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EVENTS FOR ALL AGES AND TASTES - MAKE A DIARY DATE

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ENJOY A TRADITIONAL SPRING DELICACY

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GET YOUR CHEESE-ROLLING ENTRIES IN!

Stilton is about to get a much-needed refurbishment of its street lighting. How will this affect you? Story on p3.
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**GREY BIN DAYS:**
Monday 3rd, 17th, 31st March

**GARDEN BIN AND RECYCLING DAYS:**
Monday 10th, 24th March, 7th April

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

NOW RECYCLING BOTTLES
Parish Council News

STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Details of the plan to upgrade Stilton’s street lighting were explained in SCAN July 2013; the article is reprinted below. Work in Stilton is due between March and June 2014.

Stilton Parish Council has received the preliminary designs for each road. Copies of these may be downloaded from the village website, www.stilton.org and should also be on bblivingplaces.com, Balfour Beatty's website. Copies can also be supplied if you email the Parish Clerk, Mrs Croll at Mary_Croll@yahoo.co.uk

Once the plans are finalized, leaflets showing where the new lights are to be sited will be delivered to all residents. Most existing lights will be replaced, but a few will not. Any column that is to be permanently removed will have a sign attached to it. If you think the proposed siting is not sensible, please let Balfour Beatty know.

FROM SCAN JULY 2013:

As in many other areas Cambridgeshire's street lights are generally old and inefficient. In Stilton we have a mish-mash of styles, including many concrete lamp standards which can be in danger of collapse. With support from Government, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire have gone into a partnership with Balfour Beatty that lasts for 25 years. In the first 5 years around 56,000 street lighting units will be replaced or updated; that means many columns will be replaced. And the rest have their 'heads' replaced. The major part of the work in Stilton will be carried out in May and June 2014, but a small number of newer lights will be updated this summer.

The contract requires a reduction of 10% in the number of lights across the County, but in most cases the new column will be erected close to an existing light.

Stilton Parish Council met with County Councillor Mac McGuire to discuss the impact on this village. We will be checking the plans to ensure that no area is disadvantaged. We are also checking that our 'heritage' lights in the Conservation area (North Street/High Street) are not affected and we will be requesting information on the updating of the lights owned by the Parish Council.

If we are satisfied on the above points, the Parish Council will welcome the project because it will be

- energy saving and use lower wattage lamps
- reduce carbon emissions
- cheaper
- safer steel columns, all one design
- The system will be remotely managed and controlled which will allow for dimming during the night.

The County Council's web site has a comprehensive account of the project, www.lightingcambridgeshire.com. The 'New Lighting' tab allows users to find the plans for their street.

(Cover image courtesy Balfour Beatty.)
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Activities For Parents and Children
Drop in and try these:

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

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love

More Choice in Social Care

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

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

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

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

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Yaxley Flower Club

20th March AGM
Contact: Helen Burton (01733) 242198 or Lesley Young (01733) 240265

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excl. Aug & Dec)
at the Yaxley British Legion, Broadway, Yaxley.
Stilton Cheese Rolling
MONDAY, MAY 5 2014

This year's theme is supporting Sport in Stilton, which means anything from tiddlywinks to American football so get your costumes planned!

Senior and Junior entry forms are in this issue. Remember: if you are in fancy dress entry to the Cheese Rolling Competition is free. And you might win a prize for the best costumes!

MAY KING & QUEEN
If you live in Stilton or attend Stilton, Folksworth or Holme School in Years 5 and 6, you can apply. You are invited to attend Stilton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:15pm. Parents are asked to contact Carol Warren on 07508 502534.

BOOK YOUR STALL NOW!
If you want to run a stall at Cheese-Rolling, and you haven’t already done so, you need to get your order in to Carol Warren now, before all the spaces are taken.

Download an application form from the Cheese-Rolling page on www.stilton.org, or call Carol on 07508 502534.

Support the 'Belles'
Sue Cole and Jo Grimshaw from the Bell Inn are running the London Marathon in aid of the cancer charity CLIC Sargant.

Both ladies have personal reasons for supporting this charity; Jo has had two bouts of cancer and Sue's nephew is battling lymphoma. CLIC Sargant has given both of them great support. This is the first full marathon they have entered and they would be very grateful for support in the shape of donations. Please help by visiting one or both of their fund-raising pages:
www.justgiving.com/shaggydoglady
www.justgiving.com/jostiltonbell

Charlie Glitheroe
1925 -2014
Charlie passed away in hospital on Saturday 8th February.

Charlie was born and raised in Stilton and, as many will know, he was a true character. Charlie and his wife Klara took over the running of the greengrocers shop in North Street from his mother, who had run it for many years before.

As a young man he played football for Stilton and took part in all village activities. He was renowned for wearing his father's bowler hat on special occasions, especially on New Year's Eve when he shared a drink or two with friends at the Stilton Cheese Inn.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
At time of writing, we are focusing on Valentine's Day. We have learned about different emotions, making faces to match and have been making some beautiful heart crafts. On the 14th we will be joined by a parent helper to do some Valentine's baking; we mums and dads look forward to some yummy treats coming home! Last month we celebrated Chinese New Year with noodles for a snack, fortune cookies and gold coins. We took home horse masks to welcome in the Year of the Horse.

We are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab. We can't wait to see all the creatures, from hairy spiders to slithering snakes! We will tell more next month and hope to have some photos! Late February will also bring our parents' evening and open afternoons. These are fantastic opportunities for parents/carers to chat with their child's key worker about development, progress and any concerns. It also gives them a chance to see the setting and the children's wonderful creations. We are really grateful to the Playgroup staff for this opportunity as we love to talk about our children!

As many of you will know, Nisa and their customers have been very generous to Stilton Playgroup. The latest total raised from the carrier bag charge is around £680. We are so thankful to all who have contributed in this way. The children really are going to benefit. We will soon be meeting with the owner of Nisa to discuss how to use the money. We will keep you all informed of how this money is spent. Thank you again.

Stilton Over 60's Club

Please note the date for the AGM is now Friday 14th March at 2pm in the Church Meeting Room. The new Committee will be asking members for suggestions for outings in 2014, so get your thinking caps on ready for the day. An outing to Downtown is being planned for a date to be confirmed. Watch SCAN for more details.

The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Church Meeting Room. For more details please contact either Sylvia Ward on 242457 or Doreen Clark on 242643. Finally, Doreen is still collecting subscriptions which are now due.

Stilton Stumblers

Spring Itinerary

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

For more information about Stumbling, visit http://stumblers.stilton.org or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
**Animal Crackers**

**POO CORNER - AGAIN**

Once again, dog walkers have to be reminded that you have a legal duty to clear up if your dog messes in a public place. Disposable bags, free of charge, are available from Stilton Parish Council and there are bins marked as dog bins around the village.

Most dog owners are responsible but there are still a few who persist in allowing their pets to become a nuisance. At present, most complaints come from Church Close where gardens are being fouled, and along the bridleway. This is a public highway, not a dog-emptying facility.

**HOOF IT!**

Believe it or not, we find that horses actually being ridden across the Playing Field causing very expensive damage. If you see this happening, please take notes - or, even better, a photo on your phone - so that the horse and rider can be identified, and inform Stilton Parish Council (241206 or 241042)

**Vandalism**

And while we’re having a rant about anti-social behaviour, on 31st January at about 6:30pm someone threw an apple through Shirley Hicks’ front window. It caused £200 worth of damage but, more seriously, she was sitting close to the window at the time and could easily have been cut by flying glass had the curtains not been closed.

Our village youngsters generally bring great credit to themselves and the village - consider the outstanding example of the skate park - which makes malicious behaviour like this all the more disturbing.

We hope that the individuals - and their parents - will in future bear in mind the distress and damage their action has caused.

**STILTON PLAYGROUP**

**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
By popular demand, here is the first of our monthly advice on gardening in Stilton.

The winter's heavy rain has washed nutrients out of the soil, so an application of compost or organic material will be beneficial. That is, of course, if the clay soil is dry enough to walk on. If not, stay off for a while to avoid compaction. That might mean sowing vegetables a little later than usual to let the ground dry out.

Once you can get onto the lawn it will benefit from spiking and having lime-free sand brushed in to improve drainage.

To be really pessimistic, don't forget we can still have very cold weather in March, so carry on feeding the birds.

And why not come along to this month’s club meeting and learn how to encourage bees into your garden?

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**Stilton Gardening Club**

**Tuesday, March 18**

**Church Meeting Room**

*Fred Daynes*

*Keeping bees in the garden*

Fred is a well-known local beekeeper who will give advice on how we can help bees in the way we garden.

**Be a Little Rotter!**

**HOME COMPOSTING EQUIPMENT**

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

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

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Services in Stilton
MARCH SERVICES

Sun 2nd Mar 8:00am
Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 5th Mar 12:30pm
Holy Communion CW

Sun 9th Mar 11:00am
LinCup Service

Sun 16th Mar 11:00am
Holy Communion CW

Wed 19th Mar 7:30am
Holy Communion BCP

Sun 23rd Mar 6:00pm
Evening Service

At the Sunday evening services the Rev Charles May will preach a four-week Lent Series entitled ‘A Closer Walk with God.’

SUBJECTS
2nd March 6pm - Haddon
‘God my Companion’

9th March 6pm - Elton
‘God my Courage’

16th March 6pm - Elton
‘God my Patience’

23rd March 6pm - Stilton
‘God my Guide’

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

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
Lock Up Your Sheds!
DON’T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

Shed and garage burglary offences in the northern villages of Huntingdonshire have seen an increase since the beginning of the year, writes Dave Griffin, Crime Reduction Officer. There have been 12 offences reported, in Holme, Yaxley, Elton and Great Gidding, largely overnight and where either garage doors are forced or padlocks on shed doors are broken off to gain entry. Property stolen has been mostly power tools or garden equipment such as hedge trimmers and chainsaws.

Please ensure that your garages or sheds are locked and any equipment as mentioned above is secured within. Check that fencing and gates are in good repair and any outside security lighting or other security measures are working correctly.

For further security advice, visit: www.cambs.police.uk/getcloser/burglary.asp

GOOD NEWS

Police were called to a burglary in Great Gidding on 11 February and, with the assistance of the air support unit, arrested two males. An investigation is ongoing and the males were bailed to allow further enquiries to be completed. If you have any information about the above offence or any other offences please contact us on 101

As always, please remain vigilant and report any unusual or suspicious activity in the village. Record descriptions of people and vehicles, recording registration numbers when possible. Contact police on the non-emergency number 101 or by email to huntscops@cambs.pnn.police.uk. You can also call anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800-555111. If you witness an ongoing or emergency incident call 999.
No Smoking Day
WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

This is the day when hundreds of thousands of people will make the effort to quit.

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!

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.

Appointments can now also be booked online, to register please visit our website at www.yaxleygp.nhs.uk

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

Find Reliable Health Information Online

Using the internet to research health issues can save time and possibly a trip to the GP. But beware, as some websites may contain unreliable information.

NHS Choices has been certified as a producer of reliable health and social care information by The Information Standard, a certification scheme to help people decide which information is trustworthy.

When looking for advice on specific conditions, look for well-known organisations, such as the British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK. Look for sites which end in .org (not-for-profit organisations) or .gov (government run).

Websites which you may find useful:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk

Your Life Your Choice
www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

NHS Choices
– Health and Social care Information
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Age UK
– Aims to improve later life for everyone through information, advice, services, campaigns, products, training and research.
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Family Carers Prescription

This is a free service for family carers of any age and is available in this surgery

**Are you caring for someone?**

‘A carer spends a significant proportion of their life providing unpaid support to family or potentially friends. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems.’

Then it is really important that you look after your own health and well-being.

Would you like to know:

- Your rights?
- About benefits?
- What’s available to support you?
- What’s available to support the person you care for?

**HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT**

The prescription will give you access to a specialist worker at Carers Trust Cambridgeshire who will discuss options available to you, support you to access them and give you an information pack.

**HOW TO GET A PRESCRIPTION**

Please speak to your doctor, or for more information please speak to Linda Smith in the Patients’ Library

**CARERS TRUST CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Carers Trust is the largest provider of respite care for carers in the UK. Carers Trust Cambridgeshire are the leading local fully CQC (Care Quality Commission)-compliant organisation providing respite care specifically for family carers.

Their aim is to help relieve the stresses of caring by providing help and support for family, unpaid, informal carers.

Health Visiting Team

The HV team is pleased to welcome Health Visitor Kathy Doughty. Kathy will be working Tuesday – Friday, 9am to 5pm.

We hope she enjoys working with us all at YGP.

**Mobile Library**

**Wed 26 March**

3:10 - 4:00pm

Outside The Talbot

**Route M24**

**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

**Coffee Morning**

**Sat 29th March**

10:30am - 12noon

Church Meeting Room

**Visit of Phoenix Cards**
Recently the national press covered the story of Sylvia Kneller, a pensioner who lost over £200,000 to scam letters over the past 56 years. Friends and family warned her that these were scams, but she didn't want to believe them, ever hopeful that a big windfall would soon be hers.

Trading Standards sadly come across residents in Cambridgeshire who have lost significant amounts of money - for some their life savings - to such scams. These scams are operated by career criminals who use sophisticated tactics to persuade you to part with your money. We hope the article below will help you to avoid many of the most common types of scam.

TELEPHONE SCAMS
Beware of callers who claim to be calling about the non-payment of telephone bills and threatening to disconnect you unless immediate payment is made. Check the facts and contact your provider on the number provided in your paperwork. Ensure there is a dialling tone before calling them, in case the fraudsters have remained on the line ready to pose as your service provider. If there is not a dialling tone, try again in five minutes.

You may experience a series of silent calls, followed by a call from a company offering to help prevent silent calls, for a fee. This call is made by the same fraudsters who were making the silent calls.

SCAM LETTERS
Commonly these claim you have won a prize and ask for a small payment in advance ... and then another; each time requesting a larger sum. No prize is ever forthcoming. Trading Standards also frequently uncover letters from supposed 'clairvoyants' who claim they can bring you luck or protect you from harm in exchange for payments. These are all scams and once you send money to one, you will be inundated with more.

DOOR-TO-DOOR CALLERS
With regards to house alarms, beware of telesales calls (often followed up by a house call) offering an alarm system at virtually no cost. The catch is the annual service charge which amounts to thousands of pounds.

Beware of any trader who knocks at the door offering to do home improvement or gardening work for you, no matter how friendly they seem or how cheap the job appears. This is the prime way rogue traders find customers.

Be cautious of door-to-door callers who claim to be ex-convicts trying to turn their lives around by selling domestic products such as dusters. Their story is untrue and once you buy from them they will call on you again and again.

HELP & ADVICE
For further information or to report a scam, call 0300 1232040 or visit Action Fraud's website: www.actionfraud.police.uk. If you feel that you are trapped in a cycle of responding to scam letters/calls and are sending frequent payments, Citizens Advice can provide you with support to help you break the cycle. Contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0845 4040506.
Trading Standards have seen an increase in puppies being imported to be sold online or via newspaper advertisements but which have not been properly vaccinated against rabies. Aside from the potential risk of them bringing the disease into the UK, a rabid dog would pose a serious health risk to its owner, their family and anyone in close proximity at the time the symptoms became apparent.

Here is some advice on what to look for when buying a puppy from someone you don't know, helping you to ensure you get the healthy dog you want.

Always meet the puppy in its home environment with its mother and the rest of the litter, and try to visit it more than once. If possible, take someone with you.

Ask where the puppy was born. If it was born abroad, it should have either a pet passport (if it came from Europe) or a Veterinary Certificate (if it came from elsewhere in the world). Ask to see this. Check that the description in the passport or certificate matches the puppy, particularly its age, and check that it has been vaccinated against rabies and treated for tapeworm.

Usually a rabies vaccination will not work on a puppy younger than three months old, so check on the documents that the puppy was older than this at the time it was vaccinated. If you have any concerns at all, speak to a vet before buying it. If possible have the puppy's microchip scanned to check it matches its passport.

Advertisers will not always make it clear that a puppy has been imported but telltale signs are: a low price, the language used in the advert (which may suggest the advertiser is not English eg describing the puppy as 'potty trained') and the way the puppy is photographed (often importers accessorise puppies in the photographs). Also be cautious if a puppy is described as having a passport, Europass etc as this indicates it has been imported. Points such as these should lead you to ask extra questions of the seller.

If they are advertised as a pedigree, ask to see their pedigree papers and ensure the breeder's name is on them. Make sure you are handed the papers at the time of purchase.

You could use an RSPCA and Animal Welfare Foundation's Puppy Contract (www.puppycontract.org.uk). It requires the seller to record detailed information about the puppy and its parents, eg parental screening and how the puppy has been prepared for re-homing. All information provided in the contract is legally binding. In exchange, you commit to meeting the puppy's future health and welfare needs.

If you suspect the seller is operating an illegal puppy farm, please contact the district council. If you suspect animal cruelty contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

If you suspect a puppy has been imported without vaccination or a valid passport, report it to Trading Standards advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040506.

And finally, remember that puppies should not leave their mothers until they are at least eight weeks old. For more detailed advice and guidance visit DEFRA's website www.gov.uk/buying-a-cat-or-dog.

**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**Please note major changes to the law are taking place in June 2014**

If you are a trader selling goods, services or digital content to consumers it is likely these new regulations will apply to you. It will depend on how and where you enter contracts with your customers. The new Regulations are called *Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations*. Guidance is available on the BIS website: http://tinyurl.com/qfwz7rf
Chocolat!

TASTY SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS AT YAXLEY LIBRARY

Look out for the lovely new collection of books arriving in Yaxley with the theme of chocolate. These titles will be with us for a short stay only!

Rhymetime & Storytime

Our popular Rhymetime event (for children aged 0-18 months) continues in Yaxley Library every Friday during March.

Our popular Storytime event (for children aged 18 months upwards) will be held on Tuesdays 11th and 25th March from 10:30-11 am.

Class Visits

Six classes from Fourfields Primary School enjoyed visits to the Library during their book week in January. The children were inspired to read during their visits and loved checking out their library books using the self-service technology!

Engage Social Group

The next Engage social group event will be on Wednesday 19th March at 2pm. Our speaker is Alan Bottell who will tell the story of the floating church "St Withburga's of Holme Fen". Free tickets for this event are available in Yaxley Library from 1st March.

Friends of Yaxley Library

The next meeting of the Friends of Yaxley Library is on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm. Come along and find out about the exciting new projects FOYL are working on in 2014.

Highways Agency

Come along and meet Highways Officer Les Middleton in Yaxley Library on Thursdays 6th and 20th March from 10am to midday.

Yaxley Library

OPENING TIMES

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Renewals & enquiries: (0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
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.

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

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

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary:
Jade Smith  15 Woodward Close  (01733) 735001

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

Group Visit to St Christol

27 - 31 May 2014

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

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

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

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

Twinning Diary Dates

1 March Quiz Night - see advert in this issue
6 May Cheese Rolling - sponsoring the Junior Championships
17 May Race Night - see advert in this issue
27-31 May Week’s visit to St Christol - see ad in this issue
June 2022 Weekend visit to Amiens - see ad in this issue

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

Only 5 places left!
Stepping Stone

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 www.actionforchildren.org.uk Registered charity nos. 1097940/SC038092. Company no 4764232
Fund-Raising

Every year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service raise thousands of pounds for The Fire Fighters Charity - and we couldn't do it without the support of residents so we would like to say a big thank you!

SCRUB UP!

This month, a number of fire stations across the county will be holding charity car washes, so visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or our social media channels to find out which stations near you are taking part.

WHEELIE GOOD FUN

Registration is now open for the annual Ladies’ Driving Challenge on Sunday, May 11, at Alconbury Airfield. More than 300 women will get behind the wheels of super-sized vehicles; if you want to take part sign up quick! For more information and to register, email ldc@bedsfire.com or call (01234) 845130.

BANKING IT

Finally a huge thank you to all who supported our clothing bank challenge in January to see which station could collect the most unwanted textiles to raise cash for the charity - we're eagerly awaiting the results.

KEEP SAFE

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in March - and don't forget to test your smoke alarm. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

FOLLOW US

Follow our activities on:
Twitter:   @cambsfrs
Facebook: /cambsfrs

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Peterborough Food Bank
HELPING TO FEED PEOPLE IN CRISIS

There is a box in Stilton Church for donations, or contact Olive Main (241206)

The items listed opposite are most needed at the moment:

- Cereals
- Tinned soup
- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Tinned pies
- Tinned vegetables
- UHT milk
- Tea bags
- Instant coffee
- Pasta sauces
- Rice
- Sugar
- Fruit juice
STILTON CHEESE ANNUAL CLASSIC VEHICLE RUN

Sunday April 27th 2014

In conjunction with
The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club’s ‘Drive it Day’,
The Kettering Area Motor Club and the Citroen Specials Club

In previous years the run retraced the original route, which was mainly along the quiet country lanes, taken to deliver cheeses from Quenby Hall at Hungarton in Leicestershire, where it was produced, to the Bell Inn at Stilton in Cambridgeshire from where it gets its name.

The original route of 39 miles, 300 years ago, was by horse drawn carriage stopping off to make deliveries of cheeses at the various villages and towns along the route including, Uppingham, Seaton, Harringworth and Bulwick (where they changed horses at New Lodge Farm) and then onto Southwick, Oundle, Polebrook and Lutton before arriving at Stilton. This was one of the longest commercial carriage rides until the new fangled internal combustion engined vans and lorries took over as the main mode of commercial road transport.

The Run:

- Arrive at The Falcon Inn at Uppingham to book in and receive your certificate between 09:30am and 11:30am. East Street and the Market Square will be closed off to allow parking for the classic vehicles. Toilets, refreshments and other activities will be taking place during the morning throughout the town.
- Leave and follow the suggested route in your own time and pace. You can, if you wish, take your own route! The choice is yours.
- Admire the magnificent views of the Seaton/Harringworth Railway Viaduct from the Welland Valley.
- Call in for a snack, or have a picnic, and relax at New Lodge Farm Shop in Bulwick where Simon and Sarah will be laying on a Hog Roast, refreshments and fresh farm produce, as well as cheese tasting and sales.
- Continue along the rest of the route and enjoy the remaining towns, villages, places of historic interest and the scenery.
- Arrive at The Bell in Stilton (PE7 3RA) by 5:30pm.
- Enjoy the refreshments supplied or meals that are available throughout the day at the Bell Inn. Stilton Cheese will also be on sale here.
- Please drive carefully, respect other road users and villagers and do not "bunch up".
- Obey the speed limits.
- Last but not least, have a good day, enjoy the run, the company and the nostalgia.

Open to all classic cars, commercial vehicles, motorcycles and kit cars, however in order to avoid congestion we may have to limit the number of vehicles to 350 so entry will be on a "first come first served" basis. All entries must be received by the end of March 2014.

£2.00 per car and £2.50 per adult

Proceeds to the Air Ambulance Services covering Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Cambridgeshire. (Reg. charities 1098874 and 1083876)

For more details and a booking form:
email Jim or Joy Barry on: jim.barry@ntlworld.com Tel: 01556 724512 or Mob: 07952 398 638
or visit our web site (http://stiltoncheeserun.webs.com/)
Stilton and District Twinning Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 1 March
Stilton Memorial Hall
7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people

Ticket price £7.50 per head
inc Ploughman's supper & Dessert
(Glasses provided, bring your own drink)

Tickets available from
Chris & Linda 241376 or Audrey & Paul 241739

"It's a great night!"
We look forward to seeing you
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### What to do, where to do it & who to do it with!

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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.
Stilton & District Twinning Association

Race Night

Saturday 17 May Stilton School Hall
Doors open 7:00pm First race 7:30pm

Tickets £7.50
Includes Ploughman’s Supper & Homemade Dessert (Bring Your Own Drink)

Tickets from:
- Ian & Hazel Parmenter 243056
- Chris & Linda Walford 241376
- Paul & Audrey Springford 241739

All funds raised for the Stilton Amenities Project.
Please support the largest community project for the village in a generation.

Lambing Day

In aid of The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Macmillan Nurses and local charities

Sunday 9 March 2014
11 am until 4 pm
Manor Farm, Morborne
Morborne Church Open : Refreshments available

Adults £2.00 - Children £1.00 - Families £5.00

Take the Folksworth turn from Junction 16 A1M
Follow 'Lambing Day' signs to Morborne
Satnav: PE7 3TG

Lots to do & see!
Middle Nene Archaeological Group

Visit to London

British Museum
‘Vikings, life and legend’

Sunday March 30th 2014
£44 per person

This is the first major exhibition featuring the Vikings for 30 years and promises to be as spectacular as previous exhibitions at the Museum.

After lunch we will visit the area round Kings Cross for a guided visit to explore the history and archaeology of the railways and stations of that area that is being redeveloped.

Itinerary

8am   Depart Oundle long-stay car park
8:20am Depart Stilton
5:30pm appr.  Arrive Stilton

Please reserve ............ places I enclose £ ........ (£44 per person, non-refundable) Cheques payable to Middle Nene Archaeological Group please.

Name: ................................ Telephone: ................................

Address: .........................................................................................

Return this reservation to Olive Main, 8 Caldecote Road, Stilton

Hurry: numbers are limited!
Pancake Day!

SHROVE TUESDAY - 4th MARCH

Shrove comes from the verb 'shrive' - to confess sins. We don’t mind confessing to a weakness for pancakes, even though we don’t really need the calories!

Just as we roll cheeses on May Day, some villages and towns - notably Olney in Buckinghamshire - have pancake races, where a pancake has to be tossed and caught in the frying pan while running along a course.

The countdown to Pancake Day begins on the previous Saturday, known as Egg Saturday because eggs were given as gifts to children. Then comes Quinquagesima Sunday (the fiftieth day before Easter) and Collop Monday when collops (slices) of bacon were served with eggs and the fat set aside for the next day, Shrove Tuesday, when all the fat and cream in the kitchen would be made into pancakes.

Shrove Tuesday was a half-day holiday with plenty to eat before the fasting of Lent, and revels and sports. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is still an important carnival day in many countries.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. For 6½ weeks Christians prepare for Easter. Few people today follow a strict fast or give up more than a few luxuries as our ancestors did.

Making pancakes is not difficult; you can buy a mix and follow the instructions, or follow tradition by using the following recipe:

HOW TO MAKE THEM

Sift 4oz plain flour and a pinch of salt into a large bowl. Make a big dent in the centre and break two eggs into it. Whisk the ingredients together.

Mix together 200ml milk and 75ml water. Continue whisking while adding this liquid until the batter is free of lumps and has the consistency of single cream.

Add two tablespoons of melted butter and whisk in.

Melt a thin coating of butter in a heavy-base frying pan and heat until the fat begins to smoke. When the pan is hot - and NOT before - pour in enough batter to cover the base thinly. Return the pan to the heat and cook for a minute or so until the batter has set and the underside has started to brown.

Unless you are very experienced, don't try tossing the pancake. Turn it over with a fish slice or similar implement and cook the other side until it too just starts to brown. You will probably find the first pancake comes out a bit heavy because the pan isn’t hot enough - traditionally it gets fed to the dog!

There are many delicious ways to serve pancakes. Tradition is to serve with lemon juice and caster sugar, but SCAn likes them French style, drenched in a fragrant liqueur such as Grand Marnier. But they are very versatile; why not try pancakes filled with stewed fruit or savoury fillings?
**STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2014**

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**RULES:**

1. Teams will consist of 4 members including the captain.
2. Teams will be all male or all female.
3. No one under the age of 14 yrs may be included in a team; participants under the age of 16 yrs MUST provide a completed Parental Consent form.
4. Cheeses must be rolled by hand; no kicking, throwing or picking up of the cheese is allowed and teams MUST keep to their allotted lanes.
5. Each team member MUST roll the cheese at least once during the race.
6. The first cheese to strike the end boards of the course wins.
7. The referee’s decision is always final.
8. Teams must report to the control tent by 11:00am.

**ENTRY FORM**

Team Name: ........................................................................................................

Team Members: 1 .................................................................................................

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2 .................................................................................................

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3 .................................................................................................

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4 .................................................................................................

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Contact Name: ............................................................................................

Address: .................................................................................................

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Tel No: .................................................................................................

Under-16 permission? 

Entry form and fee of £5 per team (payable to STILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION) to Race Controller: Mrs O Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton, Peterborough PE7 3RH **Fees will be refunded to teams in fancy dress.**

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising.
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2014
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Stilton & District Twinning Assn

RULES:

1. Competitors must be between 8 and 13 years of age.
2. The age difference between team members must not exceed 3 years.
3. Teams will be made up of 4 young people and may be all boys, all girls, or mixed.
4. All competitors MUST cover arms and legs; suitable protective gloves must also be worn.
5. The rules of Cheese Rolling apply.
6. The referee's decision is always final.
7. The competition will be limited to 8 teams, on a “first come, first served” basis.
8. There will be a prize for the best-dressed team and a prize for the winning team.
9. Parental permission for EACH team member must accompany this entry form. (Use form overleaf)

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: ............................................................................................................

Team Members: 
1. ..................................................................................................................
2. ..................................................................................................................
3. ..................................................................................................................
4. ..................................................................................................................

Contact Name: ....................................................................................................

Address: ................................................................................................................

Tel No: ...................................................................................................................

Parental permission: ..........................................................................................................

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STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2014
Junior Participant Parental Consent Form

To be completed and returned for EVERY participant under the age of 16 years

I hereby give permission for .................................................................
to take part in the Cheese-Rolling Championship on May 5th 2014

Name: ....................................................
Address: ....................................................  Signed: ....................................................
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This form must be returned with the relevant Team Entry Form to:
Olive Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton.

Teams will NOT be allowed to compete unless a consent form has been
received for EVERY member under the age of 16yrs (Senior OR Junior teams.)