It wouldn’t be Cheese Rolling without a few moments of utter insanity. Serves him right for looking like a gigantic Baby Bel!

Report on p14
Grey Bin Days:
Monday 9th, 23rd June,
7th July

Garden Bin and Recycling Days:
Monday 2nd, 16th, 30th June
14th July

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

Now recycling bottles
Parish Council News

VANDALISM AND NUISANCE AGAIN

The cost of repairing petty vandalism to public property is paid for out of our council tax, which means there is less money available for more positive uses. Within days of providing a new fence on the Manor Road/Apreece Way green it had been attacked at the bottom by footballers who had kicked their ball into a neighbouring garden. One child was also seen climbing over the fence, trying to break down the hedge. As stated in last month’s SCAN, the Council will charge parents/carers for the cost of repairs to public property where there is a positive identification.

This will be relatively easy when there is damage to the playing field fence because CCTV images will be available.

IS YOUR CHILD A SECRET DRINKER?

There is evidence of some under-age alcohol abuse, particularly on our playing field. Several people have reported being approached by young people asking them to buy boxes of beer and lager for them. They also ask for cigarettes. Considerable amounts of litter, bottles, cans, cartons and bottle tops are collected from the field every week. A very annoying practice is to push the metal tops down into the turf. This is dangerous for footballers - and remember our Junior teams play on this field; it also can hurt the operators of the mowing equipment.

If you have children in mid-teens please keep an eye open for signs of drinking and smoking.

Spoilsports

Elsewhere in SCAN you can read the report of a successful, happy Cheese Rolling. How sad that the day ended with a drink-fuelled brawl that needed police attendance. Before that, at the end of the afternoon a group of young people also caused trouble when, fuelled by cheap alcohol they decided to revert to childhood. They continued on the playing field, which had to be cleared by other people.

The sale of alcohol to under-age customers is a serious offence and the Cheese Rolling organizers will do all they can to ensure the end of the day is not disrupted again. A meeting with Cambridgeshire Constabulary is being arranged to come up with plans and also to try and ensure that there is some police presence at the times when trouble traditionally brews.

Another Generous Donation

The Amenities fund received another boost when just over £930 was recently donated from the disbanded SKIDS Youth Club. A condition of the gift was that the money be ring-fenced for equipment specifically of benefit to the young people of the village.

Those of us who were connected with SKIDS will welcome the fact that its assets are to be put to such a good use.
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:

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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

Peterborough Food Bank

Our local food bank depends heavily on food donated by shoppers through collections at Supermarkets. Volunteers to help are urgently required. If you can give one or two hours to stand and receive donations please contact Olive Main (241206).

Saturday 7 June
Waitrose Queensgate (9:30am-2pm)

Saturday 14 June
Morrison’s Lincoln Road (9:30am-2pm)

Friday and Saturday 4 & 5 July
Tesco Hampton and Werrington (9am-6pm)

Saturday 26 July
Asda Rivergate (9.30am-2pm)

Church Street, Stilton

Our pre-school offers fun-play and learning for under 5’s, with close links to Stilton Primary School.

We welcome children from 2 years 6 months to our afternoon sessions.

12:30pm to 3:30pm
Monday to Thursday

From September (in the year before they start School) our children move to morning sessions where we slowly introduce more structure in preparation for school life. In the Summer Term our Rising 5’s programme includes weekly visits to Stilton Primary School.

8:45am to 11:45am
Monday to Friday

Nursery vouchers welcome

For further information, call Leslie Kirk
Tel: (01733) 247682
stiltonplaygroup@live.co.uk
The past year has been frustrating in several 'fronts'. A number of issues that were under discussion this time last year have still not been resolved. Particularly annoying has been the inability of Huntingdonshire District Council to stop residents encroaching on publicly owned land adjacent to their houses, even when, as in Talbot Close, this is a road safety issue. We had hoped that the refusal on appeal of planning permission for land adjacent to Gala Close would be the end of the matter, but another planning application has been made and the right of way plans have not been published.

We have been more successful in protecting the Conservation Area from the encroachment of air conditioning units on the corner shop but had to accept the positioning of the Post Office satellite dishes.

We have yet again contacted local landowners in search for allotments without any success. Another long-running saga has been unsuccessful to get action on areas of the village threatened by flooding.

In spite of these frustrations the village looks well maintained. The recent Parish Walk found little to be done except for the high incidence of pot holes and damage both to the roads and to the pavements. All these have been reported to the relevant Councils, but we have also had to complain about the very poor quality of the repairs.

The continuing tidiness is down to the vigilance of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, in particular to Chris Walford and John Warner who supervise the maintenance contract with Fergusons. A close watch is kept on our trees and work is authorised as needed but there is a balance to be found between safety and the requests of residents when trees become a nuisance to them personally. This is particularly the case in the cemetery.

We have not had much vandalism but the worst example has been the fence on the Apreece Way Green which was very expensive to repair. In future the Council will try to recoup any costs from the parents/carers of any young person caught offending.

Much time has been spent on the Amenities Project. The Council is very grateful to the project group, under the Chairmanship of Mark Angus, who continue to meet fortnightly and maintain their enthusiasm in spite of constant rebuff from funding bodies. Recently we have contacted our M.P. to ask for his help and the Committee is looking at other ways to build the project. It is hoped to start work on the surface of the field this year.

The Council has also spent time on issues coming in from the outside. We are currently in the middle of a government scheme to replace street lights throughout the village. The contractors, Balfour Beatty, have consulted and the Council inspected all the sites and made comments. Not all these were accepted and we still await the final plans
The inadequacy of the Stagecoach bus service is still not solved and after a consultation meeting we became part of a working group trying to find the best way to provide public transport in a situation where the County Council subsidy will eventually disappear.

The Great Haddon project is very quiet at the moment but Stilton Parish Council is still very involved. All the activity has been on the industrial site where Peterborough City Council decided to break its own rules on building height in spite of our objections.

Within the village the Council takes an active part in the Mrs. Worthington's Almshouses Charity, the Memorial Hall Management Committee and provides a Community Governor for Stilton School. Individual Councillors are members of many village organisations and so give even more time to community affairs such as the Twinning Association, Stilton Cheese Rolling and Stilton Church.

2014/2015 is the last year of the Council which faces us with a dilemma. Due to a clerical error that was not spotted until too late our precept for 2014/2015 has been cut. After an initial panic Alan Warren, Chair of the Finance and General Purposes and our Treasurer Kathy Ray came up with an amended budget. Chris Walford and John Warner have pruned the maintenance budget and the situation is not as dire as it first appeared. It is hoped that we can maintain our usual spending and also update our IT equipment.

This has been a difficult year for some of our members, particularly health wise, but everyone has pulled together and kept everything going. I want to thank particularly John Warner who is always the proverbial 'rock', Chris Walford who with his own personal problems has continued his support for all aspects of the Council work, Mary Croll who with her own great problems has continued to service the Council and to Kathy Ray who is indispensable and who was another 'rock' when the precept crisis hit us unexpectedly.

I do not apologise for repeating that Stilton is very lucky in its Parish Council and its Officers.

Olive Main May 2014

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**Mobile Library**

**Wed 25 June**

**3:10 - 4:00pm**

**Outside The Talbot**

**Route M24**

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**Stilton Over-60’s Club**

The Club has received a generous donation from the management of the Nisa store in the village towards the cost of the outing to the Springfields shopping outlet near Spalding. Watch this space for more details and a date.

The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons from 2-4 in the Church Meeting Room.

For more information please contact either Sylvia Ward on 242457, Doreen Clark on 242643 or Philip Scott-Sandv on 241492.
The precept for 2013 / 2014 was set at £71,655, which was an increase of £19,155 or 37% on the previous year. The additional income was required to cover the first year of loan repayments on the £300,000 which the Council borrowed to fund our participation in the Amenities Project. The loan was not agreed and drawn down until well into the year with the result that only £5,850 was paid in loan repayments, which will go a long way towards relieving the problem caused by the error on the 2014 / 2015 precept application, which results in us having only £52,500 in precept during the coming year.

During the coming year our main financial focus will of course once again be on the Amenities Project, along with tight financial control to ensure our other spending remains within our amended budget.

Thanks again to Richard Grant for continuing as internal auditor.

For yet another year, thank you all very much for your help and support, particularly Mary, Olive and Alan.

Kathy Ray, 9th May 2014

The Trustees continue to meet regularly and work to ensure that the Alms Houses provide very good accommodation for the residents following the complete refurbishments in 2005/6. 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 three central heating boilers, the Trustees have continued to make every effort to increase the financial reserve. The Alms Houses finances, held by the Trustees, are just sufficient to meet unexpected contingencies. Running costs are covered by income.

One resident moved away in 2013 and the Trustees arranged for the property to be deep cleaned and redecorated. Some of the work was voluntary and undertaken by Trustees. Following applications and interviews a new resident was chosen.

The next two projects will be the replacement of the third wet-room floor covering, repairs to the wall to the east of the Alms Houses and external decorating. Nisa in Stilton most generously made a donation towards the rebuilding of the garden wall. The village contractors maintain the garden area. 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. The Alms House Trustees are:

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

Chris Walford, Chairman May 2014
The Twinning Association has had another very successful year. New members have joined the committee to become active members of the Association including four of ‘the next generation’. The committee currently consists of 24 members who work remarkably hard.

Founder members Richard and Sheena Longfoot have left the committee. They will be much missed but we thank them for their support and encouragement over the past seventeen years. Richard's bilingual church services here in Stilton for visitors from St Christol are still spoken about in St Christol. Great times!

During the year the Association has held popular Quiz Nights and Race Nights. The annual visit to France, in June 2013, was to Arras. This was a memorable weekend with Sunday lunch at the favourite Chateau Tilques restaurant near St Omer. This year we go to Amiens and will visit the Peronne Museum and the Tiepval Memorials. Most fitting as we commemorate 100 years since WW1.

The St Christol Twinning Association has invited a group from our area to visit. This will take place between 27 and 31 May 2014. 21 people are participating. They will be hosted by families in St Christol. The programme, as is always the case, is very varied and includes visits to the Feria in Ales. This is a huge fete celebrating Pentecost with a strong regional theme. Andy Dann has designed and produced a unique pen set to present to St Christol and we will take, as always, a Stilton Cheese.

The President of the St Christol Twinning Association changed and we would like to thank Dominique Soulingeas for all her work as President. The new President is Chantal Roberts who was a founder member of the Stilton and District Association. She lived in Stilton and has returned home to live in St Christol. We will look forward to continuing our close links with her and with St Christol.

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 SK8s fund-raising events and tournaments.

Over 450 people have been involved in exchanges over the past seventeen 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. We are holding a Race Night on 17 May. Funds raised will go to the Amenities Project. The Association is looking forward to holding events in the new hall!

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 the Association arranges.
There are about 180 children on roll. There are eight teachers and the Head teacher, also part-time specialist teachers of Art, Music and PE. They are supported by Teaching Assistants and lunch time supervisors. There are six classes.

**PLAYGROUP & THE HAVEN**

Stilton Playgroup occupies a purpose-built wing of the school and uses some of the school's facilities. This term the older children will be familiarised with the school, and the Reception class staff will make visits to Playgroup to ease the transition between playgroup and school,

The Haven Out-Of-school Club is also in the school and children have direct access at the beginning and end of the day. There are activities during the school holidays.

**NEW GOVERNORS**

The Governing body has been strengthened by the appointment of new parent governors, who are generous in volunteering their expertise and in taking a lead role. There are still vacancies for Foundation Governors. My term of office soon comes to a close and the Governors have requested that Stilton Parish Council continues to nominate one community Governor. Governors are expected to complete initial training and also participate in specific training events through the year. Governors have continued to monitor all aspects of the school and have been involved in developing the school development plan.

**MANAGING THE BUDGET**

Governors, led by Alan Warren, have to agree the budget and then monitor its management. Staffing uses 90% of the budget and deployment of staff to make best use of their skills is a constant balancing act. By careful financial management and effective use of the extra funding for vulnerable children the budget for 2014/5 balances and staffing remains at its present level. The new rules on school meals will not cause a problem as the kitchen was designed to cope with a larger school population. FOSS is active in fund raising. Maintenance of the building is good. In the summer holidays a badly needed new boiler was fitted.

**GOOD OFSTED REPORT**

Since my last report the school has had an OFSTED inspection. The rating of all aspects was "Good". Rising standards in teaching and achievement were recognised, as were the pupils' positive attitudes to learning. They were praised for their hard work and good behaviour. There was also praise for the support given to the more vulnerable children. Suggestions were made to help the school raise its rating in the future; particularly in the teaching of Mathematics and in challenging the more able.

In the most recent assessments the majority of children were making at least expected progress in the core subjects putting Stilton School among the highest-achieving schools in the county. Recommendations coming out of the OFSTED report have been acted on and there are positive signs of achievement in those areas. The Governors' Learning Committee, led by Pat Maltman, analyses and monitors progress and the quality of teaching and learning. Governors are also responsible for Health & Safety.
The updated village website was launched in August 2013, to take advantage of new technologies and to take the opportunity to spring clean the content.

All the essential legacy content was carried over with two notable exceptions:

1. The Forum was replaced by a Contact form and a Message Board, to provide visitors seeking information or wishing to post a message a means of doing so. This has proved more successful and the site has attracted several such enquiries (not all of which are published, for reasons of privacy.) The form also helps enquirers to provide all necessary information.

2. The advertising was abandoned. With the passing of time, many advertisers had disappeared and most local businesses now have their own websites/facebook, so the need has largely disappeared.

Site visits run at a steady rate of around 300/week, mostly originating from Google searches within the UK. The most popular search keywords are, not surprisingly, 'stilton', 'stilton village', 'stilton website', 'stilton cheese-rolling', 'stilton scan' and 'stilton church'. The most popular content within the site is Cheese-Rolling, followed by About Stilton, the Events page and SCAN. The average visitor views 2-3 pages and stays for about 1½ minutes.

Usability was subsequently enhanced by replacing the built-in site search feature with a more powerful Google Custom Search.

Downloadable assets are provided: Cheese-Rolling entry and stall booking forms and, most recently, plans of the street lighting upgrade programme. The SCAN section continues to provide an archive of downloadable issues but now also offers an online order form for advertisers, which works very well. There is a rich archive of Cheese-Rolling images, including a selection provided for use by the media.

One reason for the upgrade was to enable village organisations to post their news and events directly. Despite strong initial interest in this, so far none have taken up the capability. This is particularly disappointing, as the site is an important showcase of village life, both for residents and others. Search terms indicate that visitors do look for specific local information; for example, 'bulky collection', 'history of Gala Close', 'parking for Stilton Cheese Rolling'. Although one cannot possibly anticipate everyone's interests, village organisations are missing an opportunity to promote themselves and their news items.

Running costs remain very low, being limited to the hosting fees only. Hosting performance is monitored continuously and is highly reliable.

A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The school is very much part of the wider village community. Close links with Stilton Church are maintained and there will be a joint event in July linking the Church Flower Festival and the school fair. The children took part in The Stilton Cheese Rolling. The School Council is actively involved in designing and fund raising for the play equipment on the village field. The school is also participating in the Children's University, which means that learning outside the classroom can be recognised.
Over the last four years we have been working hard to meet the government targets for local government cost reductions. The edict came in the form of reduced financial support, whilst maintaining the statutory requirements, supplemented by a new homes bonus which encouraged us to build more houses. At the same time we have had a cap on Council Tax levels and very strong encouragement to keep them low.

We have been quite successful in building new houses and have located enough brownfield sites to meet the future requirements. The main problem has been persuading the developers to build them; this puts a lot of stress on the income expected from both Section 106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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How have we made the savings?

‘Facing the Future’

Over a year we carried out a review of each department and sub-department. As a result of this we made the following changes.

Where have we made the changes?

- Efficiency
- Senior management restructuring
  - Reduction in the number of Directors to three.
- Department Managers restructure and assessment is under way
- General salary restructure, market tested and then adjusted; some big reductions and some small increases
- Joint working with other Councils, resulting in much greater efficiency and reduced costs
- Some modernisation, particularly in Leisure
- A few voluntary redundancies

What has been the effect of the savings?

Up to now very little:

- Charges for the second green bin
- Reduction in some ground maintenance
- Contributions requested for 'out of routine' events
- Contributions requested for CCTV
- Improved leisure usage, which is now profitable; it was a big loss maker

In the future?

We have no plans for any significant reductions in our services but cannot guarantee that there won't be. The Government have not promised to avoid further cuts in our grant settlement.

Details of the individual department saving proposals can be seen on the HDC Web page, 'February full Council Agenda'

Without a doubt we are a leaner fitter Council than we were in 2010 and the 28% saving by 2015 is in our sights.

Cllr Peter Mitchell
Stilton & Holme Ward
Brian Croll
1940 - 2014

The Croll family would like to thank everyone for their cards and thoughtful messages on the death of Brian. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be sadly missed.

St Mary Magdalene Church

Stilton Flower Festival, July 5th & 6th

The theme for this year’s flower festival is 'Courage and Remembrance' in memory of the beginning of the 1st World War and of those men from Stilton who fought in it, many of whom did not come home.

If you or your family has any 1st World War memorabilia and would be willing to have it on display (copies of documents, please - they are too precious!) Pat Maltman would be delighted to hear from you as soon as possible.

Please contact Pat on (01733) 242229 or email to pat_maltman@hotmail.com
A Grand Day Out
STILTON CHEESE-ROLLING 2014

The weather was just right, the crowds came out to enjoy new and old favourites. Stalls reported record takings, the Café Royale nearly sold out and the charities reported good sales.

May Day
SPONSORED BY TESCO

May King: Alfie Forge
May Queen: Tilly Warren
Princesses: Kizzy Thiselton, Caitlin Stevenson

Crowned by last year's couple, Daniel and Sophy

Rolls Royce: Peter Tibbs
Crowns: Carol Warren and Libby Henson
Maypole: Stilton School led by Clare Petty
May Garland: Stilton Guides collected £111

Results

Main Sponsor: Hoopers Fruit Brews
Junior Sponsor: Stilton & District Twinning Association

Best dressed teams
Junior: Stilton Colts

Cheese Rolling winners
Juniors: Minibut Stars
Men's: Old Spice
Ladies: Spice Girls

Both winning teams were related and sponsored by the Angel Spice.

Thanks to:
Our sponsors…

After many years of service the Bell Cup and WI cup have been replaced by new trophies donated by Stilton Community Association.

Individual cups: Bell Inn
Stilton Cheese: Tesco, Long Clawson Dairy
Junior trophies: Stilton & District Twinning Association
Beer etc: Hoopers Fruit Brews, The Talbot Inn, Stilton Country Club, Tesco

…our crew…

Race Control: Terry Baker, Martin Pearce, Tom Carrington
Planning and Preparation: Carol Warren, helped by Olive Main, spends all year planning for next year. On the day it all comes together because there is a core of loyal, experienced helpers who turn up year after year to help.

Comperes: Adam Vickers provides and sets up the PA equipment and then works very hard all day holding everything together.

This year he was ably helped by Gary from the Yaxley Festival.

…and our entertainers

Adam's nephew Thomas and dad Derek both sang; three generations involved in Cheese Rolling. Thomas's mother was our first May Queen and was there wearing her pendant.

Our own Helen Bloomfield sang.
Tesco were a very generous sponsor of Cheese Rolling 2014

Our talented Helen Bloomfield

Keeping it in the family - Spice Girls and Old Spice cleaned up both Adult trophies!

Chain reaction. Chairman of HDC, Barbara Boddington admires the talented Blue Vision Twirlers.

Magic Dave - already booked for 2015!

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
**Planning for 2015**

In the list of acknowledgements there are two notable absentees. Huntingdon District Council have for years come in and cleared the litter. This year, with only 48 hours notice, they informed us they could not help again. So in future we will need a working party to help clean the street immediately after the event.

The second absence was the Police. Again with minimal notice we were told there could not be a police presence. Given the minor disturbance at the end of the event, and the major incident late at night we are arranging discussions about the future.

Both these public services can now charge us for the extra attendance, which would be an intolerable burden on a stretched budget.

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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

**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.

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!)

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Pig Dyke Molly danced in the arena, but also up and down the street.

**Magic Dave** is always popular and has been booked for next year.

**Blue Vision Twirlers**, fresh from triumphs at the National Championships, dazzled us.

Road Management and Street Scene

Road Closure: **Cambs County Council**

Signage: **Ringways and A1 Cherriash Garden Centre**

Setting up and Clearing away: **Keith Gipson, Erica and Ian Constable, Peter Warren, Grace Gipson**

Bunting: **Tony Darke**

Marshalls: **Emily Warren, Kate and Ruth Gipson and Stephan**
We are back again, into our last term of the year. The pre-schoolers are really enjoying their weekly visits to 'big' school. It's a chance to take part in PE in the hall, play with Reception Class in the playground and to get to know Miss Day. Following all the rules is a challenge but they are getting better each week!

Bank Holiday Monday brought us some lovely Spring weather, fun at Cheese-Rolling and bags of cash, literally! We are so lucky that Nisa chose us to be the beneficiary of their fundraising. For around eight months, Nisa have charged their customers five pence per carrier bag, with proceeds to Stilton Playgroup.

On May Day, we interrupted Cheese-Rolling proceedings and were presented with a cheque for £1203 - absolutely fantastic! We are very grateful to Nisa and to the customers who have supported this scheme.

Our staff and children have put together a wish-list of things to spend the money on. When we have decided, we will let you all know what we buy. Thank you again!

Please continue to support this scheme - the proceeds will now be going towards the Stilton Amenities Project. 5p is not a lot but it makes a massive difference in the long run.

Lesley, representing Playgroup, alongside Nisa staff.
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
Our children are busy discovering their new topics this term. In Key Stage 2, the topic is Stilton. The children went on a walk around the village, looking at the different types of buildings and thinking how Stilton has changed over time. They have also completed some sketches of buildings they identified on their walk.

Robin Class have been learning about castles this term. They even had a visit from Robin Hood! Children in Otter Class have been learning about London, discovering facts about the city and thinking about famous landmarks.

Children in Owl Class have been learning about bugs. As a class, they've been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to practise their counting. They've also been busy making a beautiful display of their own caterpillar for the school hall.

Our Eco Council recently visited Waitrose in Peterborough, as part of their Give & Gain Day. The children were taken on a tour of the supermarket, including going 'behind the scenes'. They were even shown in the fridge and freezer! The children also learnt about healthy eating and made their own fruit salads to take home.
Rhymetime & Storytime

Rhymetime, aimed at 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 alternate Tuesdays from 10:30-11am.

Dates in June are 3rd and 17th.

DVD Hire

The hire charge for DVDs has now been reduced to £2 for one week’s hire. Browse our catalogue for an extensive range of titles. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/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.

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 relating to public highways that you may have.

New Book Collection

Fancy a different read? Not sure what to try?

We now have a regular visiting collection of books on a different theme. Come in and have a browse! The current theme is Humour. Themes to date have been Mediaeval Crime, and Chocolate!

Computer Buddies

Do you need some basic computer help?

Our computer buddy volunteers are available (by appointment) to offer free basic help to beginners. Mouse practice, keyboard skills, word processing, emailing and internet searching help is available. If you would like to make an appointment, please speak to a member of library staff.

EngAge

The next EngAge event is ‘Remember When?’, a reminiscence session on Wednesday 18th June at 2pm. Free tickets for this event are available in Yaxley Library from 1st June. Hurry! Numbers are limited.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year’s theme is ‘The Mythical Maze’. Look out for details of how to sign up for the challenge next month!
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

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

Peterborough Heritage Festival
21-22 June 10am - 5pm

Cathedral Square, Cathedral Precincts, Bridge Street

Features 3,500 years of history, from the Bronze Age to World War 2.

There is a period market, craft stalls, falconry, music and dancing, a Children's Zone and much more.

A great day out - and it’s FREE!

www.vivacity-peterborough.com/festivals/heritage-festival

Check out all Vivacity’s other events and activities!

For more info or to join the team visit macmillan.org.uk/macmillan10k email running@macmillan.org.uk or call 0207 840 7878
Do you have a disability, or long-term physical, sensory or health need?

Interested in taking up a new sport?
We can help you get started

The Stepping Stone service provides FREE advice, funding and support to get you involved as a participant, coach, volunteer or official.

For adults and young people aged 14+

Contact us to find out more
Email: steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01223 301756

Stepping Stone is delivered on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council by Action For Children
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**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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**Accessing Adult Social Care**

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

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

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

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

[www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk)

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**Stilton Stumblers**

**Spring Itinerary**

1 June  Foxton Locks  15 June  Holkham Coastal Walk

29 June  Three Hills  13 July  Stretham Old Engine

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](http://stumblers.stilton.org) or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
You are probably aware of the story in the Old Testament about Noah and the Ark, especially with the feature film recently shown at the cinemas. If you haven't seen it yet then we suggest you read the account in the Bible; the first book is Genesis and the relevant chapters are 6, 7 and 8. Then get the film on DVD and view it with an open mind.

In the Genesis account, God decided to send a flood to destroy the evil world but found a good man in Noah. So God told him to build an Ark in order that Noah and his family would be saved and prepared to start again in the new world. Noah also took on board animals two by two.

Did you know that our Cathedral at Ely is known as the 'Ship of the Fens'? We believe that our Churches are places like an ark. Not because we take on board pet animals, (although we have had a pet service) but because it encourages people to come together to worship God and grow in the Christian faith.

As you read Noah's story in the Bible or watch the film we hope it reminds you of the covenant God has made with his people. A visible reminder of this is the appearance of a rainbow in the sky. God not only wants us to be in fellowship with Him but also with each other. That is why we would like to welcome you aboard St Mary Magdalene Church & our other Church Arks in our group to join with us in fellowship.

Our list of services is shown below and also appears in the monthly 'Church Links' distributed through your door.

With our Best Wishes - Rev Jamie & Linda Mackay

There is a regular 11:00am service every Sunday plus a 6pm service.

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From The Cabbage Patch

Let’s Bee Nice

HOW TO ENCOURAGE THESE VITAL INSECT FRIENDS

After Fred Daynes talk to the Gardening Club members knew that we could all do something to encourage and protect bees. We can use organic methods, grow a wide variety of plants, don't be too tidy. We can be more tolerant of wild flowers, not calling them weeds!

Bees need flowers from March, when they find bulbs and tree blossom, until October. From May onwards they depend on ground cover. In the past that came from meadows; now gardens have to provide plants that produce pollen and nectar. There are many that we can all grow and which will delight our eyes as much as they feed the bees:

- Oxeye Daisies
- Catmint
- Lemon Balm
- Verbascum
- Rudbekia
- Harebell
- Foxgloves
- Helinium
- Echinacea
- Chives
- Sage
- Evening Primrose
- Calendula
- Eryngium
- Wallflower

Plant in clusters of 3 to 5.

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

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Stilton Amenities Project

Fund Raising Dinner Dance

Saturday 7 June
7:00 for 7:30 pm

The Bell Inn, Stilton

Cost per ticket: £40

An evening of fun in aid of the new village hall and pavilion.
Three course meal, dancing and a bumper raffle

Dress: formal

Bring friends ....... tables of eight!

All proceeds will go towards the pavilion funds.

Tickets on a first-come, first-served basis from The Bell Inn Reception.
(Cheques payable to Stilton Parish Council)

This event is sponsored by The Bell Inn

Please support the largest community project for the village in a generation.
St Mary Magdalene Church

Flower Festival

This Year’s Theme:  
Courage & Remembrance  
In Memory of the 1st World War

Saturday July 5th 11:00 to 7:00 pm  
Sunday July 6th 12:00 to 6:00 pm

Flowers, Music, Cakes & Teas in the Church Meeting Room

Sunday Service  
11.00 am All Age Service

Concert:  
Saturday 5th 7:30 pm in the Church  
Words & Music for a Summer Evening

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!**

| TINIES |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|--------|  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Toddler's Dance 9am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Playgroup 9 - 11:45 & 1 - 3pm |

| YOUNGSTERS |  |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|------------|  |  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Cubs 6 - 7:30pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Beavers 6 - 7:15pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | 1st Stilton Brownies 6:15 - 8pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Stilton Rainbows 5:15 - 6:15pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Folksworth Brownies 6:30 - 7:45pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | 1st Folksworth Rainbows 5:30 - 6:30pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Guides 6 - 7:30pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Junction 7:00 - 9:00pm |
|            |  |  |  |  |  | Stilton United Colts KO 10am |

| ADULTS |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|--------|  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Parish Council 2nd week 7:30pm |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Sewing Group 2:30 - 5pm |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Over 60's Club 2:00pm |

| CHURCH |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|--------|  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Holy Communion 1st Sun 8:00am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | LinCup ( Café style worship) 2nd Sun 11am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Holy Communion (Family) 3rd Sun 11:00am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Family Service 4th Sun 6:00pm |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | 9am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Linking Hands (mums) 6 - 7pm in term time |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Crossover (Y6) 7 - 8pm in term time |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Year 7 Drop-in 9am in term time |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Take a Break ( children & carers) 8am 2nd Saturday in month |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Men's Prayer Breakfast 1st Wednesday 12:30-1pm |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Holy Communion ( soup lunch) 3rd Wednesday 7:30am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Holy Communion 8am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Prayer Focus |

| LEISURE |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|---------|  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Stilton Gardening Club 3rd Tues 7:30pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Iris School of Dance 8-10pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Pilates 9:30-10:30; 10:30-11:30 |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Zumba 8-10pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Stilton Indoor Bowls 2pm Mon, 7pm Thu, 7 - 9:35pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Band 8 - 9:30am |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Judo 6 - 8pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Yoga 6 - 7pm |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Stilton United FC 3:00pm kick-off |
|         |  |  |  |  |  | Stumblers (walking group) Alternate Sundays 10: |

| OTHER |  |  |  |  |  | WHAT |
|-------|  |  |  |  |  | WHEN |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Mobile Library 3:10 - 4pm (4th Wed in month) |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Age Well Club 10 - 11:45am |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Carers' Group 1st Weds, 2 - 4 pm |
|        |  |  |  |  |  | Sawtry Lunch Club 10:30am - 1:30pm |

Are we up to date? Tell SCAN about your activities!

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### Where to do it & who to do it with!

Want a listing in the Scan? Tell SCAN about your activities!
FRIENDS OF NORMAN CROSS

Norman Cross Prison Depot
Memorial
1797 – 1814

Sunday 27th July 2014


Bicentenary Commemoration Service
1814-2014

Invitation to the Bicentenary commemoration and Service of the closure of the Norman Cross Napoleonic Prison Depot, Norman Cross, Peterborough.

Event takes place at the Eagle Memorial at 2.00pm Sunday 27th July 2014

Bicentenary Commemorative Service

The event is to honour the prisoners of war who spent many years of their lives at Norman Cross.

We will remember the 1,770 prisoners of war who remain buried on the site and whose last resting place was discovered by Time Team in 2009. The last prisoners left the depot in July 1814.

On 28th July 1914, on the eve of the Great War, the Norman Cross Eagle Memorial was unveiled.

THE FRIENDS OF NORMAN CROSS SOCIETY
London Road, Norman Cross
Peterborough PE7 3TB
https://sites.google.com/site/friendsofnormancross/
Local Music Recitals
SOMETHING FOR ALL YOU CULTURE VULTURES!

Lunchtime Organ Recitals
ST JOHN’S CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH PE1 1XE
1:00 - 1:45pm
Tuesday 3 June
Monnikendam, Mendelssohn, Howells, Langais, Thomas
Suggested donation: £3

Village Organ Recitals
ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, ELTON
Saturday 14 June - 7:30pm
Music by Gibbons, Sweelinck, Crodt, Goss-Custard, Smart, Johnson, Whitlock, S.S. Wesley, Bach, Balbastre
Tickets: £10
Sunday 20 July - 3:00pm
Programme tbc
Tickets: £5
Saturday 16 August - 7:30pm
Music by Mathias, Bach...
Tickets: £10 includes first drink and nibbles

Easy Sunday Music
St MARY’S & ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, FOTHERINGHAY
3:00 - 4:00pm
Admission FREE
Sunday 1 June
Oundle School Pianists
Flowing classical music
Sunday 8 June
Frumenty - guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, flute, percussion
English, Irish and Baroque music
Sunday 29 June
Tim Dighton - piano
Showtime and Swing music
Sunday 27 July
Joe Conway & Nina Bunting-Mitcham
piano & soprano, classical music
Sunday 3 August
Schubert String Quartet
classical music
Sunday 31 August
Jill Crosland - Concert Pianist
classical music
Sunday 21 September
Oundle School Strings
Sparkling classical music
Sunday 28 September
Oundle School Brass

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Are you caring for someone?

You may say 'I'm just being their husband, partner, daughter or friend...' but the support you provide is vital to them; helping with shopping, dressing or being there when they need to talk. This can have a big impact on your life.

Who cares about you?

Come along and meet a local carers support worker to find out about the support you could receive as a family carer.

St Ives Market Square
9 June, 10am - 2pm
Frosts Garden Centre, Brampton
10 June, 11am - 2pm
Waresley Garden Centre, Sandy
12 June, 2:30 - 4:30pm

For more information please call 01480 377616

Huntingdon Garden and Leisure
11 June, 10am -3pm
Walk at Hinchingbrooke Park
12 June, 2pm -2:45pm
Hinchingbrooke Hospital
13 June, 10am-3pm

For more information please call 01480 499090

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk
Flower Power
ADD COLOUR OR FRAGRANCE TO YOUR COOKING

Recently there has been a suggestion that eating flowers can have health benefits because some contain high levels of phenolic compounds. While this is not fully tested, adding flowers to recipes is an old practice; it may not make us healthier, but it can add interest and colour to our cooking.

Of course, take care; some are poisonous, some can cause an allergic reaction or may have been treated with pesticides. Only eat the petals - the stem can be bitter - and wash carefully, checking for bugs and any sign of disease.

If you are still reading this(!) then try the following recipe for lavender shortbread, similar to that cooked for the Duchess of Cornwall when she appeared on the Archers.

Lavender Shortbread

Mix two teaspoons of fresh lavender flowers with 100gms softened butter. Add 50gms of caster sugar and beat until fluffy. Add 175gms plain flour. It will be a very dry mixture. Bring together into a smooth cylinder and wrap in cling film. Place in the fridge for an hour or so until firm.

Cut the dough into 5mm rounds, place on a baking tray, allowing room to spread.

Bake for about 15 minutes until the biscuits just turn golden-brown.

They will keep in a tin for a few days.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Coffee Morning
Sat 28th June
10:30am - 12noon

Church Meeting Room

Stilton Gardening Club
Tuesday 20 May at 7:30pm
Stilton Church Meeting Room

Plants to grow for flower arranging

This will be particularly useful for anyone involved in the Church Flower Festival.

Members £1 Visitors £2
Carers Trust Cambridgeshire
CROSSROADS CARER SERVICE
One-day family carer course for carers registered with this practice

Wednesday 4th June
Health Education Room

09:45am Meet, greet and registration
10am to 4pm. They will be covering:

- Caring and Life
- Caring and Coping
- Caring and Me
- Caring Day to Day
- Caring and Communicating

This is a good way to meet other family carers in the area, find out what support is available to you and build your confidence as a family carer.

If you look after a friend, relative or neighbour who is ill, frail or disabled you are a family carer!

This course will be run by Angela Whitehead from the Carers Trust-Cambridgeshire Crossroads Carer Service. Angela makes this day fun and interactive.

If you would like to book a place or get more information please speak to Linda in the Patients' Library.

Phlebotomy Appointments
If we need to take a blood sample from you and you know that your veins are difficult to access or that you are likely to feel faint and need to lie down please ask for a ten-minute appointment when booking with Reception.

Chlamydia
Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted infection. Sexually active people may have it without showing any symptoms. It is easily treated with antibiotics, but if left untreated can lead to infertility in both men and women. Please ask your GP or Nurse about taking a test, which is simple and painless.

C-Card Scheme
The C-Card is a condom card. It is small enough to fit in your pocket and will give you easy access to free condoms. It is available for all young men and women aged 25 years and under.

Please speak to your doctor or nurse or for more information please see Linda in the Patients' Library.

Age Well Club
JUNE 2014

Tue 3rd Nurse Practitioners at YGP
Jo Hercules and Graham Moore

Tue 10th The John Lewis Partnership
Russell Jacklin

Tue 17th Coffee Morning and Quiz

Tue 24th Bring along your treasured items and share your story with the other members

Meetings in the Health Education Room from 09:30 to 11:45am
Quiet Room

We now have a room available which can be used for parents wishing to feed their babies or if any of our patients wish to discuss anything confidential or to read through any letters/documents in private. Please ask at Reception if you would like to use this room.

Doctors

We would like in the coming months to let you know some of the interests and specialities of our doctors. This month it is Dr. Suzanne Hawkins

Dr Hawkins has been at the practice since October 2010 and qualified as a doctor in 2000 after studying at Leeds University. She completed her GP training in Peterborough in 2004. Her interests are in child health, obstetrics and gynaecology, palliative care and elderly medicine. She holds diplomas in child health, family planning and certificates in palliative care and medical education. Along with several of the other GPs she provides the full range of contraceptive services and fits intrauterine devices (coils) and contraceptive implants. She is a GP trainer and supervises other doctors who are undertaking GP training at the practice. She runs the weekly practice meetings to discuss patients who have new diagnoses of cancer or who are in need of palliative care. She also attends monthly multi-disciplinary team meetings with representatives from social care, the volunteer sector and community nursing to discuss patients with more complex care needs.

Flat Screen TVs

You may have seen the flat screen TVs in the practice; these were supplied by Pure Vision.

Pure Vision Marketing Ltd is a local company that aims to celebrate the local community and businesses around us. Through working with individual sites like ourselves, other GPs and cafes, Pure Vision Marketing hopes to generate more trade for our local businesses. In return, the sites are rewarded with a percentage of the advertising revenue which is then pumped back into the sites to enable them to provide a better service. The screens also keep local people up to date with what is happening like local events, promotions and services.

Do you need help to stop smoking?

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.

You are four times more likely to quit with help from the NHS. If you have tried already to quit but been unsuccessful please try again as help is available.

Appointments are available on Thursday afternoons and every Friday morning.

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

You can also now book your appointment online. To register please visit our website at www.yaxleygp.nhs.net

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
Stilton Community Project now needs your expertise to self-deliver the new community facility. We are looking to hire:

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- Grounds Workers
- Steel Erectors
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Carpenters
- Bricklayers
- Plasterers
- Roofers

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Please fill in and return the attached form if you can help.

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**I want to be part of the Stilton Project Team!**

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Return this form to Mark Angus, 1 Willow Close, Stilton  
or contact him on (01733) 244006 or 07702 636445 or mark.angus@fsmail.net
In the last five years it is estimated that £1 million has been paid to rogue traders by older residents living in Cambridgeshire. In most cases the rogue trader will have called at the customer’s door offering to do work on their house or garden, and will have overcharged for unnecessary and shoddy work.

These are serious crimes, in some cases costing the customer their life’s savings and often leading to them being fearful in their own homes.

At Trading Standards we would like to make you aware of the telltale signs of rogue traders to help you avoid them. We would also urge you to pass this advice on to elderly friends and relatives.

Rogue traders typically:

1. Call at the door offering services such as replacing a loose roof tile, roof or gutter cleaning, gardening, house maintenance, jet washing, driveway paving and tree felling.

2. Engage with the customer to win their trust e.g. claiming to have been before, claiming they are working up the street etc. They will seem very friendly and chatty.

3. Start with a small job such as gutter cleaning and then claim further work is needed. This subsequent work will not be quoted for and will run into thousands of pounds.

4. Make fraudulent claims e.g. moss growth on a roof causes severe damage and needs to be washed off, painting a roof is necessary to protect it.

5. Fail to give you written notice of your right to cancel which is required for most contracts agreed at home.

6. Use intimidation to extort money and often take the customer to a bank or cash point to withdraw cash (a criminal offence).

7. Return again and again demanding further payment for bogus reasons e.g. claiming that VAT has not been paid.

If you think rogue traders are currently at your property, are in the vicinity or are due to return, please contact the police on 999. If you think rogue traders have done some work for you but have left, contact our advice partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040506 for advice.

In terms of finding a trader you can trust, seek recommendations from friends and family where possible. Alternatively, use a trader on our Buy with Confidence approved trader scheme who will have been thoroughly checked by us. To find an approved trader call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline (above), visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, or visit your local library, where staff will be able to look up traders on the scheme for you. We would always recommend getting three quotes to ensure the price is competitive.
A Summary Care Record is an electronic record that contains information about the medicines you take, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had. Having this information stored in one place makes it easier for healthcare staff to treat you in an emergency, or when your GP practice is closed.

In an emergency, or when it is urgent, it’s important that doctors caring for you know about you and any important medical conditions you may have, or medicines that you are taking.

Sometimes, if you are unconscious or having difficulty speaking, doctors may not be aware of important information about you. This includes the medicines you are taking, if you have any allergies and if you have ever had a bad reaction to something. This information could make a difference to how a doctor decides to care for you; for example, which medicines they choose to prescribe for you. This means they provide you with safer care during an emergency, or when it is urgent.

Summary Care Records are also useful if you need care when your GP practice is closed or if you are away from home in another part of England.

By March 2015 all practices will have to upload patient data from their clinical system to create Summary Care Records for their patients. We will be implementing this at the surgery mid-June. Please be assured that if you have already completed an opt-out form your data will not be uploaded.

You can find out more about Summary Care Records at www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk

Over 75s

From April 2014, every NHS patient over the age of 75 has to have a named responsible GP. Over the next few weeks we will be writing to all our patients over 75 to know who your named GP is. This in our Practice is purely a technicality as you will still be free to see whichever doctor in the Practice you choose.

If you feel that your usual doctor is a different doctor in the Practice, please do let us know and we will change this accordingly.

We would like to emphasise that you do not necessarily always need to see your usual doctor or speak to them in person and you will still be able to see or speak to any of the doctors in the Practice in the usual way.

Asthma Reviews

There has been a lot of media coverage recently regarding asthma-related deaths. We would like to remind patients of the importance of attending regular asthma reviews. Sisters Anita Willis and Jo Wassell are our specialist trained asthma nurses and provide reviews here at the practice. We will invite you annually to attend a review but would encourage you to attend a review outside of this schedule if you have any concerns. Please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.
Appointments with our Clinicians

Our practice nurses often have empty appointments at the moment whereas the doctors are usually overbooked. Please remember our nurses are trained to deal with lots of common problems. Utilising the nurse appointments can mean that doctor appointments are then available when you really need them.

The practice nurse should normally be the first point of contact for problems such as contraception, asthma reviews, blood pressure reviews, leg ulcers, wounds including dressings, wound infections and stitch and staple removal, cervical smears and help with stopping smoking. The nurses can always call on the advice of the doctor if needed.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

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Lots of useful information to help you present your business effectively!

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Yaxley Flower Club

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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.