Jan, 2-4pm
The Old School House, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Alconbury Memorial Hall Wed 15th Jan, 9-11am
School Lane, Alconbury, PE28 4EQ

Great Staughton Village Hall Wed 15th Jan, 3-5pm
The Green, Great Staughton, St Neots, PE19 5DG

Spaldwick Community Room Thu 16th Jan, 3-5pm
Spaldwick Community Primary School, Royston Avenue, Spaldwick, PE28 0TH

You can also share your views via a Transport Questionnaire at this website www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambsFT1 or contact us if you'd prefer hardcopy.

The CFT Team
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/cft Email: cft@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 0345 045 0675
Rhymetime & Storytime

Rhymetime, for children aged 0-18 months continues every Friday morning from 10:30-11am during term time. Storytime, aimed at children from 18 months to 5 years continues on Tuesdays 14th and 28th January from 10:30am-11am.

Homework Help?

Are you struggling to complete a project? Need some inspiration? Why not check out the online resources available in the library. You can have access to useful resources such as the British Newspaper Archives and Encyclopaedia Britannica. Ask in the library for more information on these fantastic resources.

Careers Advice

Our Careers Adviser, Miles Davies will be in Yaxley Library on Thursday 23rd January. If you are aged 19 or over and looking for help and advice you can book an appointment during the morning, or simply drop in to the library between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. Please contact Yaxley Library for further details.

Knitting Group

Our popular knitting group meets in the library on alternate Thursday afternoons. New members are always welcome.

Which Guides?

Yaxley library currently stocks a reference copy of the regular monthly Which consumer guides and are available for browsing.

Highways Information

Drop in session - Local Highways Officer Les Middleton will be in Yaxley Library on alternate Thursday mornings from 10am to 1pm. Les will be available to discuss any issues or concerns relating to public highways that you may have.

New Book Collection

During January we have an excellent visiting book collection on Medieval Crime. Come in and have a browse!

FOYL Meeting

The Friends of Yaxley Library will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm. Why not come along and join this friendly group who help to promote and raise funds for the library?
Anyone for Scrabble?
Do you fancy a game of Scrabble? Come and join in for a game or two on a Monday afternoon from 3pm.

Mobile Library
Wed 22 January
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot
Route M24

Yaxley Library
OPENING TIMES

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

Workers’ Educational Association, Yaxley branch

The European Catastrophe 1914-45
A ten-week course by tutor Stephen Corley
The British Legion Clubroom, Yaxley
starting Tuesday 14th January, from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

The course aims to provide an understanding of the key events of the period and an awareness of some of the main areas of historical controversy.

Fee £45.30
For further information, Tel: Diana Cleverley - (01733) 240010
You can use Stilton in any recipe that includes cheese, but remember that it can be salty so you may need to reduce the quantity of salt you add.

- Cheese scones made with 4oz. of Stilton, a good pinch of mustard powder and ¼ teaspoon of cayenne pepper are delicious.

- Stir Stilton and a sprinkle of grated nutmeg into mashed potatoes for a change, or crumble over jacket-baked potatoes.

- Use Stilton in your favourite cheese on toast/rarebit recipe.

**STILTON PATÉ**

This is delicious on toast or used as a dip.

Mix together 8 oz. Stilton cheese, 3oz softened butter and 2 teaspoons of port until smooth. Place in a narrow dish and pour a little melted butter over the top.

**Contacting our Local Police**

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

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

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

7 Days in the Week
24 Hours in the Day
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10 Downing Street
12 Signs of the Zodiac
3 Blind Mice
7 Wonders of the World
101 Dalmations
6 Wives of Henry the Eighth
10 Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall
Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves
52 Cards in a Deck
Snow White and the 7 Dwarves
4 & 20 Blackbirds Baked in a Pie
50 Ways to Leave Your Lover
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
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7 Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
200 Points for Passing Go in Monopoly
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And these are all called DitLoIDs after:
1 Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch