Pavilion Progress

We’re all invited to a progress meeting on the Sports Pavilion project. Come along to the Memorial Hall on 8th November - give your views - see what you can do to help! Story on p9

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SING UP!
JOIN A CHOIR AND MAKE A CHEERFUL SOUND

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GREY BIN DAYS:
**Monday 13th, 27th October, 10th November**

GARDEN BIN AND RECYCLING-DAYS:
**Monday 6th, 20th October, 3rd November**

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

NOW RECYCLING BOTTLES
A recent nationwide poll on Antisocial Behaviour named dog fouling as the number one offence. Note that: not burglary, not noisy neighbours, not nuisance youths, not drunk driving, but DOG FOULING. The highest number of complaints to Stilton Parish Council concerns this issue, many of them absolutely incandescent with fury at their irresponsible fellow villagers.

Sadly it is a very small number of dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs, but the disgust and anger they cause is disproportionate to their numbers.

At the moment the area that is most disgusting is the bridleway (former Great North Road). It may be outside the village centre but it is still a health hazard, and the village contractors are threatening to withdraw from maintaining the verges. There are many other black spots - if you are an offender, you know who you are, so please clean up after your dog.

There are plenty of designated bins - please use them. FREE plastic bags are available from the Parish Council Office from 10am - 12noon on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday in the month. If this isn't convenient, then ring the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Croll, on 241042 and arrange to pick some up.

Often, the offenders are well known. But to secure a conviction one needs evidence. You’ve all got smartphones…

Huntingdonshire District Council has had a local Council Tax Support scheme since April 2013 to help people on low incomes to pay their Council Tax. It is looking to make one change to the scheme from April 2015 and is now consulting with residents and local groups and organisations on the proposed change. The consultation runs until 31st October and the results will help decide whether to go ahead with the change.

This change would only affect working age customers.

Under the current scheme, the first £10 of any Child Maintenance a person receives is not counted as income in the Council Tax Support calculation. It is proposed that, from April 2015, no Child Maintenance a person receives will be counted as income. This will mean that for most people who claim Council Tax Support and receive Child Maintenance, their entitlement will increase.

The online survey and more information about Council Tax Support can be found at: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/ctsconsultation
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Coffee Morning**

Oct 25th

10:30am - 12noon

Church Meeting Room

Be an "Early Bird" and join Catherine Hill from Phoenix Cards who will be showing her range of Xmas Cards and other items.

For those of you who like to support a charity when purchasing, Phoenix support a number of charities.

Enjoy a cuppa and a cake for £1.50.

Choose your cards at leisure and have time for a chat with your friends.

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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
In response to complaints from some of the village's younger residents, District Councillor Peter Mitchell has tackled graffiti at the skatepark, writes Tim Alban. Cllr Mitchell says, ‘I've sprayed over the graffiti which was complained about, but this really is a short term measure, what I would like is for some of the parents of children who enjoy the skatepark to join those of us who are currently helping to look after it.

‘There are plans for a full service and painting this year but we really need the users to tell us what they would like and to take some of the responsibility for keeping it clean and tidy.’

Graffiti-free ramps thanks to Years 5 & 6

If you are reading this and would like to find out more about the skatepark and what goes into looking after it, please give Peter a call on (01733) 244666, or e-mail him on peter@mitchell2.fsnet.co.uk. Or talk to Ian, Carol or John

Follow Tim Alban on twitter: @tim_alban

In Memoriam

Edward (Ted) Moore-Searsoiy from Stilton, husband of Rita, father of Daniel and David, passed away on the 30th August aged 90.

Thanks to neighbours and friends for messages of support.
A very big thank you to Rob Tappenden (Retelec - Electrical Services, Stilton) who supplied and fitted the new light on the front of the Memorial Hall. Rob did this in advance of the Act of Remembrance on 4th August to mark the beginning of the First World War.

The new light beautifully displays the newly refurbished memorials and the clock which Marvin Richards, our local watch and clock specialist, refurbished a few years ago.

As you know the Memorial Hall is managed by a team of volunteers who work hard to ensure that the hall is in a good state. Our thanks to all committee members and their families and particularly to Chris Walford, Ivan Greenfield, Eugene King and Bob Farrington and Audrey Springford who supply constant maintenance and to Mary and Ian Croll for keeping the front of the hall spick and span.

We also rely on the goodwill of people who use the hall to leave it as they would wish to find it, ready for the next users.

Our very grateful thanks especially to Rob and Marvin - our village needs big hearted people like you!

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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!)
Thank you to everyone who saves their loose change for me, writes Linda Walford. The money you donate goes towards improving facilities for cancer patients and their families at Peterborough City Hospital.

We have already provided seven small chair-side tables and two heat pads for the oncology day care unit, where patients go to receive their chemotherapy treatment. There are currently several Stilton people benefiting from these, including myself.

This month a very brave Sue, who is undergoing chemotherapy for the second time, her friends Alison, Terri-Anne and Paul, who are part of the excellent care team, did a parachute jump from Stibbington to raise money to provide items such as armchairs and foldaway beds to make life more comfortable for patients on the cancer ward and their families.

Thanks to all you very special people, we were able to donate £300 from the people of Stilton. Thank you once again. Please keep on saving, there is always more we can do to help.

Day Trip to Ypres / Mons
Saturday 15th November 2014

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 Cite 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! Places are filling fast - only a few left!
Stilton Community Pavilion Project

Stilton 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 anyway contact Mark Angus 244006 or Chris Walford 241376*

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In Memoriam

David Joseph Williams

3/10/1935 - 4/9/2014

David was born and lived in Stilton all his life. After leaving school he worked on the family farm and was a true lover of nature.

Happily married to Frances, a teacher at Stilton School, they had a wonderful life together.

His contribution to the community of Stilton was great, not least because of the sort of man he was. He liked people and people liked him. His great sense of humour and cheerful spirit is a loss to us all.

The family have been touched by all the love that has been shown to them, and thank everyone for their kind words and support.
Good Rich Coffee!

Stilton ladies raised an incredible £708.26p at their Macmillan coffee morning and had a wonderful time doing it. The Church Hall was buzzing with activity. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the day as successful as it was.

Desperately seeking...

Mandy Carson of Cambridge contacted us via the website for help in finding out more about the maternal side of her family tree. In the mid 1950s she thinks there were a husband and wife, their daughter and her son, possibly all bearing the surname Willimot and living at 2 Council Houses, Fen Lane, Stilton. Confusing is the fact that a lot of house numbers were altered during the 60s.

The daughter was possibly Marjorie June Willimot aged around 24 and her son was about 4 in about 1955-56.

If any reader can help Ms Carson in her research, please contact SCAN or send a message via www.stilton.org/contact and we will pass the information on.

Local Homecare Service

Phil Kennedy writes to tell readers about Home Instead Senior Care Peterborough, a local, family-run home care company of which he is a director.

Family members can’t always be there for parents and relatives, so receiving visits from professional and compassionate care givers is the next best thing.

Home Instead’s non-medical services include companionship, personal care (assistance with showering and dressing), meal preparation, medication reminders, house cleaning, and transportation for appointments, errands and shopping.

Services are available at home or in supported living or care facilities, starting from three hours a week all the way through to multiple daily visits, including overnight and public holidays.

The company is building its reputation on reliable service by genuinely compassionate, caring people. Clearly no empty claim; they have been twice finalists in the Great British Care Awards and were shortlisted for the 2013 Peterborough Evening Telegraph’s Business Awards.

Home Instead is a nationwide franchise operation and clearly understands that its success will depend on sustaining a high reputation. If you Google for ‘Home Instead awards’ you will find a pageful of hits announcing prestigious awards to many of its local operations.

For more information about Home Instead’s services and how it could help you or your family, visit its website: www.homeinstead.co.uk/Peterborough or call its Peterborough office on (01733) 333342.
Folksworth Issues

FOLKSWORTH FUN PARK
Folksworth Parish Council has been very fortunate in its bids for funding for the equipment on the Recreation Field at the bottom of Townsend Way. The current worth of this is in excess of £60,000. Council is happy for everyone to use it and it has indeed been well used during the summer. Sadly we have had two incidents of arson, one in the toddler play house and the other on the new outdoor exercise equipment (the day the installation was completed). The offenders have been identified; neither are Folksworth residents. Police investigations continue.

We have also had instances of people walking from Stilton across the farmer's field and gaining access to the fun park via the hedge, which has created gaps in it. These areas have now been fenced off and a new hedge will be planted but could we remind everyone that access to the field is only via the gate at the bottom of Townsend Way. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on any part of the field, whether on or off the lead, and if possible please take your litter home with you - if not there is a bin at the entrance and plans for a second to be installed. Emptying of these bins is by private arrangement rather than District Council.

ELM ROAD POND
Major works have been undertaken on the pond at Elm Road and the result is that it is looking better than it ever has. Many young people have fished in it over the summer and as long as the fish are returned and no-one adds any fish or plants to the pond then Council has no problem with it being used in this way. The issue it has had is with litter, left around and unfortunately thrown into the pond - this is not acceptable. A couple of individuals were identified by local residents and spoken to - they were not from Folksworth. There are litter bins around the pond - please use them! Please also remember that the water is very deep in some places and anyone over the age of 12 requires a rod licence.

Jackie Stanbridge, Clerk to the Council
clerk@folksworthandwashingley-pc.org.uk

Stilton Parish Council
Clerk: Mrs. Mary Croll
10 Caldecote Road, Stilton
Peterborough, PE7 3RH
Tel: 01733 241042
Email: stiltonpc@yahoo.co.uk

PLAYING FIELD CLOSED
Under the Health and Safety act 1974 the playing field will close at 6am on Tuesday 5th August 2014 until August 2015 to enable essential maintenance work to be undertaken to improve the playing field surface.

By Order of the Parish Council
Mary Croll, Clerk to Stilton Parish Council
18 members joined Impression Travel for their day trip to Kings Lynn and Hunstanton last month. The long-awaited outing to Springfields Shopping Outlet at Spalding will take place on Monday 13th October leaving The Bell at 10am and then the usual pickup points, and leaving Springfields at 3pm. The cost will be £10 for members and £11 for non-members.

It is hoped there will be shopping trips to Morrisons at Stamford in late October or early November. Perhaps these will be an opportunity for some early Christmas shopping - where has the year gone to?

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, Doreen Clark on 242643 or Philip Scott-Sandy on 241492.

Bingo in Folksworth

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL PRIZE BINGO

Eyes down 7:30pm

October 10 - November 7 - December 5

YAXLEY SINGERS

(formerly the Michael Singers)

If you enjoy learning new songs in a relaxed, friendly group then come along to Yaxley Methodist Church on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9pm.

You don't need to read music. Just enjoy singing a wide variety of songs: classical songs from the shows, jazz, pop, carols and folk all feature in our repertoire.

We are practising for two concerts, including a Christmas entertainment at Yaxley Methodist Church. Transport from Stilton is available - ring Mary Croll on 241042.

Stilton Stumblers

Late Summer 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!
**Wildlife Trust Events for All**

**www.greatfen.org.uk**

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**Green Woodcraft Day for Adults**

Saturday 11th Oct 10 - 4pm

For beginners or those with basic experience of green woodcraft. Limited spaces, so booking is essential. Course Fee £30.00

Full details contact Alistair Rose 01487 710420.

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**Wildlife Wizarddry**

Wed 29th Oct 1 - 3:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of all things ‘wizardly’ on this magical nature reserve at Ramsey Heights. The Hawk and Owl Trust will also be here.

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**Flying Home for Christmas**

Saturday 13th Dec 1 - 3:30pm

Discover the fascinating fights and speedy stops that birds undertake to be home for Christmas!

All our family events take place at the Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights PE26 2RS (unless stated) Fee £2.50 per person or £6.00 per family of four. Booking recommended. Full details on website www.greatfen.org.uk

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**Wildlife Watch Group**

‘Woodland Play’ Trip to new Decoy

Saturday 18th Oct 10 am to 12:30pm

Meet at the Great Fen Information Point, New Decoy. For details of Watch Group please see the website.

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**Volunteers required for Headway Cambridgeshire, Peterborough hub**

If you can spare some time to make the difference to the life of someone with a brain injury then please contact Carol McNeill or Sharon Culver on 01733 516070.

www.headway-cambs.org.uk

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Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Now is the time to consider your heating oil requirements for the winter. Traditionally, heating oil prices in the summer and early autumn months tend to be cheaper and deliveries faster than in the colder weather.

Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme is designed to help purchasers of central heating oil to make savings by buying in bulk. The scheme is open to anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Community buildings such as churches and village halls as well as businesses which are reliant upon heating oil can join too. The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and covers as many oil orders as you need during the year.

The scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, the leading agricultural purchasing co-operative in the United Kingdom.

The average saving is usually 2p per litre against online prices. In July and August this year members who ordered oil in these months got it at less than 50p per litre (exclusive of VAT at 5%).

The environment benefits too, as every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel - a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying eight miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village, instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

There are five easy steps to cheaper heating oil:

1. Join the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme. Complete a membership form or apply online and then set up a direct debit to pay for your future oil purchases.

2. Receive a reminder to check your oil levels. Each month, we'll remind you to check your tank and notify you of the deadline to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

3. Place your order online. Use our online portal to let us know how much oil you want to buy. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

4. Sit back whilst our negotiators get the best possible price. AF Affinity Ltd negotiate the best price from a range of suppliers. We advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

5. Take delivery of the oil and pay the company. The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and your bank account is debited with the amount you owe.

To find out more about the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme go to our website www.cambsacre.org.uk, contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 or email oil@cambsacre.org.uk
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

It's a great night out!

We look forward to seeing you.
From The Cabbage Patch

Be a Social Gardener
JOIN STILTON GARDENING & NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

AUTUMN 2014

Our season started with our first meeting on September 16th in the Stilton Church Meeting Room. The autumn programme is printed below. We hope also to organize visits during the winter (weather permitting) to Anglesey Abbey to walk round the Winter Garden with its world-famous show of snowdrops, or to Welney for the swans. Later in the year we hope to go to Rassells nursery in Lincolnshire. We will also be having guest speakers in several months.

We are a friendly group; not all skilled gardeners but keen to learn more about our local environment and how to care for it. New members are very welcome, but if you don’t want to commit yourself, just come along to a meeting as a visitor. For £2 you will have an interesting night out.

Enquiries to:
Olive Main
(01733) 241206
olive.main@tiscali.co.uk

PROGRAMME 2014

Meetings take place in Stilton Church Meeting Room at 7:30pm. Members £1, visitors £2 to include light refreshments.

Tuesday, October 21
Peter Vince
The work of the Woodland Trust
An illustrated talk on the work of this leading conservation charity that creates and protects woodlands. Peter is its representative in Cambridgeshire.

Tuesday, November 18
Helen Burton
Making your own Christmas Decorations
Helen is one of our members and is a talented flower arranger who will demonstrate some ideas for our décor.

Tuesday, December 16
Christmas Party
When we enjoy a Bring & Share supper and Pat Maltman tests our brains!

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

**Ride and Drive**
Saturday 4 October 2014

Cycle or drive round our churches on a Pilgrimage, starting out from Stilton Church at 10am. Lunch at Elton and tea at Stilton.

Full details of the timetable and route will be in the Link (Church newsletter) or from Jamie and Linda Mackay (243253)

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**For full details of church services, visit**
[www.stiltonchurches.com](http://www.stiltonchurches.com)

or see the Church Link - delivered to your door every month!

Rector: Rev. Jamie Mackay
(01733) 243253

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love**

**Quiz Night**
Saturday October 18th
7:00 for 7:30 pm in Stilton School Hall

Tables of 8 max. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets are now available at £7.50 per head, which includes a very good ploughman’s supper and dessert. If you want to come and don’t have a full team we can always find other team members for you.

Tickets from Pat Maltman (242229)

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**
Saturday, October 11th
8am at the Bell Inn

Speaker: Andrew Smith

Through the Roof Charity

Tickets from Colin Jones (243730)
Come along and find yourself a bargain at our half-term book sale. The sale runs from Saturday 25th October through to Saturday 1st November.

**RHYMETIME AND STORYTIME**

Our popular Rhymetime event aimed at babies from 0-18 months continues on Fridays at 10.30am. (term time only no session on 31st October) Storytime, aimed at children aged 18 months to 5 years runs on the following dates: Tuesday 7th and 21st October at 10.30am.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

This year the theme of the challenge was ‘The Mythical Maze’. Nearly 200 children took part, reading six books over the course of the summer holidays. The successful finishers attended a medal presentation ceremony in September.

**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.

**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.

**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

**HIRING YAXLEY LIBRARY**

Yaxley Library is now available to hire as a venue for your meeting. Please call in to the library for more information.

**ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON**

The speaker for the October EngAge session is Davis Roberts on *The Apollo Project - NASA missions to the moon*. The session will be held on Wednesday 15th October at 2pm and free tickets are available in Yaxley library from 1st October.
**LIBRARY AT HOME SERVICE**

‘All the books I have been brought are what I would have chosen myself, which I think is very good. My thanks go to all the volunteers who undertake this service and bring pleasure to people like myself who cannot visit their local library.’ - LHS customer. If this comment relates to you, or you know someone who would benefit from receiving books or CDs in their home, please get in touch with Yaxley Library for more information. We have a shortage of volunteers in the Sawtry area for this service; if you are able to help please contact Sawtry Library for more information.

**NEW BOOK COLLECTION**

Fancy something different to read? Come and browse our visiting book collection ‘Dystopia’.

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**Yaxley Library**

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**Renewals & enquiries:**

(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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**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.
This year's 'Flu Vaccination campaign will start in October. Two 'Flu Clinics are scheduled for:

**Saturday 4th & 18th October**
Between 9:00 and 11:00 am

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**
Available for all patients over the age of 65 and those in at-risk groups, who have been routinely vaccinated in the past.

**Please bring your letter with you**
Children under 18 will receive a letter detailing Clinic dates and time.

There will be additional parking available at The William de Yaxley School if needed.

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**Shingles Vaccination Clinics**

Were you aged 70, 78 or 79 on 1st September 2014?

If you were born on or between:
- 02/09/1943 to 01/09/1944
- 02/09/1935 to 01/09/1936
- 02/09/1934 to 01/09/1935

you will receive a letter inviting you to attend one of our clinics.

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**YGP welcomes a new Partner**

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Dr Jaspreet Bhatia will be joining the practice as a Partner from 1st January 2015. Dr Bhatia has been working with us for four years on a salaried basis and I'm sure many of you have already experienced his dedicated, compassionate and experienced care. The current Partners are all delighted that he has accepted this position and look forward to continuing to work with him.

**Dr. Sharon Brackenbury**

It is with great sadness that I can confirm that the practice is losing Dr Sharon Brackenbury from the end of September. She is moving on to work in a different practice after six years at YGP. We will sorely miss her dedication, expertise and companionship. We have particularly valued her role in the care of our patients with diabetes over the last few years. We wish her and her family well as she moves forwards into her new role.

**Dr. Chris Grant**

**Dr. Darina Padmore**

It is over 10 years ago that Darina Padmore first joined Yaxley Group Practice to complete her GP training. Since then she has worked part-time as well as starting a family. Sadly she is now leaving to live in Lincolnshire. She will be missed by her patients and her colleagues who have valued her skills which I have no doubt will be enjoyed by her new GP practice which she is joining. Personally I have always admired the fact that she is a super organised person who rarely gets flustered. I wish her well for the future.

**Dr. Richard Withers**
Electronic Cigarettes

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes are electrical devices that mimic real cigarettes, but using an electronic cigarette - or ‘vaping’ as it’s come to be known -, produces a vapour that’s potentially less harmful than tobacco smoke. Many e-cigarettes contain nicotine and, when they do, it’s the vapour that gives the nicotine hit.

E-cigarettes are currently not available on the NHS. They are not the same as the inhalator, which is a type of nicotine replacement therapy that is available on the NHS.

While e-cigarettes may be safer than conventional cigarettes, it is still not known what the long-term effects of vaping will be on the body.

Electronic cigarettes aren’t currently regulated therefore CAMQUIT (Cambridgeshire’s Stop Smoking Service) cannot recommend their use. CAMQUIT advisors will support anyone who comes to their service looking for support and advice to stop using electronic cigarettes.

For more information and help to stop smoking please visit www.camquit.nhs.uk or call 0800 018 4304

Steven Tibbs, Smoking Cessation Advisor, visits the surgery on Thursdays. An appointment to see him can be arranged by calling reception on (01733) 240478 or you can contact Steve direct on 07908 408 743.

NHS Health Checks

We are carrying out NHS Health Checks in the practice. They are a popular and excellent way to look for hidden health problems that you may be unaware of.

If you are between the ages of 40-74, do not normally attend the practice and do not have any ongoing illnesses such as heart disease or diabetes, we would suggest that you consider having one done. The appointment takes 15 minutes with one of our nurses. They will ask you some questions, take your blood pressure and do a blood test for cholesterol and glucose. Appointments are available on Saturday mornings and late afternoon to cater for everyone. Book now as there are slots available!

For those who have already registered for Vision Online Services, NHS Health Checks can be booked online at www.myvisiononline.co.uk. If you would like to register for Vision Online Services (appointment booking and cancellation and repeat medication requesting), please complete and submit the application form via this link https://yaxleygp.secure-gpsite.nhs.uk/vision-online-appointments,58147.htm

Further information regarding NHS Health Checks can be found at: www.nhs.uk/Planners/NHSHealthCheck/Pages/NHSHealthCheck.aspx

Staff

Graham Moore, Nurse Practitioner and Michelle Goodliffe, Health Care Assistant left us in August. Everyone at YGP wishes them well for the future.

Registrars

We welcome Dr. Hasan Javed who started with us in August and will be here for four months. We hope he enjoys his time at YGP.

New Baby

We send our warmest congratulations to Kerri Ellis-Whytock (Diabetic Technician) on the birth on her son, Tate Jonah, who arrived on 26 August and weighed 10lbs 4oz. Mum and baby are doing well.
Carer Support Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 1st October 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.

Independent Living Fund (ILF)

CLOSURE, JUNE 2015

The Independent Living Fund (ILF) aims to support long-term independent living for severely disabled people by helping them to live at home instead of in residential care. In March 2014, the Government announced that the programme will be closing on 30th June 2015, when the County Council will take over responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users.

The County Council and ILF are working closely together to make sure the transfer of responsibility for funding arrangements takes place as smoothly as possible. The ILF website www.dwp.gov.uk/ilf includes more information about the programme's closure, or you can phone the County Council's Customer Services on 0345 045 5202 with any questions. The ILF is no longer accepting any new applications.

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

Yaxley Flower Club

16th Oct
Joint Evening with Peterborough and Werrington clubs

Dec tba
Charity Evening

19th Feb
Dora Mack Demonstration
A New Year Begins

20th Nov
Shirley Henderson
Demonstration ‘Tis the Season

15th Jan
Jim Green from Farcet Nurseries

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.
The Gidding History Day will be held in Great Gidding Village Hall between 11am and 5pm and will be an opportunity to find out more about Great, Little and Steeple Gidding.

There is a Gidding History Group that holds monthly meetings over the winter months. We held a really successful History Day three years ago, when lots of photographs, documents and memories were shared. We hope to build on the success of that event and invite anyone who has an interest in past residents of the Giddings or where they lived, worked and socialised.

There will be a display of the houses where we have researched the people who lived there over the centuries. We have researched those residents who fought in World War I and will have information available on their role in the War and in village life. We would also like to hear about local memories of World War II. A local archaeologist will be on hand during the day to identify items found locally, and he hopes to carry out a test pit dig in the village during the event.

The Gidding History Group members are keen to see any photographs and documents relating to the Giddings, or just come along to see what is on display (Entry is FREE). Further details can be found on www.thegiddings.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.

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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
Harvest Open Day  
Denton Church ruin  
Sunday 19th October, 2-4 pm  
With a service in the church at 3.30pm  
Come and enjoy a harvest afternoon tea at our open day followed by our harvest themed service.  
Produce, jams, chutneys, flowers & plants and crafts, all from the village, will be on sale.  
All monies raised go to Friends of Denton Church.

FRIENDS OF NORMAN CROSS  
Visit to The Imperial War Museum, London  
Sunday, 12 October 2014  
Cost £22 per person  
08:00 leave the Eagle Monument, Norman Cross  
15:00 leave the Imperial War Museum  
17:00 (approx) arrive Norman Cross  
The Museum re-opened recently after a major renovation. There are new World War I galleries, a Holocaust Exhibition, extensive World War 2 displays, including A Family in Wartime exhibition, a special feature, Horrible Histories: spies, and right up to date, how the Army is supplied in Afghanistan, as well as items of equipment. The Museum also has one of the largest collections of war art in the world.  
For lunch there is a cafe and tea rooms, but you could bring a picnic and sit out in the grounds. There is also a shop well stocked with posters, books, models etc.  
To book please send a cheque, made out to Friends of Norman Cross, to Olive Main, 8, Caldecote Road, Stilton, Peterborough PE7 3RH with your name, address and phone number.
St Mary Magdalene Church Stilton

Quiz Night, Ploughmans & Raffle
Saturday October 18th
Stilton School

Another of Pat Maltman’s famous Quiz nights. Teams of 6 to 8, so get your team together for a good night out.
If you can’t make up a team don’t worry, come along and we will find you a partner.
Ploughman’s supper served at half time
Bring your own drink

Tickets £7.50
From Pat or the Rectory

STILTON CHURCH—CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CRAFT SALE

Saturday November 22nd
2.00 pm in the School

We are always in need of good quality:
-Bric a Brac, Children’s Toys, Books and Accessories
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Please drop them off at
No 1 Walnut Way, or call
01733 244666 and we will collect

If you would like to help please contact
Beryl on 01733 240538

It’s not too early to start thinking about the Christmas Fayre
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
FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2014
10am – 4pm
GIRTON GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAMBRIDGE ROAD, GIRTON, CB3 0PN

Free admission Free car parking

Good food & drink available

More than 20 stalls including: family and local history societies, photo identification, postcards, charts, storage and more.

Internet research room. Free 1-2-1 advice.

Talks priced at £2 per person (under 16s free):

10.30-11.30 – Mike Petty: Resources for Researching Cambridgeshire
12.00-1.00 – Tom Doig: Dating Edwardian Photographs
1.30-2.30 – Carl Warner: Crowdsourcing History at IWM Duxford
3.00-4.00 – Kathy Chater: How to Write up Family History

For further details see
www.cfhs.org.uk or www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS

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ANNUAL ‘FLU CLINIC

Our ‘Flu Clinic for this year will be held on Saturday 11th October pending any notification of changes to our delivery dates. Should it be necessary to alter the date we will publicise this within the surgery and on our website.

Patients falling within the following at-risk categories will be entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer’s allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

‘Flu vaccination appointments with our Practice Nursing Team will be available later in the month for patients who are unable to attend the ‘flu clinic. If you wish to book one of these appointments please contact our

Surnames beginning with: Please Attend:

A-F 9-9:45am
G-M 9:45-10:30am
N-S 10:30-11:15am
T-Z 11:15am - 12pm

We will also be participating in the national programme to offer the ‘flu vaccination to all children who will be aged 2, 3 or 4 on 1st September 2014. We will be writing to invite this group of patients to attend in due course.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

In response to the results of a patient survey carried out early last year please can I remind you that we now provide a full range of services on a Wednesday afternoon including the following:

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

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager
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All the official DVSA revision questions that you can practise for free. Works on your phone, computer or tablet.
Police have seen an increase recently where rogue traders have called on elderly victims and said they were going to do repair work on their house, cleaning gutters, replacing broken roof tiles, garden work. They agree a price initially and then increase it dramatically when they tell the victim that they have completed the work. Offences have been reported across the County.

If you are approached by any person offering to carry out repairs to your property turn them away; report the matter to Trading Standards on 03454 040 506. If they persist call the police on 101, or 999 if you feel threatened by them.

**DON’T**
- believe all callers are genuine.
- believe the 'scare stories' a salesman may tell you – they are rarely true.
- believe genuine tarmac companies have loads left over – they don't!
- sign anything or pay for anything until you are sure about it.
- believe special, ‘today only’ deals – it's high-pressure selling.
- allow strangers to have access to your property.

**DO**
- check the identity of the caller by asking to see an ID card.
- challenge anyone looking over your property – did you give permission?
- consider if you really need the work done, check with a friend or neighbour or contact Safe Local Trades on 0800 014 1832 if you need a second opinion from a trustworthy tradesman.
- ask the caller to leave you with information to study at your leisure.
- remember you often have a short time to cancel a contract after cold call.

**STAYING SAFE TIPS**

**LOCK:** Make sure your door is locked when you're at home and don't unlock it unless you're sure who is on the other side.

**STOP:** If someone appears at your door, and you're not expecting any visitors, check that all the doors are locked. Look through the spy-hole or the window to see who it is.

**CHAIN:** If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep the chain or bar on while you are talking. (Normally, when the door is shut and locked, leave the bar or chain off in case you need to get out in an emergency)

**CHECK:** Ask for, and double check, their identity card. And if you're still not sure, ask for a number you can ring to confirm their identity. If they can't show you any identification, don't let them in.

Anyone with information about rogue traders, distraction burglaries or suspicious activity around elderly neighbours should call Cambridgeshire Police on 101. Anyone who thinks they have become a victim or believes distraction burglars are operating in the area should call 999.
**BOGUS TRADING STANDARDS OFFICER**

A resident of Offord D’Arcy was recently targeted by a bogus Trading Standards Officer. A male walk down her driveway and told her that he was moving and was looking for his cat. He asked for her telephone number so he could call her later to see if the cat had turned up. 30 minutes later she received a telephone call from a male claiming to be from Trading Standards. He told her that he knew she had had work done and that they had been investigating some of the companies involved. Legal proceedings had begun and she had been awarded £14,000 compensation. She needed to pay them £4000 cash because they had done a lot of work. They would send an officer to see her in an hour’s time.

She alerted Cambridgeshire Trading Standards who sent a genuine officer to sit with her. The bogus Trading Standards Officer rang several times, told her not to tell anyone and kept changing the time that they were going to collect the money. At 11:45am a male arrived at the property and told her that he was from Trading Standards. He did not show her any identification. He told her that she was there to collect the money and a colleague would be round later to complete the paperwork. He walked into the dining room where the genuine Trading Standards Officer challenged him; he then ran out of the property to where he had a vehicle waiting for him. A registration was taken and Trading Standards Officers are currently trying to identify the impostor.

**ADVICE**

Genuine Trading Standards Officers never ask for money up front in order to release compensation awarded and will always carry identification. Their identity can be verified by contacting Cambs County Council.

**BAGSNATCHER ALERT**

Since 6th August police have received seven reports of purses being stolen from handbags in our town centres. On two occasions the victim has been distracted by one offender asking for directions, and in one case actually showing the victim a map, while the other takes the purse from her handbag.

Please be vigilant when shopping in the town centres and ensure that your bags are kept secure and held in front of you to keep your property safe. Do not leave them in shopping trolleys. If you are approached by strangers while you are packing your shopping in your car please be aware of the above information.

When withdrawing money at cash machines please check around you and ensure that you cover the machine when entering your PIN.

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**Contacting our Local Police**

**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...**

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**Stilton and Villages:**

| PC Paul Sykes: | 07889 499 066 |
| PC SO Barry Chamberlain: | 07921 094 828 |

email:- huntscops@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Help for Sexual Assault Victims

Cambs Constabulary are making people aware of what services are available at the Oasis @ Rivergate Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Peterborough. Since January 2010 it has helped more than 1748 victims of sexual assault or rape.

The centre aims to make it easier for victims of sexual assault in the Cambridgeshire area to get help by being a one-stop location where they can receive medical care and counselling. They will also have the opportunity to assist the police investigation into alleged sexual offences.

Although victims will not be under any obligation to report their assault to police, those who consent to a medical examination will have samples held on file in case they change their mind.

Every victim who attends Oasis @ Rivergate will be allocated a crisis worker and will receive immediate care crisis support and psychological support to meet their needs.

The Oasis also provides a confidential self-referral service whereby victims can attend the centre directly. In these circumstances staff at the SARC will discuss:

- Reporting the matter to the police for investigation
- Reporting facts anonymously to the police for intelligence purposes
- Securing and retain physical evidence samples for subsequent referral to the police
- Providing the victim with appropriate medical, psychological and counselling support without retaining evidence or reporting the offence to the police

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