Minted!

A big grant win has given a massive boost to the Sports Pavilion project. Come along to the Memorial Hall on 8th November - find out more - give your views - see what you can do to help!  

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Monday 10th, 24th November, 8th December

GARDEN BIN AND RECYCLING DAYS:
Monday 3rd, 17th November, 1st December

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

NOW RECYCLING BOTTLES

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The confidence shown by Sport England will boost our chances of successful applications to other funding bodies. Local businesses and tradespeople are showing considerable interest in tendering to be part of the build. Invitations to the meeting to report on progress have been sent out. If there is anyone still holding back, come along on Saturday, November 8 from 10am in Stilton Memorial Hall.

The Parish Pump

Grant Application Success!
HUGE £75,000 BOOST FOR THE PAVILION PROJECT

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This announcement is a great boost to the project group and a reward for the immense amount of work put in, particularly by the Stilton Amenities Steering Group led by Mark Angus.

Stilton Community Pavilion Project

Stiltone residents are cordially invited to
an update meeting about this project

Saturday 8 November
10 am Stilton Memorial Hall

The purpose of meeting you is to inform you about:

- Latest plans for the Pavilion/hall, field upgrade, children’s play area
- Fundraising. We hope to have good news!
- Engaging with local groups
- Using local trades in the construction
- Hearing your views

We look forward to seeing you.

If you can help in any way contact Mark Angus 244006 or Chris Walford 241376

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Do you need information and advice?

Are you:

- Living with a long term illness or disability?
- Providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without your help?
- Struggling with an age related condition?

If you answer ‘yes’ to any of the above then why not come along to one of our

**Adult Support Joint Drop-Ins**

At Huntingdon Library
Princes Street, Huntingdon PE29 3PA
On the first Wednesday of the month during 2014
10am – 1pm
Refreshments available

1 October  Speaker Mental Capacity Act and Power of Attorney.
5 November  Keeping Safe in winter – including falls prevention, falls detection and equipment and information to help you stay safe and independent.
3 December  Relax with Christmas Art and Craft activities.

Our advice is free and confidential and a warm welcome is guaranteed.
For further information contact
Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616
or Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Drop.InSessionsAsc @cambridgeshire.gov.uk
CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Stilton Parish Council

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JOHN WARNER

Fellow Parish Councillors were very sad to hear that Vice Chairman John Warner has resigned after 32 years on the Parish Council where he was the longest serving member. He will be greatly missed because he was active in many areas of the Council's work.

For many years he has chaired the Planning Committee and has great knowledge of the complexities of planning law. He has jointly negotiated and supervised the maintenance contract that keeps the village well kept. His professional knowledge of grounds maintenance has been of immense value.

John has taken an active part in the Parish Council's projects, including the rebuilding of the cemetery chapel as a meeting room and office and the attempts to develop playing field facilities. He has also been a school governor and a member of the Norman Cross Action Group.

The Council has also benefited over the years from the services of John's wife, Yvonne. She has taken on the Clerk's duties when needed, is clerk to the Mrs Worthington's Almshouses Trustees and compiles the village Heritage books, of which there are now many.

As Vice Chair, John has been a source of strength and support to me as Chair and I much regret that he will no longer be available when his calm and good sense is needed.

Olive Main
Chair, Stilton Parish Council

Bonfire Night 2014

Sadly, there can't be a village firework display this year. If you intend to hold your own party please read the advice from the local Fire Service and keep everyone safe. Also, please tell your neighbours (why not invite them to join in?) Pets and small children may not enjoy the noise. If possible, let off your fireworks early in the evening, rather than waiting until late. There is advice on the ROSPA website, on the HSE website, and also from Cambs Fire & Rescue on p23.

For some tips on great bonfire night grub, see the ‘Thought for Food’ page.

LOCAL DISPLAYS

Yaxley Scout & Guide Display, Saturday 1 November. Three Horseshoes Field. Online tickets, also available on the gate (cash only)

The Firework Fiesta Saturday 1 November Peterborough Arena (formerly the Showground) (01733) 452336 or Google Peterborough Firework Fiesta

Fireworks Extravaganza Friday 31st October Peterborough Lions Rugby Club Bretton. Look at the website for details or (01733) 807650
Stilton Culture

Playgroup News

HALF WAY TO CHRISTMAS!

We have met the half-term mark and are hurtling towards Christmas! We look forward to winter art and Christmas crafts with lashings of glitter and glue. We have Tempest coming to take our photos on 8th November - perfect for Christmas presents.

SHOP EARLY FOR XMAS!

Our annual Christmas Shopping Evening will be held at the school on 14th November, 7-9pm. This is a popular event, offering unique gifts by local sellers. From candles to crafts, jewellery to jam, cards to cakes, trinkets to toys…there is sure to be something for everyone. Come along, enter the raffle, have a mulled cider and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Not only is this a fun evening, it is also a key fundraiser for the Playgroup. It would be great to see you there.

We will, as usual, be having some other Christmas fun. December will bring a Christmas fete and the fabulous Santa float. Watch out for the dates of these nearer the time.

Stilton Memorial Hall

Charges

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

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Clerk:
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!)

If using email, please be sure to give us your CORRECT email address
Stilton Memorial Hall
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29 SEPTEMBER

OFFICERS
Chair Ms Sue Gray
Secretary Mrs Linda Walford
Treasurer Mrs Janet Greenfield

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING
New efficient hand dryers are to be installed in the toilets.

COMMITTEE
The existing committee were re-elected and Annie Bainbridge and Jade Smith were also elected.

FINANCIAL REPORT
The Memorial Hall is well used during the week and is also occasionally booked at weekends for children's and adult parties, quiz nights etc. There has not been any heavy expenditure this year so the outgoings have just about balanced the income. It was decided to keep the letting fees at the same level as last year. Also, there are no bad debts and a new electricity plan has been negotiated with EON which will reduce the cost of electricity.

DONATIONS TO PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK
Many thanks to all, especially the children of Stilton Church School, who donated non-perishable food at the Harvest Thanksgiving. The Foodbank much appreciated our collection and is distributing it to families in crisis.

Donations are needed not just at Harvest but all through the year. Please remember the Foodbank when you do your grocery shopping. Please place your donations in the Church porch. It is open every:

- Tuesday afternoon [2:30-5:00pm]
- Thursday morning [8:00 – 8:45am]
- Friday afternoon [2:00 – 4:00pm]
- During term-time activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings [9:00am – 10:30am]
- Thursday evening – Crossover [6:00 – 7:00pm]

…as well as at service times.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Linda Walford highlighted the value of the Hall to the life of the village, and also thanked those people who are generous with their time and skills. Among them Rob Tappenden who installed the outside lighting, Eugene King and Bob Farringdon who always get asked when there is a problem. Chris Walford and Ivan Greenfield both quietly give a great deal to the Hall, and the Committee ladies who, in Mary Croll's words, become the scrubbers when the Hall is spring cleaned (this year in the Autumn).

In return the Committee thanked Linda Walford; she has been seriously ill all this year, but has not let that stop her keeping the Hall somewhere we can be proud of.
Following comments received from various quarters about issues concerning the skate park, Cllr Peter Mitchell took action. Here is his reply to Stilton School, and a proposed action plan. But the plan needs people to come forward and help. Can you?

To Mrs Elisa Westerman
Stilton C of E Primary School

Dear Mrs Westerman

Can I first of all thank you and the children for the letters written to me about the Skate Park and for the information presented to me, on the 18th of July when I visited your class.

I note, after my visit and from the letters, that the items of general concern were mainly graffiti and litter, and a general air of untidiness. On these two points alone we can do something and I want to thank the children for bringing them so forcefully to my attention.

I also note the serious concern over bullying and signs of drug usage, found on the field. On these two items we can do very little unless it is reported to us at the time. We have continuous CCTV coverage of the skate park and the playing field, with 30 days backup, so it is possible to review events if they are serious and are reported to us, but items like these are more the concern of the Parish Council and I will pass your letters on to them.

After the meeting I went up to the park and painted out the graffiti and had a general sweep up; we had removed the broken glass some weeks earlier, so I believe that there is some small improvement as a direct result of your input.

That however is not enough; what concerns me is that the park can deteriorate very quickly and at the moment we do not have any feedback from the users or their parents.

I note that one young person says ‘We put the responsibility on the Council too much. We understand we need to do something but we need your help’ and another young person says ‘I will try to come to help….’ Thank you both for those remarks and I accept that we, the Trustees, must organise the users of the park so that you and they can help. Now the big question is how can we do this? Please see the [article opposite.]

Thank you all for your letters and remarks at the meeting

Yours Sincerely
Peter Mitchell
Treasurer of Stilton Skaters
THE SKATE PARK

The park is the responsibility of the four Trustees; you can see their names at the bottom of this letter. With the help of the members, we raised the money and built the park. We continue to raise money for insurance and upkeep and have some of money left to spend on repairs and painting the ramps. When the Skate Park was built we had 48 youths as members and a committee of 12 who managed the park. They ran events and cleaned up the litter on a regular basis but they have now grown up, gone to university and no longer use the park. We are not responsible for the Playing Field, that goes to the Parish Council.

ACTION LIST

- We monitor the Skate Park every two weeks to make sure that it is safe and have a ROSPA Inspection every three years; this is now due.
- I will ask the Parish Council to repair the fences, as they are responsible for that item.
- Painting and some repairs is scheduled for later this month.
- The current users seem to be much younger and all our attempts to get them or their parents to form a committee to manage the park have failed, so can you help us? What we need is about 3 to 5 adults or responsible teenagers to monitor what is going on, make sure that they pick up the litter and, if necessary, tell the Trustees what is needed to keep the park safe and tidy.

Peter Mitchell

Big Ben
VILLAGE YOUNGSTER’S SUCCESSES

Ben Landy was recently awarded 3rd prize in a Cambridgeshire-wide schools photographic competition on the theme of ‘Positive Aspects of Living in Cambridgeshire’ sponsored by Maxine Lester Residential Lettings in St. Ives. The prize was presented at an awards ceremony by Huntingdonshire M.P. Jonathan Djanogly.

Ben has also been selected to appear in the Key Theatre’s Christmas pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk, which will involve 33 performances over the four-week Christmas/New year period. Get your tickets now!

Special Rubbish Collection Problems

October’s special rubbish collection did not go entirely smoothly. In spite of clear instructions, electrical goods were put out for the main collection and were not picked up. This led to the District Council accusing the Parish Council of fly-tipping! Also garden waste was put out when it should go into the green wheelie bin. This also was, rightly, left. There was also a missed collection in one area of the village for which there was no explanation.

The Parish Council is keen to maintain this service but can only do so if everyone heeds the conditions.
During the civil war in Sierra Leone between 1992 and 2002 many villages were razed to the ground and people badly mutilated. There are many today who have no hands and are trying desperately to care for their families. Mile 36 is a village that has come into existence 36 miles from Freetown. It now has a school, The David’s School, and they are developing a training centre to skill the people so that they can start to earn a living.

Can you help by donating your unwanted items? Almost anything helps. These include tools and craft items, which are refurbished locally, sewing machines - treadle, handle or electric (there are some solar panels), sewing equipment such as needles and thread, thin cotton clothing, shoes (but not with spongy soles as thorns go through), spectacles and cases, sturdy bags, toiletries, books and pencils, balls, games equipment, and anything else useful you can think of.

If you have anything you can donate, please contact Chris or Linda Walford, 241376, and we will collect and get it on its way. Thank you.

The David’s School, Sierra Leone; rebuilding lives with your help
We're having a wonderful Autumn term at Stilton C of E Primary School. Children in Owl Class are learning about 'The Little Red Hen'. Using the story to help them, they have been grinding the corn and making the dough to bake bread. Robin Class have been learning about 'Funny Bones' and even had a skeleton visit their classroom! The topic in Otter class is 'Could you be the next…?' The children have been thinking about iconic people, such as Florence Nightingale. Key Stage 2 are learning about Great Achievements Past and Present, focusing on ancient Egypt.

Recently we celebrated Harvest Festival with our annual church service, which our grown-ups attended too. Children from each class presented their work and joined in with collective worship (see picture). We brought in donations of food for the Peterborough Food Bank.

We also held our annual Macmillan coffee morning, where children invited their grown-ups into school for a drink and cake. We were delighted to raise £276.44 for this worthy cause.
Psalms are often neglected in churches today, yet they do speak to us about the nature of God & His relationship with us.

**Psalm 62**

1. Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

2. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

3. How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down—this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

4. Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.

5. Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

6. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

7. My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

8. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

This Psalm questions us about what we place our trust in? Who does David the Psalmist trust in? David's Salvation comes from God; God - Is his fortress; yet David's enemies are trying to assault & topple him. How? By projecting lies about him, being deceitful & pretending to be a blessing, whilst their hearts are planning evil. David will not be shaken; no matter what is being said against him; for his trust is in God. Verse 6: 'Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.'

Notice also that this is not David acting in his own strength or ability. He describes himself as being a 'Tottering Fence' (verse 3), all be it a lofty kingly one. He has found a 'Fortress' who protects him and has placed his life in safekeeping; In God Alone! We need to remind ourselves that God invites us to put our whole trust in God alone. He is our salvation and our honour.

*Rev Jamie, & Linda Mackay*

**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*
**November Services at St Mary Magdalene**

Sun 2nd Nov  11:00am  Holy Communion cw  
Wed 5th Nov  12:30pm  Holy Communion cw  
Sun 9th Nov  8:00am  Holy Communion bcp  
Sun 9th Nov  10:50am  Remembrance Day Service  
Tues 11th Nov  11:00am  Remembrance Day Ceremony  
       Stilton cemetery by the Parish Meeting Room  
       Individual crosses of remembrance can be placed  
       at the foot of the olive tree in front of Stilton Church  
Sun 16th Nov  11:00am  Holy Communion cw  
Sun 16th Nov  6:00pm  Advent Calendar service (see advert)  
Wed 19th Nov  7:30am  Holy Communion bcp  
Sun 23rd Nov  8:00am  Holy Communion bcp  
Sun 23rd Nov  11:00am  Elevenses with God  
Sun 30th Nov  10:30am  Group Service he cw  
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       (Rev S. Benoy, Peterborough Director of Ordinands)

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**Yaxley Flower Club**

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| 19th Feb | Dora Mack Demonstration  
_A New Year Begins_ | 19th Mar | 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.
St Mary Magdalene Church Stilton

invites you to an

‘All Age’ ‘Real Advent Calendar Service’
6:00pm Sunday 16th November 2014

This is a service for all ages
With an Advent Calendar for all school children

For more information
contact Rev Jamie & Linda Mackay
01733 243 253
Farewell to The Junction
CLOSING THE DOOR AFTER TWENTY YEARS

After nearly twenty years of service to the youth of our parishes, we are sad to say that The Junction closed at the end of October, writes George Martin.

Over the years, so many people have been involved in working with our young people. We are very indebted to the youth workers: Maggie, Fiona, Matt, Decca, Esther, David, and to Kerry, to the management team: Richard Longfoot, Doug Maltman, Stuart Reid, Sheila Bucknell and Viv Eaves, and to the many, many helpers and supporters of the work of The Junction.

We are so grateful for their time, the financial help, their patience and prayers. We have always been fortunate to have had the support and input from the local police; at the moment it is thank you to PCSO Barry Chamberlain. Also our local MP Shailesh Vara has visited The Junction, and was keen to offer his support too.

There have been lots of young people who have benefited from the guidance, the role models, the kindness, the fun, the safe haven, the place to chill out that The Junction has provided.

Over the twenty years we have championed and stood by this generation of young people. These young people are a good crowd and they deserve to be praised for their efforts. Being a teenager at this present time is really challenging for young people (and their parents!) There are many pressures on them and it is a difficult transition from young person to adult.

So, on behalf of the very many young people of The Junction over the past twenty years, we thank you for all your patience and support.

From the Editor

George has thanked many people who have helped at the Junction over the years but does not include himself and his wife Sue. Without them the Junction would never have existed; the premises were provided and funded by them and they both gave up much time to helping as volunteers at the evening sessions. Stilton and the Group of Churches owes them a great debt of gratitude.
From The Cabbage Patch

Autumn Chores
GET THE GARDEN READY FOR WINTER

The weather is unpredictable and the days short, so make the most of every opportunity to get on with a general tidying up.

- Protect tender plants; move them inside or into a sheltered spot. If necessary wrap them up where they grow with bubblewrap
- Don’t forget the birds; keep them well-supplied with food and water
- Clean up leaves, especially from lawns, ponds and borders.
- There is still time to plant daffodil and tulip bulbs and any winter bedding of pansies and primulas
- Plant rhubarb and asparagus crowns
- Aerate the lawn and clear the fallen leaves. Repair the edges to give a neat appearance

Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club
Tuesday, Nov 18th 7:30pm
Church Meeting Room

Speaker: Helen Burton
Making your own Christmas Decorations

Members £1, visitors £2

Stilton Stumblers
Autumn 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!

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Bonfire Night Food
BANGERS AND BANGERS!

If you are going out to an organized event there will be plenty of food on sale, but it is always nice to come home to some comfort food that smells delicious as you open the door. The best way is to leave a casserole slowly cooking in the oven, with jacket potatoes also cooking.

Sausage casserole made with good quality sausages is hard to beat. Alternatively, make a thick soup in advance so that it can be quickly heated up and served with fresh crusty bread. If you need a sweet, tradition dictates toffee apples. Whatever you arrange, keep safe and have a great time!

Black Hamburg Grapes and Stilton

You could say it all began when my parents met during the war years in the sunken ballroom beneath the lake at Welbeck Abbey, writes Linda Walford.

As a teenager, I lived in North Derbyshire in a house belonging to and close to the Duke of Portland's estate of Welbeck. We had a wonderful greenhouse which produced the most delicious black Hamburg grapes. This vine originally came from the parent plant in the Duke of Portland's greenhouse. He grew them especially for the Prince of Wales (which one I am not sure) who loved them.

We have always kept a vine from this plant in our family and even today I have a vine from the original in my small greenhouse here in Stilton. Imagine my surprise when Rick Landy, our local historian and campaigner for Stilton Cheese, told me that Stichelton, an unpasteurised Stilton cheese, is now made on the Welbeck estate. Is it destiny that Stilton and my Hamburg vine should be connected?

Stilton’s own cheese, known as Bell Blue (we are not yet officially able to call it Stilton) is currently being produced at the Bell Inn. Let's hope that before long the European Commission will grant us the right to call our locally produced cheese Stilton Cheese, which we will be able to enjoy with my black Hamburg grapes along with a bottle of good red wine from our twin village of St Christol les Alès in France.
On Saturday 22nd November, The Friends of Yaxley Library will be hosting a quiz night at the William de Yaxley School from 7pm. Teams of 4-6 players are invited to join us for a quiz and a fish & chip supper.

Tickets are available from Yaxley Library priced at £7.50 each (including supper). Be quick - this event is usually very popular!

**Quiz Night**

**WITH FISH & CHIPS FOR BRAIN FOOD!**

**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 available. If you would like to make an appointment, please speak to a member of library staff.

**RHYMETIME AND STORYTIME**

Our popular Rhymetime event, aimed at babies from 0-18 months, continues on Fridays at 10:30am. Storytime, aimed at children aged 18 months to 5 years, runs on Tuesday 4th and 18th November at 10:30am.

**HIGHWAYS INFORMATION**

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

**CARERS SUPPORT**

Do you need information and advice? Are you living with a long-term illness or disability, provide unpaid support to adult family members or are struggling with an age related condition? If you have answered yes, why not come along to the adult support drop in session on 18th November from 10am to midday?

**EngAge IN THE AFTERNOON**

The November EngAge session will be a portrait drawing workshop with local artist David Brown. The event takes place on Wednesday 26th November at 2pm. Please call in to Yaxley Library to book a free ticket from 1st November, numbers are limited and this event is expected to be very popular.

**CAREERS ADVICE AND INFORMATION**

Adult Guidance Advisor Miles Davies will be visiting Yaxley Library on Tuesday 4th November. If you are aged 19 or over and looking for help and advice you can book an appointment during the morning or simply drop in to the library between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. Contact Yaxley library for more information.
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

Mobile Library

Wed 26 Nov
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot
Route M24

Free Shopping Bus

TRY A FOOD SHOP IN OUNDLE FOR A CHANGE

Readers who fancy a change from food shopping at Tesco or Nisa may welcome a new shuttle bus service operated for the Co-op at Oundle.

Decker Bus will stop in Stilton every Thursday morning as follows:

09:45 Church Close bus stop
09:47 Colbrook Garage
09:50 Opposite Stilton Cheese
09:52 Mill Road bus stop

Apparently it will even stop if you hail it, so don’t run to the bus stop!

The bus arrives in Oundle for 10:45 and departs at 12:15pm. Plenty of time for some shopping at the Co-op or a browse around the Thursday Farmers’ Market!

Even better, the service is FREE! If you have any queries, call (01733) 351694.
Dr. Chris Grant retires

As many of you may already be aware, Chris Grant has decided to retire from general practice at the end of this year. He came to Yaxley in 1987 having trained in Cardiff. He has always played an active part in the community life of the local area, particularly centred around St Peter's Church in Yaxley and he also educated his children in Holme School.

I hope he feels when he looks back on his time, that he has had a fulfilling and varied career. Initially, he focused his energies into training the next generation of GPs in the Peterborough area; he later branched out into training medical students and I'm sure they all appreciated his calm, methodical and thoughtful approach to medicine and would have learnt a lot from his careful tutelage and expert listening skills. He also gained the distinction of being made a fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, which is a reflection of the high regard felt by his colleagues regarding his contribution to general practice.

He then moved into medical politics for a while and was actively involved in the planning and delivery of healthcare in what was then called South Peterborough. He returned to full-time general practice after the system was reorganised in a different way. His newly acquired administrative skills however were put to good use as he was instrumental in making sure the practice fulfilled the necessary requirements to achieve the Royal College of General Practice quality practice award.

Having worked with and been a friend of Chris for many years, I'm sure he will be missed by many. He has been incredibly conscientious, hard-working and loyal with a great attention to detail.

I'm sure he will use his retirement to great effect. Continuing charity work, such as he has done recently in Rwanda, honing his bass guitar skills, supporting his local church, walking and skiing in the French Alps and gardening, being perhaps just some of the things he might end up doing. We wish Chris, his wife Sue and his family well for the future.

If any patient would wish to make a donation in grateful thanks for their care over the years then it is Chris's wish that they will go on his behalf to the Yaxley Group Practice Patients’ Association.

Dr. Richard Withers

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Nurse Practitioners Sara Thornton and Jo Ellis who have joined our Nursing Team. We hope they enjoy working with us all at YGP.
Did you know that this surgery is online?
www.myvisiononline.co.uk

Have better access to your surgery at anytime of the day, wherever you are. Ask at reception for more details. You can:
- Book and cancel your appointments
- Order your prescriptions

Coming soon!

View your medication history, your allergies and use a Mobile app to manage appointments and order prescriptions on the go.

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1914 - 1918
OUR TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO GAVE

We invite you to join us for an evening of remembrance, poetry and song

Saturday 8th November 2014 - 7:30pm
Austin Hall, Main Street, Yaxley

Tickets £6.00

Nibbles provided - Raffle
Please bring along your own drinks and glasses

Tickets available from Linda in the Patients’ Library Tel 01733 246727

ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO YAXLEY HEALTH CENTRE PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION.

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Cards & Calendars
FOR CHRISTMAS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

I am again making cards, calendars, gift bags and envelopes for Christmas and other special occasions. All proceeds go to the Yaxley Health Centre Patients’ Association. I can visit you at home or you can come to me. The calendars are village scenes of Yaxley, Stilton or Farcet, or a combination of all three. This year I have a wild life calendar. If you have any pictures or photographs you would like included on a card I will be quite happy to have a look and see if I can produce what you would like.

Ann Copeman - Tel 01733 687495
Patients’ Association Committee Member

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Carer Support Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 5th November 2014 between 2-4pm in the Health Education Room. If you care for a family member or friend then you would be welcome to join our small but friendly group for coffee, biscuits and a chat For more information please speak to Linda in the Patients’ Library.
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

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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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
**Keeping Safe**

**SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Fireworks and bonfires can be plenty of fun for all the family to enjoy. The fire service recommends going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home, however, if you do use fireworks or light a bonfire at home, we would ask residents to take on board our safety advice to ensure it is just their fireworks that go off with a bang:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions.
- Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Don’t light bonfires in unsuitable weather, particularly in windy conditions.
- Don’t leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedge.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, or batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

### FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY

Now that the clocks have changed, days are shorter and the weather worse, so the police are running the THINK campaign, to promote safer cycling.

The aim of the campaign is to encourage cyclists to have the right equipment and clothing and to remind motorists to be particularly vigilant for cyclists on the roads.

Increased awareness on both sides definitely works; the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured in Cambridgeshire has decreased from 68 in 2012, to 60 in 2013, despite a general increase in cyclists across the county.

Inspector Mark Rogers, from the force’s road policing unit, said, ‘We want motorists to acknowledge cyclists and in turn, cyclists need to make sure they wear suitable high-visibility reflective clothing.’

Putting these words into action, since 2012 the force has been trialling the *Lights Instead of Tickets* (LIT) scheme in Cambridge. Cyclists caught without lights during the hours of darkness are handed a leaflet giving them the option to buy a set of lights within seven days or face paying a £30 fine.

**SCAN** says: *Great idea. There are some pretty high-tech bike lights available now. They’re cheap and effective and they might just save your life.*
I am arranging a trip to France and Belgium from Stilton. The coach will pick up on request along North Street and depart Stilton at 5:30am for Folkestone and the Channel Tunnel.

First stop will be the town of Ypres, where you will be able to wander at leisure, or visit the battlefields of Ypres and Mons.

The return journey will call at Cité Europe for shopping and a meal if required, before travelling via Calais and Folkestone to arrive Stilton at around 11:30pm.

Coach price is £60 per person, inclusive of coffee & biscuits, cake, wine or a soft drink going through the tunnel, plus driver’s tip.

A deposit of £30 will be required on booking.

For more details or to reserve seats, contact Pat on (01733) 243479

Hurry! Last few seats left!
St Mary Magdalene Church

CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CRAFT SALE in STILTON SCHOOL

Saturday Nov 22nd

20 STALLS

Ladies Accessories
Children’s Toys
Cards & Wraps
Handicrafts
Bric-a-Brac
Craft Sale
Tombola
Books
Cakes

NEW THIS YEAR

Hand-made Jewellery
Dutch Auction of Collectables
A Man’s Stall

Doors open at 2:00 pm

Afternoon Tea 2:00 - 4:00

Proceeds towards St Mary Magdalene Church Stilton
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Stilton & District Twinning Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 15th November

Stilton Memorial Hall

7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people

Ticket price £7.50 per head

inc 'luxury' ploughman’s supper & dessert

(Glasses provided, bring your own drink)

Tickets available from Chris & Linda 241376 or Ian & Hazel 243056
Shake, Rattle and Roll…. The Fabulous

Sawtry 1950s Party

Sawtry Palais

( Sawtry Community College , Fen Lane , PE2 8 5TQ )

Saturday November 22nd 2014     7:30 - 11:30 pm

Come dressed in the period!

Dance to

"Get Back"

Live band playing 50s/ 60s music

Plus Doug Bailey disco

Games..... Bring Your Own Picnic..... Bar..... Themed Raffle....

IN AID OF CARESCO

Tickets £15. Buy or reserve from CARESCO office,
phone 01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk
FRIENDS OF NORMAN CROSS

Chatham Ceremony of Remembrance
Chatham Memorial
Saturday, 22nd November 2014

plus

Visit to Fort Amherst
www.fortamherst.com

The Event is hosted by Le Souvenir Francais to honour the French Prisoners of War who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Cost of the trip:
Members: £25 - Non-members: £27

Members interested in attending please contact Derek Lopez, Chairman, Friends of Norman Cross with your payment.

Tel (01733) 245663 Email derek.lopez@normancrossgallery.com
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Coffee Morning

Nov 22nd
10:30am - 12noon
Church Meeting Room

Enjoy a cuppa and a cake for £1.50.

You could have been advertising here!

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

You could have been advertising here!
The police’s October *Get Closer* campaign focused on tackling cybercrime, one of the fastest-growing criminal activities across the world. It covers a huge range of illegal activity, including financial scams, computer hacking, downloading pornographic images from the internet, virus attacks, stalking, harassment, cyber bullying and more.

The force has been working closely with Peterborough Regional College to produce messaging around internet safety, cyber bullying and sexting, and working with small businesses to make sure they know how to avoid being targeted.

Readers can refer to the new cybercrime section on www.cambs.police.uk as it gives valuable information which could prevent you and your family from becoming a victim of this type of crime. If you suspect cybercrime is happening around you, whether it may be where you live, work or socialise, please report it by calling 101, or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

One of our Neighbourhood Watch coordinators described a computer-related scam which is still very prevalent:

"I get at least one of these calls a week so I am sure they are also calling many other people. The caller usually starts by informing you that your computer has been infected by some sort of malware, as they have detected error messages coming from it and they are calling to help you get rid of the problem. The most recent variation claimed to make my internet connection faster by upgrading my software. They may ask you to go to your computer and type a command which appears to show errors (this is usually a list of normal system messages.) They can be very convincing and use techno speak to try and confuse. They then will probably ask you to type in a web address into your browser, which will take you to a remote support site (not theirs, but a site which will enable them to remotely take control of your computer). **DO NOT DO THIS;** as soon as they can do this they can do anything malicious to your computer, either requesting payment to fix the so-called problems, or sometimes demanding a ransom payment to release it.

‘Alternatively they will try and sell you a ‘remote support contract’ for hundreds of pounds, but of course as soon as they have your credit or debit card details may take much more than this. They may also try and appear legitimate by giving you the address of their website; one I have seen is http://pcsupport24.net/. Again, this looks legitimate but it is there to take your money, and deliver, if anything, very little. So my..."
advice would be, that if anything like the above happens, politely say “no thanks” and hang up. Be suspicious of any cold callers, especially as above or purporting to be from your bank or credit card company, just as you would for callers to your door.

SILENT CALL FRAUD

Under this ever-popular silent call scam, you receive a number of silent calls and eventually receive a call from a company offering to help prevent silent calls for a fee. This call is of course made by the same fraudsters who were making the silent calls and are tricking people into parting with their money.

Aside from these fraudulent type of calls, most silent calls are generated by call centres using automated dialling systems that dial more people than their agents are able to speak to. You can reduce the number of unsolicited marketing calls (and therefore the automatically generated silent calls from these marketing call centres) by registering with the Telephone Preference Service, free of charge. This will not however stop fraudulent calls and it is important to remain vigilant to such scams.

SCAN says: TPS seems to have become pretty ineffective in recent years, as many call centres are based outside the UK, which it doesn’t block. Take our tip: leave your answering machine on permanently! About half the calls we get are junk, despite having signed up to TPS.

ROBOCOPS?

Cambridgeshire constabulary will be issuing front-line staff with laptops or slates (tablets?) and Windows phones, to help save money and improve efficiency.

A pilot programme showed that:

- Police staff attended on average 25% more incidents
- They were on patrol an hour earlier than their colleagues every day
- A ‘slate’ sergeant spent an extra 100 hours out on patrol
- A team of five constables is in the community for up to 27 additional hours each shift
- Vehicle mileage decreased