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STILTON HERITAGE
READ RICK LANDY’S PROPOSAL FOR A VILLAGE HERITAGE CENTRE

No it’s not an auction! At Cheese Rolling, local MP Shailesh Vara emphasised his support for the campaign to bring the village within the Stilton Cheese PDO. Sign and return our petition in this issue and add your voice to the growing support for this long-overdue change.
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Monday 10th, 24th June, 8th July

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Monday 3rd, 17th June, 1st July

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By law, a Parish Meeting must be held at least once a year, between March 1st and June 1st, starting after 6pm. The quorum is two electors. The meeting cannot be held in the Church. The meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council; its purpose is to discuss the affairs of the Parish.

Traditionally in Stilton the meeting requests reports from village organisations. These are printed every year in SCAN; 2012-13’s reports appear in this issue.

**POTHOLES**

The County Council's contractors have done a very poor job filling in the potholes and a complaint has been made.

**CEMETERIES**

As a result of a geophysical survey there appear to be about 30 spaces in the Church Street Cemetery. A copy of the regulations will be fixed to the fence of the Garden of Remembrance. Discussions are being held with the Church to look at ways of stopping dog fouling in the churchyard.

**NORTH STREET BUS STOP**

This should be replaced soon.

**WWW.STILTON.ORG**

Kelvin Davis and Paul Biggins demonstrated a new website design. It will enable authorised users such as village organisation to post content direct. User training will be provided before it goes live. The Parish Council is very grateful to Paul and Kelvin for all they do for the village.
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Support Our Stilton!
Proposal

PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) to be amended to include the Parish of Stilton where the cheese originated in the late 17th or early 18th Century.

Go to www.originalstiltoncheese.com to read some of the research.

There are three ways in which you can support this proposal:

Email: Irene.Bochetta@Defra.gsi.gov.uk

Write to:

Irene Bochetta
Food Composition and Standards Team
Area 7e Millbank
c/o Nobel House, 17, Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR

Or sign this slip and leave it on the stall at Cheese Rolling or place it in one of the boxes in the pubs and shops.

SOS Support Our Stilton

I/We support the campaign to allow the production of Stilton Cheese in the Parish of Stilton.

Name: ...........................................................................................................
Address: .......................................................................................................
Signed: ........................................................................................................
It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Roy Baines in September, due to increased pressure of work. The appointment of a replacement turned out to be protracted, but in March Don Darke was once again welcomed onto the Parish Council.

At the May County Council elections, Mac McGuire was re-elected, but Nick Guyatt was defeated by Roger Henson.

Rev. Jamie Mackay was inducted as Rector in January.

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

The contract for maintenance remains with Fergusons, who also plant up the hanging baskets twice yearly. Richard Wayland plants the containers and beds. In spring bulbs planted along North Street made a lovely show.

Ian Croll follows a schedule that ensures the public areas remain clean and tidy.

Provision of free 'doggie' bags does appear to help in the residential areas but the bridleway and even, on occasion, the playing field remain problems.

As usual, Parish Councillors walked round the village and were generally pleased to report few problems except for the break-up both of roadways and pavements because of the intensely cold weather. Subsequent repairs by Cambridgeshire County Council's contractors have been of very poor quality and complaints have been made to the Highways division.

The bark in the Barn Close play area was topped up.

**SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION**

In Autumn Amey Cespa carried out a collection. A de-brief meeting decided some minor changes for 2013; there will be a separate day collection of electrical items.

As a result of this meeting, Amey Cespa produced a container of garden compost free of charge.

**ALLOTMENTS**

The search for land continues unsuccessfully. Don Darke has suggested a change of approach, but once again local land owners have not been able to offer any land.

**FLOODING**

Although the Parish has no powers, we have been active in seeking solutions to the floods that followed the heavy rainfall in November.

**SALT BINS**

Four were positioned in the Autumn, just in time to be well used during the historically severe weather experienced early in 2013.

**CEMETERIES**

Work on the trees and clearance cost over £5000. Further investigation using ground radar confirmed the position of about 30 unused plots which will be marked out in the next few weeks. Extra slabs were laid in the refurbished Garden of Remembrance. The regulations were revised and the area is tidied on a regular basis. Burial fees were raised after a five-year freeze.
H M QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE/OLYMPICS

Specially designed mugs were presented to all children under 11 years old; the mugs were also on sale at £7 each. Children coming to live in Stilton and new babies are also presented with a mug. Donations were given to the Playgroup and School for parties and a Jubilee concert was arranged. The Beacon was lit on the field.

Matt Skelhon was congratulated on winning a silver medal in the Paralympics.

Three trees were planted to mark the Jubilee.

PLANNING

Outstanding problems include the erection of fencing on public land and an encroachment onto amenity land, as well as cooling units and a satellite dish, both erected in the Conservation area. The Rectory garden site is still not settled. The current application to build on the former Jelson-owned open space in Gala Close is also on-going. The Parish Council assisted the County Council in establishing a right of way after the land was sold at auction.

GOVERNANCE

Buckles were appointed as solicitors.

To facilitate the application for grants the Parish Council approved a constitution and reviewed its policies on Child Protection and Equal Opportunities. It was also necessary to review our financial policies, particularly the Procurement Policy.

AMENITIES PROJECT

Consultations with the village have taken place. Chaired by Mark Angus. The Steering Committee has moved a great deal in the year. A full planning application has been submitted, a loan application made to the Public Works Loan Board and a large number of grant applications are being processed. Discussions on the bridleway to protect the security of the area, yet allow access for construction traffic are in hand.

EXTERNAL LINKS

The Parish Council is very active in the Norman Cross Action Group and has continued to try to influence the outcome of the plans for the distribution site at Junction 17 A1(M) as well as the Great Haddon residential area.

The Parish Council is represented on the Board of Governors of Stilton School, the Mrs Worthington's Almshouses Trust, the Management Committee of Stilton Memorial Hall and the Skate Park Committee.

In the last week, the campaign to allow the production of Stilton Cheese in Stilton has entered a new phase with the launch of a consultation period by Shailesh Vara MP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Relaunch of the village website is well under way.

Monitoring of CCTV has still to be finalized.

The fight to re-route the buses into Stilton goes on.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Coffee Morning
Sat 29th June
10:30am - 12noon
Church Meeting Room

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The Trustees continue to meet regularly and work to ensure that the Almshouses provide very good accommodation for the residents following the complete refurbishment in 2005/06.

The Trustees inspect the three cottages at least once per year and they are in good condition and well looked after.

Following the major expense of refurbishing the chimneys, the replacement of two wet-room floors and the replacement of two central heating boilers, the Trustees have spent this year increasing the financial reserve. The Almshouses finances, held by the Trustees, are just sufficient to meet unexpected contingencies. Running costs are covered by income.

The next two projects will be the replacement of the third wet-room floor covering, repairs to the wall to the east of the Almshouses and external decorating.

The village contractors maintain the garden area, but the residents play a big part in the upkeep of the gardens, which are very attractive.

The annual accounts are professionally audited and submitted to the Charities Commission.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their ongoing hard work, Yvonne Warner for her commitment and diligence as Secretary to the Trustees, and the Trustees Treasurer, Doug Maltman.

Almshouse Trustees are:

Mary Croll
Olive Main
Doug Maltman (Treasurer)
Chris Walford (Chairman)
Alan Warren
Linda Worsley
Yvonne Warner (Secretary)

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Stilton Memorial Hall

Charges

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

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

If leaving a message, please provide a LANDLINE PHONE NUMBER and you will be contacted promptly.
(It’s very expensive having to reply to lots of mobiles!)
Our Memorial Hall in Stilton has served us well again this year!

USE OF THE MEMORIAL HALL
The overall level of utilisation of the Hall has remained consistently high this year. The Hall is used every weekday evening and for some activities during the day; the majority of the lettings are for local community groups and activities. As in previous years, the majority of users of the hall take good care of it and are considerate to those living in the vicinity. Unfortunately there continue to be a small number of people who have disturbed local residents, caused damage to our Hall and left a mess for others to clear up.

FACILITIES
The significant amount of improvement work that has been undertaken in the past couple of years (new kitchen, windows, heating boiler, redecoration etc), has most certainly helped us to extend the life of the Hall for its current purpose. The damp problem has not been resolved but the impact of this over the winter has been considerably reduced by keeping the heating ticking over at a slightly higher temperature. Other issues remain that will need attention in the foreseeable future, including replacing the flooring. However, it is not proposed to proceed with any other refurbishment that would not be considered to be essential maintenance until the future use of the Hall is determined.

This decision will be largely influenced by the outcome of the work that the Stilton Amenities Steering Group (SASG) is doing in connection with developing a new community facility in the village. The reported requirements of our regular Hall users have been incorporated into the design and layout of the new facility. A member of the Memorial Hall management committee attends the SASG meetings. Routine updates are reported in SCAN.

FINANCE
In terms of routine running costs, the Hall continues to operate just about within the income level generated from letting fees. But without the ongoing support of our Parish Council. for which we are grateful, any improvement work would not have been possible.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
The officers remain unchanged:
Chairman - Susan Grey
Secretary - Linda Walford
Treasurer - Janet Greenfield

Thank you to:
- All the members of the Memorial Hall Management Committee /partners and friends who have freely given their time and expertise during the past year
- The Parish Council for continued support.
- The volunteers who continue to help keep the hall looking good.
- Sally Sherrington the cleaner and Jade Smith our booking clerk
The Steering Group has continued to meet every two weeks.

**PLANNING**
The planning application, submitted to HDC on 1 March 2013, is going through the planning process. There have been three minor queries from the planning officer. Saunders Boston (architects) will finalise the detailed designs by 21 May. Tender documents are being prepared. Local skill trades are being asked to express an interest in tendering for work on the construction and completion of the project.

**CONSULTANTS COSTS**
These were approved for payment at the Parish Council meeting on 14 May.

**BRIDLEWAY**
A response from CCC to the PC enquiry is awaited. This may take some considerable time.

**UPGRADE OF THE FIELD PITCHES**
Six tenders were sought and three have been received. The tenders are being scrutinized and the PC will need to approve and recommend to the Institute of Groundsmen and Sport England.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL LOAN APPLICATION**
This has been submitted and a decision is awaited. There have been three minor queries by the Public Works Loans Board Office.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**
An announcement on the Sports England Grant for the upgrade of the pitch surfaces is imminent. We are hopeful! A huge amount of work is being done on applications to Sport England, Football Foundation, Woodford Trust, Mick George, Amey Cespa, Biffa, Big Lottery, Hunts DC, WREN, QE2 Trust. The Parish Council have agreed to engage a proven expert in making grant applications. Not only is there all the work in preparing the applications but there is now the work involved in responding to queries made by the grant awarding bodies.

**DONATIONS TO THE PROJECT**
These currently total £3000. Thanks to everyone who has made a contribution. The funds were boosted by a very generous donation of £300 (60 bricks) from the St Christol Twinning Association and 65 bricks were sold at Cheese Rolling. There are some £15,000 of funds held by local groups who have indicated their willingness to support the project.

**ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL GROUPS**
A meeting was held on 17 April for representative of local groups. 12 groups were represented and eight sent their apologies. It was a very useful meeting with new ideas shared. There was unanimous support for the project. Some groups committed to support fund-raising. All were asked to write letters of support to help with the grant application process.

There is full engagement with Stilton School and representatives from the steering group are to attend a special assembly about the project on 20 May.
PUBLICITY

A flyer (pictures below) has been distributed to every household. A permanent display will be arranged in the Country Club. Other publicity village will be updated. Two 4m banners were on display at Cheese Rolling and will be displayed in the village. The banners were sponsored by the projects consultants.

LOCAL FUNDRAISING

- Summer: Sports day on the field 21 July
- 5 October: Dinner Dance at The Bell Inn
- Autumn: Race Night at the Angel Spice. Joint run between Twinning Association and Football Clubs.
- Autumn: Dick's Do at The Bell Inn.

‘This is the biggest project to affect the village in a generation..........can you help?’

Look out for this flyer dropping through your letterbox!
The Twinning Association has had another very successful year. New members have joined the committee to become active members of the Association. A major initiative has been to engage with younger people, "the next generation", and four have become active members of the committee. The committee currently consists of 29 members who work remarkably hard.

GREAT TIMES!
During the year the Association has held two Quiz Nights and a Race Night. The annual visit, in June 2012, was to Reims. This was a fantastic weekend which ended in us all having Sunday lunch at the favourite Chateau Tilques restaurant near St Omer. This year we return to Arras.

EXCHANGES
In the past 12 months exchange visits have been prominent in all that we have done. In October 2012 28 people, of mixed ages, visited St Christol. It was a great long weekend with a packed programme of fascinating visits, to Uzes, Mas de la Barque in the high Cevennes, and a guided tour of the historic city of Montpellier. We were royally hosted. At the main reception meal, gifts were exchanged. We presented a watercolour picture of the Ancient Olive Tree at the Pont du Gard, painted by Canon Richard Longfoot. We received a set of Christmas Santons, which spent their first Christmas in Stilton Church in a stable made by the Parmenter family. We also received a metal sculpture of a cockerel, the national emblem of France.

On April 27 2013 we welcomed a group of 28 visitors from St Christol. Many of the St Christol families who hosted us in October came to be hosted by the same families here.

The long weekend had a packed programme with a visit and guided tour of Cambridge, a visit to the remarkable Harry Potter Exhibition, and a tour of Oundle, its museum, brewery and kayaking for the brave. Our receptions were at The Bell Inn with a traditional Sunday roast dinner and farewell buffet. Gifts were again exchanged. The St Christol Association presented Stilton village with a brick of Pont du Gard stone and a cheque for £300 to buy 60 bricks for the new Village Hall and Pavilion. This was so thoughtful and generous. We presented a Peterborough heritage book of "Peterborough and its Villages" together with a remarkable hand-crafted lectern in oak, inlaid with burr elm and tulipwood, made by Andy Dann.

Both weekends were a great success, full of fun, and further forged the links between our two communities and their families. Interestingly, young people involved in the first twinning exchanges as children are now hosting in their own right!

HEALTHY FINANCES
The Association funds are healthy following very successful fund-raising events, which are very popular. The funds raised are devoted to travel grants for young people in full-time education who take part in twinning exchanges to St Christol and to fund programmes of activities and visits when guests from St Christol visit us. The Association also sponsors the Cheese Rolling Junior Championship, the Sk8z fundraising events and tournaments.

As a result of our links with St Christol, the Jaques Prevert Lycee sends Business Studies students on work placements to Cross Keys Homes in Peterborough.
The St Christol Twinning Association has invited a group from Stilton and district to visit in October 2014 and we are looking forward to this.

Over 450 people have been involved in exchanges over the past sixteen years.

The Association is actively supporting the Stilton Amenities Steering Group developing plans for new facilities for the village on the recreation field and applying for funding grants. This is the biggest project for the village in a generation.

I would like to thank members of the Stilton and District Twinning Committee who work so hard, the Parish Council and St Christol Mairie for their ongoing support, the Twinning Association in St Christol for all that they do, and to everyone in this area who supports the activities and events that the Association arranges.

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Stilton Community Assn
REPORT MAY 2013

SCA continues to hold a lottery licence so that village groups can organize draws and was also a member of the Nene and Ouse transport scheme, which hired minibuses to village groups. Nene and Ouse has been replaced and as yet no new arrangement has been made. We also act as the link with CARESCO, which continues to offer some day care to Stilton residents.

The annual firework display had to be cancelled when Kimbolton Fireworks had an insurance problem.

Stilton Cheese Rolling 2013 was blessed with beautiful weather which brought out the crowds. The day proved to be happy and peaceful and we were complimented by the police on the good behaviour of our young people. We now get considerable local, regional, national and international coverage in both the print and electronic media. This proved to be advantageous for the opening of the DEFRA consultation on the demand to extend the PDO on Stilton Cheese. We were pleased to welcome Shailesh Vara MP to start the campaign.

The costs of staging the Cheese Rolling are escalating every year. To cut costs two years ago we decided not to extend into an evening event and this year, in the face of a last minute 50% rise in costs we had to organize the management of the road closure ourselves. Thanks go to Ringway who provided the equipment and to Mr. Shailer for some supervision. Andy Dann arranged for the bunting to be erected free of charge. These economies and local sponsorship meant that the costs were just covered by the receipts.

SCAN continues to be published monthly and has not been noticeably affected by the glossy Yaxley Gazette. Advertising prices have not risen for many years which makes SCAN an economic platform for local businesses. This year we have been able to help several new companies by giving them a period of free advertising.
Blessed with beautiful sunny weather, Stilton Cheese Rolling 2013 was a great success; so much so that many stalls and sideshows promptly booked their space for next year!

The theme inspired some outstanding fancy dress in both the adult and junior events. The Junior runners-up, the Mini Me's, dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz and made it into the Times. There are a great many websites featuring our event, including the American Huffington Post.

May King & Queen

King Daniel Sarkissian
Queen Sophie Payne
Princesses Victoria Warren
Lilly Anne Mayes

Driven, as befits their regal status, by Dan Moore-Searson in his Mark VI Bentley. Crowned by 2012 King & Queen, Ben and India.

We thank Carol Warren and Libby Henson for the crowns and cloaks.

What a cracking May Day! All our favourite attractions put on a great show, as always.

Pig Dyke Molly go from strength to strength, as does our local vocal star Helen Bloomfield.
Cheese Rolling Winners
BEST DRESSED TEAMS

Adult 1. Silver Screen
2. Austin Powers

Junior 1. Smurfs
2. Mini Me's

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
1. Avengers
2. Mini Me's

LADIES’ CHAMPIONSHIP
1. All the Gear and No Idea
2. Fame

MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP
1. Cool Rollers
2. Hot Fuzz

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
Cool Rollers

Race Control: Terry Baker
Referees: Martin Pearce
Tom Carrington

SPONSORS
The Bell Inn, The Talbot, Stilton Country Club, McColls, Tesco, Stilton Cheese Makers Association (Long Clawson Dairy), Stilton and District Twinning Association (Junior Championship).

Above: The right way…
Below: The wrong way!

Change of Rules: From 2014 all competitors must keep their feet on the ground!

We Couldn’t Do It Without You!
Carol Warren and Olive Main, responsible for all the planning and preparation, thank everyone who helped make the event such a success:

Road Management
Ringways, Phillip Shailer, Andrew Warren, Stilton Lodge Hotel (Parking)

May Queen
Carol Warren, Linda Mitchell, Libby Henson, Dan Moore-Searson
Cambridge Special Constabulary

Who congratulated the village on the high standard of behaviour throughout the day.

Electricity Supply

Angel Spice

Course building and road team

Carol Warren, Keith Gipson, Erica and Ian Constable, Peter Warren.

Bunting

Andy Dann and his team

Café Royale

Peter and Linda Mitchell and Stilton Church

Holding it all together

Adam Vickers

Adam is responsible for all the sound equipment and then works without a break from beginning to end. He deals with all the performers with humour and professionalism and then switches effortlessly into the Cheese Rolling. Of course we missed Warwick Davis who sent greetings but Adam did a wonderful job.

Street Cleaning

Huntingdon District Council, Ian and Mary Croll. An outstanding bit of cleaning up; by the following afternoon you’d never have known Cheese-Rolling had taken place.

This overwhelming success has encouraged Tesco to repeat the initiative with nationwide collections on Fri 5th and Sat 6th July. The Hampton store will again be supporting this worthwhile cause. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer at the event visit peterborough.foodbank.org.uk

Like the shades Clair!

Clair Sanderson is the Community Champion at Tesco Extra in Hampton. She turned up at Cheese Rolling to help give something back by selling charity sunglasses.

She asked SCAN to say thank you to all the customers, volunteers and staff who supported the recent collection at Tesco Extra for Peterborough Foodbank on Friday 26th April. She and her team collected a fantastic 1.18 tonne of food, which gets distributed to people in crisis in the Peterborough area via approved referral agencies.

Every little helps!

Found at Cheese Rolling

A MOBILE PHONE

If you think it may be yours, call Olive Main on (01733) 241206
School News
ADVENTURES FROM SUNUP TO SUNDOWN

Children at Stilton Primary School have been enjoying an action-packed Summer term. Years 3 and 4 recently went on a three-day residential trip to Grafham Water. Using teamwork and communication skills, the children took part in a range of activities including rock climbing, rafted canoeing, archery, low ropes, orienteering, catapult building and problem solving. The children were fantastically behaved and did the school proud.

Children in Owl, Robin and Otter classes had a fantastic day trip to Sundown Adventureland. The children loved going on all the rides, including the Rocky Mountain train, Robin Hood ride, tractor ride and the pirate-themed 'Boozy Barrel' water ride. They also enjoyed exploring the 'Yellow Brick Road' and 'Story Book Village', where the children could go inside a series of miniature houses that each represented a different fairytale.

Later on, the children went to 'Toy Town', where they went inside a fire station, post office and sweet shop. They also visited Lollipoppet Castle, where they went into a series of rooms that smelt of real sweets! The children also enjoyed 'Monkey Mischief' where they could press buttons to make the toy monkeys even more mischievous! It was a brilliant day and the children were superbly behaved.
Playgroup News
A PACKED MONTH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

GETTING READY FOR BIG SCHOOL
What a busy month the Playgroup has had! Our 'Rising Five' children have been learning to line up in the playground at the right whistle, starting to use some of the mats and bars during PE in the school hall, enjoying story-time with Stilton School's YR and Y1 teachers, and honing their cutting, fastening, changing, turn-taking and writing skills. All these will help to ease the transition to school in September, and they have been having lots of fun in the process.

SPRING IS SPRUNG…
Spring finally sprang last month and, as it arrived so late this year, our Spring theme continued into May, with the children learning about the weather, growing and insects.

…THE GRASS IS RISING
The children's flowers, so lovingly planted earlier in the year, have bloomed and our strawberries, carrots and radishes are on their way. The children are looking forward to tasting the food that they have grown themselves.

READING AND MAKING
We have been reading Three Little Pigs, talking about the elements of the story and have created a fantastic mural that tells the piggy tale. The children are currently getting creative for Fathers’ Day and making something very special which is certain to be treasured.

A GOOD RICH CURRY
Our recent fundraisers have done very well and once again a big thank you to those who came along to support us. The confirmed total from our Curry & Quiz night at Angel Spice back in April, was a fantastic £506!

NEW EQUIPMENT
Following our recent addition of the tables and chairs, we have now also had some bespoke padded safety coverings made and fitted to the posts in the outdoor area, and have created some sensory baskets which the children love to explore. Please continue to support us at our FUNdraisers, they are essential to the continuation of the Playgroup.

HELLO & GOODBYE
We are interviewing this month for the position of Play Leader, effective from September this year, and hope to confirm the appointment very soon. We still cannot quite believe that Jane will be leaving the Playgroup after so many wonderful years of dedication to the children of the village across two generations, but we reluctantly agree that she has earned a bit of a rest so will be saying goodbye next month.

We are hoping to give her a very special send-off and would love it if anyone who was looked after as a child by Jane at Playgroup, especially those who have since had children of their own, might be able to come along.

WATCH THIS SPACE or contact the Playgroup Committee for details.
The 12-week National Public Consultation period currently being carried out by Defra into Stilton's application to be included into the Stilton PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) now underway, helps to highlight and underline the village's rich history.

From prehistoric times through to the Roman occupation, the Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods and beyond, Stilton has always played an important role in the nation's history, largely due to its position on the major north-south axis through Britain. Much more of Stilton's early history was revealed in the Time Team dig of 2007 (A Port and Stilton) initiated after my discovery, in Stilton, of a complete Roman cheese mould and fragments of several others. Furthermore a large collection of geological and archaeological material has been amassed by me over the course of the past 25 years. This currently rests in my private collection which, it is intended, will be passed on to the village.

Cooper Thornhill - known as 'the Stilton Hero' - is one of Stilton's most famous 18th century characters and was lauded in a poem celebrating his epic horse ride from Stilton to London, back to Stilton and returning to London once again in 11 hours 34 minutes; a feat unrivalled both before or since.

More recent history tells us of the "Golden Age" of coach travel; a famous boxing match attended by 3000 people, and the winning jockey of the 1st Grand National, a Stilton-born man, Jem Mason; and right up to the present day when we applaud yet another Stilton hero, winner of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals in the Beijing and London Paralympics, Matt Skelhon.

Famous celebrities visiting - the annual Stilton Cheese Rolling festival; and of course, the cheese itself all help to build up a picture of a small fenland village which punches well above its weight.

It is now my proposal to create a Stilton Heritage centre in the Stilton Memorial Hall, as and when the new community centre becomes operational and the Memorial Hall redundant. This building is large enough to also accommodate a gift shop, tea room and cheese counter.

A heritage centre would not only help cement the village's rich history but also lay the foundations for future growth and prosperity as Stilton once again begins producing the world famous cheese which originated in the village and to which it gave its name.

I am proposing that a Stilton Heritage Group is formed to help steer a Heritage Lottery Grant application forward to that end.

It is now intended to hold a meeting to discuss these proposals with a presentation by Crispian Emberson of Heritage Destination Consulting, a world renowned company specialising in the development of heritage projects both large and small. (See www.heritagedestination.com) This presentation will focus mainly on the means by which increased tourism into the village can be both managed and effectively directed to benefit both the community and local businesses.

Anyone interested in this proposal is invited to reply Mr. R Landy at 01733 240321; rh.landy@virgin.net, or by post to 18 Church Street, Stilton, Cambs, PE7 3RF. Details of the date and venue in June will be forwarded to respondents and advertised.
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sat 8th June
8am
Church Meeting Room

New worshippers welcome
Please telephone
Derek Foot 242761 or
Rev. Jamie Mackay 243253 if you would like to join us

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Wednesday Worship at Lunchtime

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

19th June
12:30 - 1:30pm
Church Meeting Room

Yaxley Flower Club

16th May  Sue Jakeman Bee Lady
18th July  Gill Mills New Lease of Life
17th Oct  Practical Evening
16th Jan  Richard Bull Dobbies Horticulture
20th March  AGM
20th June  Pat Billing Colour Wheel
19th Sept  Lisa Howarth Time of Mellow Fruitfulness
21st Nov  Julie Woods Let the Festivities Begin
20th Feb  Sue Sewell My Favourite Things

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.
This month sees the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation on 2nd June 1953. For those of us old enough to remember this is certainly one date that we don't forget. For many of us it was the time when our parents or grandparents decided to buy their first television set. Otherwise we were invited to sit in with neighbours or friends for many hours, enthralled to be watching a small, black and white screen. To watch the Coronation in colour meant a trip to the cinema later in the week.

In the afternoon, after the ceremony was over, many places organised traditional street parties. Catering must have been difficult because food rationing still lingered, including sugar and meat.

Coronation Chicken

This dish is something of a cliché now, but in 1953 it was something new; exotic, colourful and tasty. It was invented by two of the celebrity chefs of their day, Constance Spry - who also arranged the flowers in Westminster Abbey - and Rosemary Hume, her partner in the Cordon Bleu Cookery School. This dish was served at the official Coronation Banquet but the recipe was published in advance so anyone could make it for their own party. Remember that, at the time, chicken was a luxury and curry still rare and exotic.

RECIPE

Cook a 5lb chicken, take the meat off the bone and chop into bite-sized pieces. Alternatively, just use chicken breast fillets, which you can dice and cook quickly in a frying pan. Leave to cool.

The sauce is made by mixing together:

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil (not olive oil; that was only a cure for earache!)
- 1 chopped onion, softened in the oil
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 bay leaf
- Juice of ½ lemon.
- 4 chopped tinned apricot halves
- ½ pint mayonnaise
- salt and pepper

Fold the diced chicken into the sauce, garnish with watercress and lettuce.

Coronation chicken may now rival prawn cocktail as a culinary cliché, but both got that way through being tasty and popular. Over the years there have been many recipe variations; sultanas instead of apricots, the addition of mango chutney, or even nuts. It can be used as a filling for vol au vents or sandwiches.

As we said: what’s not to like?
Get Your Needles Out!

CELEBRATE WORLDWIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Our popular knitting group continue to meet in the library on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2pm. New members are always welcome.

Saturday 8th June is "Worldwide Knit in Public Day". Members of our knitting group will be on hand to demonstrate and offer advice, come along and join in the fun!

Engage Social Group

The next Engage event will be "Slides of Yaxley Past" by Eric Day on Wednesday 19th June at 2pm. Free tickets for this event are available in Yaxley Library from 1st June; hurry, numbers are strictly limited!

Rhymetime & Storytime

Rhymetime (for children aged 0-18 months) continues every Friday during term time from 10:30-11am. Storytime (for children aged 18 months upwards) will be held on Tuesdays 4th & 18th June and 2nd July.

Young Writers Group

The next meeting of the teen creative writing / reading group will be on Monday 17th June from 5:50-6:50pm.

We are proud to announce that Maddie Barnes from our young writers group has rewritten the story of "Jack in the Green" for the festival. Maddie's story can be found here:


Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer reading challenge is "Creepy House". We are looking for volunteers aged between 12 and 16 years who would like to help out for a few hours over the summer holidays listening to children talking about the books they have read.

If this appeals to you please call in to Yaxley Library for more information.

Mobile Library

Wed 26th June
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot
The Stilton and District Twinning Association welcomed 28 friends from St Christol lez Ales for a long weekend at the end of April. Everyone had a great time. The programme included a guided tour of Cambridge, the Harry Potter Exhibition at the Warner Bros Studios - which was an extraordinary experience - a guided tour of Oundle and the Nene Valley Brewery, and kayaking for the young and more daring. We also visited Peterborough. Some went bowling one evening.

There were two receptions at The Bell Inn, including a traditional Sunday roast. Gifts were exchanged. We presented the St Christol Twinning Association with the Peterborough Civic Society book, ‘Peterborough and its Villages’ together with a hand-made lectern in oak, inlaid with burr elm and tulipwood, a magnificent piece of work that was skilfully crafted by Andy Dann. (pictured.)

Stilton was presented with a brick of Pont du Gard stone together with a cheque for £300 to buy 60 more bricks for the new village hall/pavilion. A most generous and thoughtful gift.

Many thanks to all the families who warmly hosted our visitors. Young people who first went to St Christol as children are now acting as hosts! A group of young people are visiting Stilton in May. Hopefully the future of our twinning with St Christol is secure in their hands.

Thank you to everyone involved in the visit which was another great success for everyone. We have been invited back in 2014 - watch this space!
Parish Meeting Room

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

HIRING THE ROOM

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

The Room seats up to 20 people, ideal for small clubs or committee meetings. It has broadband, a kitchen area and toilet suitable for use by disabled people. Users should note that smoking is not permitted in any part of the building or in the surrounding cemetery.

FEES:

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

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Activities For Parents and Children

Drop in and try these:

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

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love
Saturday 27th April saw Sawtry-based charity, CARESCO, announce the official grand opening of its new charity shop. The ribbon was officially cut by Cllr Barbara Boddington, head of Huntington District Council, and Sawtry’s newly-crowned Carnival Queen, Libby.

Queen Libby was attended by the rest of the Sawtry Carnival Court: Senior Princess Millie, Junior Queen Jessica, Junior Princess Mia and Rosebud Morgan, pictured below.

Also in attendance was Rob Suter who, after losing 12 stone in weight, is about to embark on a sponsored Triathlon in June and July. Rob said that he was inspired by the reality TV show ‘Biggest Loser USA’, which motivated him to participate in the Triathlon and to push himself to see what he could achieve. All the sponsorship raised will be split between the Sawtry Feast Supper and CARESCO.

The Huntingdon Caledonian Dancers brought style and colour to the event.

CARESO is a unique charity that, with the help of numerous volunteers, provides daytime activities for the elderly, housebound and socially isolated through lunch clubs and day centres. Following the opening of its charity shop, CARESCO hopes to provide a wider range of support services in the local community.

The shop is open 9:00am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday, and 9:00am-12:30pm Saturday.
Outbreaks of measles have been increasing in the last two years with recent significant outbreaks across the UK. This has prompted the need for an MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Catch-up Campaign, to prevent cases of the disease and deaths as a result of children and young adults being unprotected.

Children aged between 10 and 16 years who have not been vaccinated, or who have only received one dose of the MMR vaccine, will be contacted by letter and offered the vaccine. We would recommend that all children who meet these criteria attend for vaccination. Clinics will then be arranged to administer the appropriate vaccination. Patients aged 16 and over who have not been vaccinated can also request the vaccine by contacting the surgery.

Catherine Forward, Nurse Practitioner

Hay Fever Management

"Hayfever season" is coming up again and now is a good time to get prepared if you have previously been affected by this. Different people may be affected by different pollens and so may experience symptoms at various times of the year. Tree pollens tend to be around from March to June, grass pollen (the most common allergen) is released from May to July, and pollens from weeds are released in September and October.

The symptoms of hay fever include sneezing, runny nose, blocked nose, itching of eyes or nose and watery eyes. Sleep can be disturbed by these symptoms, which can lead to daytime fatigue and impaired concentration.

The main treatment is taking an antihistamine tablet (liquids are available for children). Several types are available; most are taken once a day and do not cause drowsiness. If symptoms persist or are more severe then a steroid nasal spray can be helpful, especially for a blocked nose. Eye symptoms can be treated with sodium cromoglycate eye drops. These treatments are available in pharmacies, over the counter and on prescription.

There are several ways to try to avoid or minimize exposure to pollen spores.

- Keep windows closed when indoors and overnight in pollen season.
- Avoid mowing lawns and raking leaves, or use a facemask.
- Wear wraparound sunglasses outdoors to keep allergens out of your eyes.
- Avoid line drying clothes and bedding when pollen counts are high.
- Keep car windows closed.

Desensitization therapy is occasionally used in specialised clinics, but only when symptoms are extreme and uncontrolled by medication. Allergy testing is usually not required for hay fever diagnosis.

It is most effective to start taking medication before your symptoms normally begin, and to take them regularly. It is more difficult to control symptoms which have already become well established.
Diary Dates
CARER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 5th June between 2pm - 4pm in the Health Education Room. Angela Whitehead from Crossroads Care will visit us this afternoon and will be able to answer any questions regarding your caring role. All carers are welcome to attend.

We are always keen to welcome any carer to our small but friendly group. For more information please speak to Linda in the Patients’ Library.

Useful Websites
SOCIAL CARE

If you need information about Adult Social Care you may find the following website useful: www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

You will find information about remaining independent, getting out and about, health and well-being, being a carer, equipment to help, employment and volunteering, and much more.

A roadshow about staying independent, safe and well will visit the Yaxley Library between 6 - 31st August 2013 where you will be able to find out further information.

PATIENTS’ ASSOCIATION

The Patients Association now has its own website which can be viewed at: www.yaxleypatients.org.uk

County Council Elections
TURNOUT: 25.2%

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Stopping Smoking
DO YOU NEED HELP?

You are **four times** more likely to quit with help from the NHS.

We have a specialist smoking cessation advisor who visits the practice twice a week. He can offer specialised one to one, face to face or telephone support, and can supply nicotine replacement and drug therapy on prescription.

Appointments are available on Thursday afternoons and every second Friday. Please ring reception on 01733 240478 to arrange an appointment or for further information please contact Steven Tibbs, Smoking Cessation Advisor on 07908 408 743.

The following website may also help you: http://smokefree.nhs.uk

Help to stop smoking is available from CAMQUIT the Cambridgeshire stop smoking service. For help and advice: Ring 0800 018 4304 or visit www.camquit.nhs.uk
Don’t miss the

FOSS Quiz Night!

Friday 7th June
7:30pm in the School Hall
Teams of up to six
£20 per team
Tickets on the door, at the School Reception, The Talbot, the Angel Spice and Nisa.
Nibbles provided
Please bring your own drink
Raffle with some fantastic prizes
All proceeds will go towards a much-needed update of the school’s computer suite so your support is greatly appreciated.

Stilton Over 60’s Club

Outing to Springfields Shopping Outlet near Spalding
Monday 17th June
£10 members | £11 non-members

The club meets on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Church Meeting Room

For more details of meetings and outings please contact Sylvia Ward 242457 or Doreen Clark 242643
St Mary Magdalene Church Stilton

Flower Festival

Saturday July 6th, 11.00 to 7.00 pm
Sunday July 7th, 12.00 to 6.00 pm

Concert: Saturday 6th 7.30 pm in the Church
Words & Music for a Summer Evening

Flowers & Music, Cakes & Teas in the Church
Sunday Service
11.00 am All Age Service

Proceeds towards Stilton Church, special collection for Church repairs. Please use the Gift Aid Envelopes
# The Stilton Diary

**What to do, where to do it & who to do it with!**

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- **Toddler's Dance**
  - Time: 9am
  - Days: 9 - 11:45 & 1 - 3pm
- **Playgroup**
  - Time: 9 - 11:45 & 1 - 3pm

### YOUNGSTERS

- **Cubs**
  - Time: 6 - 7:30pm
- **Beavers**
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- **1st Stilton Brownies**
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- **Stilton Rainbows**
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- **Guides**
  - Time: 6 - 7:30pm
- **Junction**
  - Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
- **Stilton United Colts**
  - Time: KO 10am

### ADULTS

- **Parish Council**
  - Time: 2nd week 7:30pm
- **Sewing Group**
  - Time: 2:30 - 5pm
- **Over 60’s Club**
  - Time: 2:00pm

### CHURCH

- **Holy Communion**
  - 1st & 3rd Sun
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- **Family Service**
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- **Crossover (Y6)**
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- **Year 7 Drop-in**
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- **Take a Break (children & carers)**
  - Time: 9am in term time
- **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**
  - Time: 8am 2nd Saturday
- **Wednesday Worship**
  - Time: 12:30pm 3rd Wed
- **Prayer Focus**
  - Time: 8am

### LEISURE

- **Stilton Gardening Club**
  - Time: 3rd Tues 7:30pm
- **Iris School of Dance**
  - Time: 8-10pm
- **Zumba**
  - Time: 8-10pm
- **Stilton Indoor Bowls**
  - Time: 2pm Mon, 7pm Fri
- **Band**
  - Time: 8 - 9:35pm
- **Judo**
  - Time: 6 - 8pm
- **Yoga**
  - Time: 6 - 7pm
- **Stilton United FC**
  - Time: 3:00pm kick-off
- **Stumblers (walking group)**
  - Time: Alternate Sunday

### OTHER

- **Mobile Library**
  - Time: 3:10 - 4pm (4th)
- **Age Well Club**
  - Time: 10 - 11:45am
- **Carers' Group**
  - Time: 1st Weds, 2 - 4pm
- **Sawtry Lunch Club**
  - Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

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**Are we up to date? Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!**
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Are we up to date? Tell SCAN about your activities!
Stilton Children’s & Young Peoples Facilities Association

Skate Park Prize Draw

The Skate Park has been in operation since mid-2009 and costs about £1,500 a year to insure and maintain. Many of the youths who were involved in its development have now moved on and are either in work or at university. It is funded by 1/3rd from the Parish Council, 1/3rd from Huntingdonshire District Council and 1/3rd from local funding, raised mostly by the Prize Draw held at Cheese Rolling.

This year the Prize Draw will be matched funded by Barclay’s Bank, which will help us to keep the Park up to its excellent standard.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are about to start on further Children and Youth Outdoor Facilities and we need the help and guidance of some young people and parents to make sure that we develop what is wanted. We also need some help to run events on the existing ramps.

Parents & Children, would you like to join us?

Then contact:-

Carol, Ian, or Peter or just phone.

Peter Mitchell on 01733 244666

The SC&YP-FA trustees are: -

John Warner, Carol Warren, Ian Parmenter and Peter Mitchell

Charity No. 1124254
An invitation to an entertaining talk
at the Church Meeting Room
on Friday 14th June, 2013 at 7:30 pm

'A Musical Ride'

By Steve Ambler

Steve served for many years in the Staff Band of the Royal Corps of Transport, one of the British Army's most entertaining and versatile military bands. He has recently written an account of his military musical experiences in his book, 'A Musical Ride'. He has also developed an amusing and interesting illustrated talk based on his book.

He therefore cordially invites you to his inaugural talk - free of charge!

A painting of the band at The Horse of the Year Show in 1966

If you would like to attend Steve's talk please ring him on 01733 242156 or e-mail steve@amblernet.com
Crafty Thieves About
BE ON YOUR GUARD AT THE SUPERMARKET

The police are warning about a series of offences whereby (usually) female victims are being approached in supermarket car parks and being asked for directions. Suspects have used a large map to distract the victim whilst they steal from the victim’s handbag. Stolen credit and debit cards are used at ATMs, often before the victim has discovered the theft.

These are premeditated offences. It is believed that the cards’ PIN numbers are obtained by watching the victims when paying at the checkout.

Suspects are described as one male and one female, both tanned, with dark hair; possibly of Middle-Eastern or similar descent and aged 21-40.

Police advise shoppers:

• Cover your PIN when making a card payment or using an ATM.

• If you feel you have, or are being followed make contact with a member of staff or a security guard.

• Do not leave your handbag in the car while you unload shopping or put the trolley back.

• If you do leave your handbag on the passenger seat whilst driving ensure that it is zipped up and any openings are facing you.

• If somebody flags you down as you are driving off, lock your doors and, if you feel it’s necessary, just open the window to engage with them.

• If you are approached, or feel that you are being targeted for this offence, tell the suspect that you are not local and that you cannot help. Walk or drive away, check that you have all of your belongings and call the police on 999 to report the circumstances, descriptions of the suspects and details of any vehicles that you have seen them using, especially registration numbers.

Police are continuing to investigate this series. If you are concerned about this and would like to speak to a member of your local team please contact us on 101.

Rogue Traders

In response to some concerns about rogue traders here is some useful advice.

SOUND FAMILIAR?

Some of the claims made by uninvited doorstep callers to persuade you to pay for services or goods you don’t want or need:

“The moss on your roof needs removing otherwise it will cause damage....”

“You’ve got a loose tile on your roof.....”

“I have some tarmac left over from a job......”

“We were working on your neighbour’s when we noticed...”

Every year Cambs Trading Standards receives many complaints from people who have been conned by doorstep callers.
YOUR RIGHTS
If you agree to pay over £35 for any services or goods that are sold to you during a visit to your home or place of work, then:

- You have seven days to cancel the agreement. Any money paid should then be returned to you.
- The caller must give you a written cancellation form setting out your rights when you agree the contract.
- If the caller does not provide you with this information he is committing a criminal offence and the agreement isn’t valid.

REMEMBER:
Doorstep callers are trained in high-pressure selling. They will catch you unaware. They are polite, persistent and persuasive and they will rush you to make a decision. Say "No thank you" and then immediately close the door. If the person won’t go away, call the Police or Trading Standards.

DON’T:
- Believe all callers are genuine - they are not.
- Believe 'scare stories' – they are rarely true.
- Believe genuine companies have loads of tarmac or gravel left over – they don't!
- Believe special deals, 'today only' – it's high pressure selling.
- Allow strangers access to your property.
- Sign anything or pay for anything until you are sure about it.

DO:
- Check a caller’s identity - ask to see an ID card.
- Consider if you really need the work done. Shop around for the best deal.
- Consider how you will contact the trader if it goes wrong.
- Ask the caller to leave you with information to study at your leisure.

Remember you often have a short time to cancel a contract after cold call.
Remember that reputable businesses generally don’t knock on doors to find customers.
If you think you see rogue traders in your area or if you think they have targeted a vulnerable or elderly person then please call the Police on 101.

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

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

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

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Keeping Well
News from the Wellside Clinic
(01487) 830340

Survey Results
Thank you to all our patients who took time to take part in our recent survey. The focus of the survey this year was our level of service provision on Wednesday afternoons. This has traditionally been a half-day closing, although we have been providing limited services on this afternoon for some time. I would like to take this opportunity to share the following points which takes into account the responses we received.

DISPENSARY OPENING TIMES
As of 13th March 2013 the dispensary will now be open on Wednesday afternoons from 3-6pm.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
A full range of services will be provided on Wednesday afternoons including the following:

- Routine and/or emergency GP appointments
- Nurse appointments
- Reception services - including collection of prescriptions
- Dispensary services

AFTERNOON CLOSURES
The majority of respondents felt that it was appropriate for us to have monthly half-day closures which we would in turn use to facilitate staff training, engagement in local commissioning events, etc. We presently anticipate such afternoons being on a more occasional basis. To date, the following afternoons have been booked. We may either close entirely on these afternoons, or provide only a limited service. In both cases, in the event of an emergency you should call the surgery for further instructions.

Wednesday 22nd May 2013
Thursday 18th July 2013
Tuesday 17th September 2013
Thursday 17th October 2013
Wednesday 15th January 2014
Thursday 13th February 2014

I hope that our increased provision of services on a Wednesday afternoons will be beneficial to our patients.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Twinning Diary Dates
28-30 June 2013  Weekend visit to Arras - see ad in this issue
9 Nov 2013  Race Night
If you are interested in any of these events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.
STILTON UNITED UNDER-8s FOOTBALL TEAM

NEED YOU!

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

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

£2 a session

All proceeds go towards the development of the football team

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

Marcus Panks (Manager) on 07855 159004
Philip Harker (Assistant Manager) on 07565 511880
Planning your summer holiday?

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

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

Fly to Nîmes from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports or travel in style by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nîmes. St Christol is 30 mins drive from Nîmes airport. Or to drive - motorway from Calais via Reims and Dijon to within 60 miles of St Christol.

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

Find out about St Christol online:

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the Stilton & District Twinning Association, please contact Chris on 241376.
STILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A WEEKEND IN FRANCE

28 - 30 June 2013

Join us in the bustling historic city of Arras

- Executive coach via the Channel Tunnel
- Two nights B&B
- Quality hotel in the city centre
- Sunday lunch at a gourmet restaurant

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

Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday

>> Just one place left! <<

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

Don’t Forget!

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES OF STILTON LIFE FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR

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