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Monday 9th, 23rd October; 6th November

Garden Bin Days:
Friday 6th, 20th October; 3rd November

Recycling Bins:
Monday 2nd, 16th, 30th October; 13th November

Please put your bins out after 6pm on the day before collection

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

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The legal process to sell Stilton Memorial Hall was completed on September 22\textsuperscript{nd} and ownership passed to Halls, the Chemist.

The clock and war memorial plaques have been removed and are in safe storage. Plans to place the clock on Stilton Pavilion are being drawn up and the plaques, together with one from Caldecote village, will also be relocated. The favoured position is outside the gate of Stilton Church.

In recent weeks a very professional looking wooden ramp has appeared on the skate park. No one knows who produced it. It has had to be moved because its use invalidates the skate park insurance, which would mean the closure of the facility.

If you know anything about this ramp please contact Ian Parmenter (243056).

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, nor in the surrounding cemetery.

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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
Diary of Events

If you have a one-off event fixed in the next few months please contact the editor - 241206 or olivekmain@gmail.com

OCTOBER

1st    Harvest Festival and lunch
14th   Stilton Church Quiz Night
15th   Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
21st   Craft & Gift Fair in Pavilion
        Twinning Race Night

NOVEMBER

12th   Keyboard Concert in Pavilion
18th   GB Home Guard Concert
25th   Musical Evening in Stilton Church

DECEMBER

17th   Keyboard Concert in Pavilion

MAKE SURE YOU TELL US!

We’ll keep this list up to date with what people tell us about. So if you find your event double-parked with somebody else’s it’ll be because someone didn’t tell SCAN!

Wanted

CARPET/LARGE RUGS

Stilton Pavilion needs pieces of carpet, carpet tiles or large rugs to put down on the beautiful (very expensive) floor on the occasions when tables or equipment could cause damage.

Please look in the loft or garage and clear out those left-over ends.

Contact Julian on 07484 746894, stiltonpavilion@gmail.com, or Olive Main on 01733 241206.

Yaxley Foodbank

Stilton Church Harvest Festival Donations

Sunday October 1st 2017

This year's harvest offerings will go to support Yaxley Foodbank, which distributes food supplies to families and individuals who find themselves unexpectedly in a desperate situation. The distribution point is at St Peter's Church Yaxley and serves this area of NW Huntingdonshire, including Stilton, Holme and Folksworth.

This is one of 400 food banks which rely on the generosity of local people.

There is a box in Stilton Church porch at all times, but the Harvest Festival gives us the opportunity to give a little bit more, knowing that everything donated will go to someone in dire need. Food parcels for three days are given out on the production of a voucher which has been issued by professionals such as the Health Centre, Social Services, Citizens Advice or schools who have identified a family in crisis.

Volunteers will talk to people over a cup of tea, pray with them and try to point them to where they can get help.

Yaxley Foodbank is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm - 5pm. See opposite for how you can help the Foodbank.
Help the Foodbank

The Foodbank supplies food for families in crisis every week. Thanks for your continued support. The Foodbank is now low on:

- Cereals
- Milk - powder or long-life
- Tea / Coffee
- Bags of sugar
- Orange juice / squash
- Tins of meat / tuna / beans / tomatoes / soup / vegetables / fruit
- Packets of soup / pasta / rice / dried fruit
- Cartons / tins of custard / rice pudding
- Jars of pasta sauces / jam / preserves
- Packets of biscuits / crackers / crisps / cake / chocolate / sweets

Where possible, please ensure that tins have ringpull tops for ease of opening and that all items have a reasonable remaining use-by date.

Please contact Pearl Reed (01733) 241114 if the Church is not open or if you need anything collected.

Stilton
Stay & Play

Bring your children - 0-5 yrs - to play and meet new friends

Wednesdays in Stilton Pavilion 9:00 - 10:15am
£1 donation per child

www.facebook.com/stiltonstayandplay
On 6th October the former principal of Sawtry Community College, James Stewart, will be sentenced in the Crown Court, having pleaded guilty to eight counts of fraud by abuse of position and an additional charge of misconduct in public office. The former vice-principal, Alan Stevens, has also pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud by abuse of position. All these crimes relate to their time at the College.

The long-term sustainability of the school remains at risk because of what we can now publicly say were the crimes of the past. Not only has the school lost significant sums of money as a result of those crimes, but the behaviours and absence of leadership during that prolonged period means that we are still trying to catch up on years of under-investment in health & safety and building conditions. For far too long our students, staff and community have had to suffer shoddy buildings that are not fit for use.

In February 2016 an independent report suggested that over £2.5 million was needed just to bring the buildings back up to a basic operational standard. In the summer of 2016, CMAT committed its trust-wide Schools Condition Allowance fund to address the issues at Sawtry and the imminent threat of closure made by the fire authority after they had been invited to assess the buildings.

This is not a trivial matter. A poor quality physical environment has an impact on student attainment, attendance, morale and on staff recruitment and retention. In February this year we had to close the school due to storm damage. We have to find a way forward.

The planning permission for the £3.5 million teaching block proposed in the 2014/15 Condition Improvement Fund bid is still in place. The trust has pledged to contribute over £1 million of this funding; but we need another £2 million from our partners to make this much-needed improvement to the buildings a reality.

Parents and members of the Sawtry community feel that we need to put right the crimes and mistakes of past and invest in new school buildings at Sawtry Village Academy. It is hoped that the Academy's funding partners will see this as a clear priority for our community.

You can help by registering your support for this appeal. Just fill out your details at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sawtrynewbuild
Peterborough Decorative & Fine Arts Society

www.pdfas.co.uk

PDFAS meets monthly at 10:45am on the second Thursday of the month at the Fleet at Fletton for very interesting and informative lectures from experts in their field.

It also offers:

- Visits to places of historic or artistic interest
- Special interest days
- Volunteering opportunities, eg Church recording.

If you are interested, contact Olive Main (241206) or Douglas Maltman (242229).

Guests are welcome, so come along for a taster.

12 October 2017
Elizabeth Gowing

*The Silver Thread; silver filigree and traditional arts in Kosovo.*
Stilton Pavilion

OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

Community Room rates from:
- £6 / hour daytime
- £8 / hour evenings

Main Hall rates from:
- £10 / hour daytime
- £16 / hour evenings

Attractive rates for commercial hire and other options
For information, see www.stilton.org/facilities/stilton-pavilion/

For all enquiries, please contact the Amenities Manager, Julian Pagliaro:
07484 746894  |  stiltonpavilion@gmail.com

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 and check your spam box if you don’t receive a prompt reply.

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 25 Oct

Folksworth 10:45 - 11am Elm Road
Stilton 3:10 - 4pm Outside The Talbot

Route M24
Men’s Breakfast
Bell Inn Stilton
Guest Speaker
Mike Elliott

Saturday 7th October 2017
8.15am for an
8.30am start
£10 per head
Pay on the day
Max of 40 people

Contact Colin Jones 01733 243730 email colinespania@yahoo.co.uk
to reserve your ticket
Since I last wrote, we have had another successful concert, performed by Ryan Edwards just three days before his wedding, writes Tony Oliver. We all wished him and his bride the best of luck, following his superb mixture of tunes from classical to big band.

Although numbers attending were down on previous months, mainly due to holidays (I hope!), it was pleasing to see many first-timers, including at least five from Stilton who had been encouraged by a local gentleman whose name I must obtain. Thank you sir; your support by attending and spreading the word is much appreciated. I sincerely hope they all enjoyed what they saw and heard.

There were also six people from Bourne who had not been before; they vowed to come back as often as possible because they liked the entertainment and the ambience of the Pavilion’s great hall.

It is hoped that audience numbers will have risen for the September event as the ever-popular Chris Powell plays for our pleasure - hope you will be there. The next date for your diary is Sunday 15th October when one of our more humorous colleagues, Andrew Nix, plays in his own inimitable style which is so melodic and entertaining. If you haven’t been before give us a try for a low-cost afternoon of popular music played by some of the best in the business.

The instruments that all our keyboard players use produce amazing and realistic sounds, such as full orchestras, which you won’t hear on TV or radio because of restrictions by the Musicians Union, worried that they may be replaced!

Our concerts commence at 2:30pm (doors open at 2pm) and your £7.50 - yes just £7.50 per person - will give you two hours of music with a half hour interval for refreshments. A raffle will also be in operation, all proceeds after expenses going to the Pavilion to help with those extra running costs. Come along and enjoy being part of a friendly atmosphere in pleasant surroundings with great music. Let us make our kind of music ‘Your Kind of Music’. We look forward to welcoming you.

Stilton Church
Coffee Morning

Oct 21st
10:30am - noon

(Third Saturday in every month)

Everybody is welcome. Come and try the homemade cake. Take a chance to win the raffle!
Sarah's Snippet

It's fantastic to see so many events and activities going on in our village. I can see lots planned and we aim to give you as much notice as possible. Please support the village by coming along to as many events as you can. Thanks!

Folksworth Primary School

As the new school year gets underway, we're delighted to see the children all settling into their new classes so well. For some, these are their first weeks at the school, whilst others have returned to us after the summer break.

We also have a new member of staff with us this year - well, sort of! Although Miss Ellis is new to the team, she is not new to the school. You see, Miss Ellis attended the school herself when she was a child. Now, several years after having left, she has returned, armed with a wealth of experience, an abundance of enthusiasm and a newly gained teaching qualification. We know she will make a fantastic addition to our team and will inspire others to go on to achieve their dreams, just as her own teachers did for her.

Folksworth PTA

It's great to be back after the holidays and we are now busy planning events for the coming months. We'll have more diary dates soon but there is one confirmed date to get in the diary - the Folksworth C of E Primary School Christmas Fayre. It will be on Saturday 2nd December 1pm - 4pm. Everyone is really welcome and we'll let you know more nearer the time.

If you'd like to support us there are a couple of fund-raisers you can help us with. One of them is collecting used stamps. Please hand your collection, however small or large, to either a member of the PTS or drop them off at the school office in an envelope marked F.A.O. The PTA. We'll let you know how we are getting on later in the year.

Another excellent way you can support the PTA is to register with Easy Fundraising. Whenever you buy on-line, whether your weekly shop or your annual holiday, you could be collecting free donations for the school. There are over 3000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsburys. To sign up, please go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fpspta/. You shop as usual and the school PTA gets a free donation!

If you'd like to be kept up to date with the latest PTA news you can find us on Facebook. Please search for Folksworth C of E School PTA Information Page or email folksworthprimarypta@gmail.com.
Folksworth Pre-school

We have two events planned. Our Halloween Disco is on Wednesday 25th October from 2pm to 4pm, while on Thursday 16th November we are having a free Open Day Taster Session from 10am to 11:30am. Please see our advertisements for more details.

Folksworth Carpet Bowls Club

The Autumn Season is in full swing. We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays at 7pm. New players are welcome even if it's just to have a go. All equipment is provided and there's no obligation to make a regular commitment. If you'd like to know more, call Chris on 01733 241938.

Mrs Kath Vardy

We are saddened to report the passing of one of Folksworth’s oldest residents, who died on September 3rd at the age of 87.

Kath was laid to rest at St Helen’s on September 21st. We hope to include an obituary in next month’s issue.

St Helen's Harvest Supper & Quiz

Saturday 7th October at 6:30pm

Folksworth Village Hall

You are warmly invited to join us for our popular Harvest Supper & Quiz. There will be a three-course meal, drinks available and a raffle.

Adults £9       Children £4

Bookings can be made via our Facebook page or phone Dru direct on 01733 242790 (max 70 seats).

Ideally 6/7 people per quiz team, but a maximum of 8.

Proceeds will be split between the church and the school, for their chosen charities.

News From St Helen's

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OCTOBER SERVICES

Be sure to tell our advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Good News!

The village hall committee are delighted to announce that Phase 1 of our improvement plan has been completed on time. The improvements have made a tremendous difference to the look, comfort and feel of the hall and we have received very good feedback from users and members of the community.

We still need to install acoustic panels and some other minor works; these will be completed over half-term. The interior picture above shows the new storage cupboards, heating, lighting and doors. The outside picture opposite shows the all-weather surface that user groups can access directly from the hall.

We would like to thank the builders, Princebuild, for being so accommodating and efficient with their building programme, which allowed partial use of the hall while the works were going ahead.

The success of this project has really galvanised the committee to move swiftly forward with Phase 2. We do need planning permission for the next stage but, once received, we will be able to apply for grants to help fund the costs of the extension. This will include new toilets blocks, new exterior finish and an additional meeting/community room, which can be used even if the main hall is in use. This will give us plenty of opportunity to offer additional facilities and services in the village that we currently do not have. As well as grants we are looking for donations and sponsorships.

The village hall committee is putting together a programme of fund-raising events, the first event being a Bingo/Social
evening with bar on Friday 1 December in the village hall. So put it in the diary! It is a chance for you to have a look at the new hall interior and support your community building. In the New Year we will be holding a Burns Night Supper and Quiz, which is proposed for Saturday 27 January - again a date for your diary. More information on this event to follow.

Contact

For details of the days and times of the different groups using the hall, please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FolksworthVillageHall/.

For information on joining any of the groups, please visit the hall on the appropriate day and time.

For hall bookings please contact Mrs. Joy Blythe on 01733 241938.

Contributors!

We want your material for Folklore!

Email to Sarah Abbott at abottssarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 247275

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

The Village Hall is at the heart of our community and used by many organisations. A merry team of volunteers manage the hall to ensure it is maintained and improved as well as operating within the guidelines set out by the Charity Commissioners.

We are in need of a SECRETARY to join the team. Duties include taking and circulating minutes of meetings; ensuring policies are in place and regularly reviewed; and helping out with correspondence.

It's a rewarding (if unpaid) job that would need on average 1 to 2 hours' time a week. If you think you could help please call Annie Blair on 01733 243463 to find out more.
ISSUES AFFECTING OLDER RESIDENTS

Our new Parish Councillor, David Bache, has a wealth of experience around issues affecting older residents as a past director of Age UK. He has offered to use this experience to help residents in the parish. If there are any parish issues you feel he could help with please contact him directly.

HGVS

This issue will remain an Agenda item at all meetings until a solution is found. If you have any information to pass on regarding incidents please contact the Clerk.

WORKS TO TREES

During the next few weeks work will be starting on various trees in the parish. If you have a problem tree near you please get in touch with me.

MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month (except August) at 7:20pm in the Village Hall, Manor Road. Agendas and Minutes can be found on the notice boards and on Council's website.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at the start of each meeting for members of the public to speak.

If I can help with anything at all, please contact me.

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

We meet on Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 pm in Folksworth Village Hall to paint/draw in a friendly, informal atmosphere, helping each other when necessary.

NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS ARE VERY WELCOME

Why not join us? Bring your own materials.

£3 per session, including refreshments.

Contact Cherry Hadley Tel: 01733 244258 - or just come along and enjoy yourself!
Open Day
FREE OPEN DAY TASTER SESSION
Thursday 16th November
10:00am to 11:30am

Come visit us, see our brand new set up and our new enclosed garden. Experience first hand how our brilliant Pre-school works and allow your children to experience our school setting, while watching them play and learn in our safe rural enviroment.

No need to book, all you have to do is turn up and enjoy our lovely village preschool. We have activities for the children and coffee and cake for the parents

Both Funded and Non Funded spaces available

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on 07542 172075, by email at new@folksworthpreschool.co.uk or on our Pre School Facebook page ‘Folksworth Preschool’

Folksworth Village Hall, Manor Road, Folksworth, Peterborough, PE7 3SU
The Library Presents... Arts Alive is excited to share its autumn programme, beginning in October and bringing arts to libraries across Cambridgeshire. Everyone is welcome and tickets are on sale now. Funded by Arts Council England and created in partnership with Babylon ARTS, 'The Library Presents...Arts Alive' brings performances and workshops into the heart of villages and towns across the county.

The Libraries involved are Yaxley, Wisbech, Chatteris, March, Littleport, Soham, Ramsey, St Neots, Arbury Court and Barnwell Road (Cambridge).

The programme, chosen by Library Friends and local communities for each library, features music, theatre, magic, art, literature and puppetry for everyone.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Mathew Shuter, Chairman of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, said: ‘The programme offers a fantastic chance to use the library as an exciting Arts space and hub of activity for the community; for everyone to be involved, grow their interests and see live shows. If you've never been to a performance or workshop before but always wanted to, this is the perfect opportunity. Come and explore something new in the friendly, safe and relaxed atmosphere of your library.’

The autumn season runs from 16 October - 30 November across the ten participating libraries. The programme and tickets are available in libraries or on: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts.

YAXLEY LIBRARY’S AUTUMN SEASON

Daddies Diaries -
Friday 20th October at 7pm

Daddies Diaries tells the true story of a young man's journey through war to peace, with original recordings and images. Jane Bower performs this intensely moving, humorous and unique dramatization of her father’s and grandfather’s experiences in World War I and World War II from their diaries and memoirs.

This event is suitable for adults and young people (minimum age 11 years; under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Ticket Prices: £7 - adults, £4 concession*

Jack and the Beans Talk -
Wednesday 25th October at 2pm

Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window! Charming and inventive with plenty of interaction, an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a smelly old
giant. Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat. Imagine his surprise when he swaps his cow for some magic beans!

This event is suitable for ages 3-7 years (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Ticket Prices: £7 - adults, £4 concession*

*Concessions: children under 16, over 65's, registered disabled, carer's, students, and benefit claimants eg. Job seekers /income support.

All persons attending require a ticket; please book early to avoid disappointment. If you require more information please see a member of staff at Yaxley Library.

**BOOK & BISCUIT - LET'S GET READING!**

Book & Biscuit is a special story club for children aged 4 - 7 years old. Each month we will share a themed story adventure and craft to match! Our next session will be on Thursday 12th October at 3:30pm, with the following sessions continuing on the second Thursday of each month. Parents / Carers must stay with their children. This is a free event! No need to book, just come along.

**NEW** LEGO CLUB

Come along and have fun creating a variety of models. Held every Saturday morning from 10:30 - 12 noon; admission 50p per child. Have fun creating a variety of models, no booking required!

**RUMMIKUB & MAHJONG**

If you would like to learn these games and meet new people come along to this new games club, which is held alternate Tuesday afternoons from 2 - 4pm.

**ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON FOR ADULTS**

**Guide Dogs UK**

**Wednesday 18th October 2:00 - 3:30pm**

Join Helen, David and Pauline for a talk about the work of Guide Dogs UK and the challenges of living with sight loss. Also meet puppy Heath and Guide Dog Oona who will show you how a six-month old bundle of fluff can become a life changer.

Places are limited. For a free ticket please make enquiries at Yaxley Library or contact us on 0345 045 522. Donations welcome.

Join Us For Our Regular Events

**RHYMETIME & STORYTIME**

Rhymetime - Come along and join in the fun, sharing songs and rhymes. It's free! For all babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months. These sessions are held every Friday (Term Time Only) starting at 10:30 am. No booking required!

Storytime - Come along to Yaxley library to hear lovely stories and join in with our action rhymes. It's free! Our sessions for October are on Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st at 10:30am. For ages 18 months - 4 years; no booking required!

Don't forget to ask us about the Bookstart Bear Club and Bears Reading Adventure. Collect stickers and stamps with your little ones - it's free!
Along the Yellow Brick Road
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE ON THE A14 PROJECT

A less conspicuous aspect of the A14 project is the attention given to its environmental impact, explains Patrick Howard, project ecology lead for Highways England.

In terms of both environmental mitigation and project management the project sets a high standard. We began thinking about the environmental issues well before construction started, including wildlife surveying and taking advice from environmental organisations.

Many protected wildlife species are affected by the new route. Here, initiatives include creating 271 hectares of new, connected wildlife habitats, replanting trees at a ratio of two for one, gathering rare seeds and specimens to replant after construction, and making the most of local materials.

**PLANTS AND TREES**

Eventually, 866,000 plants from 50 different species will reinstate local mixed woodland of oak, maple, elm, hawthorn, blackthorn and elder. A number of rare plant species have been moved so they can be replanted in the same areas along the new road verges. These include bee orchids, common spotted orchids and slender tare – a rare wildflower found near Girton.

**WILDLIFE**

Project ecologists are caring for a range of protected species along the route, including great crested newts, water voles, bats, badgers, and breeding birds such as the yellow wagtail, skylark, corn bunting and yellowhammer. More than 200 bat boxes are being installed to provide additional habitat. Five barn owl boxes have already been installed and used for nesting this year; three of the birds have successfully reared chicks. More owl boxes are to be installed and nest boxes for kestrels will be installed around the borrow pits and balancing ponds.

New habitats are being created at three different locations for water voles, Britain’s fastest declining wild mammal. 10 water voles were relocated to their new Alconbury home over the summer.

Activity around five badger setts is being monitored along the route and the team is in the process of deciding how best to help the badgers relocate so they are not disturbed or endangered by the new route.

Great crested newts are being trapped and relocated to a safe location until the scheme is complete and their new habitats are created. Hedges of local native species will be planted near Brampton woods to create corridors and food sources for dormice.

**ENERGY, WATER AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

The project team is trialling hybrid generators, solar-powered lights and hydrogen-powered vehicles in an effort to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

All the energy used across the project compounds comes from renewable sources, including wind and solar power.
Only non-drinking water is being used for construction purposes, coming from water treatment plants, the scheme’s borrow pits and local watercourses.

The picture shows one of the water voles being taken to its new home in August.

Your Community Needs You!

If you own a car, enjoy driving and helping people and have a few hours to spare a week then maybe you would consider becoming a volunteer driver for the North Hunts Community Car Scheme?

We would love you to join us, so call Dianne or Jennie on 07795 542084 to find out more.
Stilton & District Twinning Association

Race Night

Saturday 21 October 2017
Stilton Pavilion
Doors open 7:00pm - first race 7:30pm

Tickets £7.50
(Includes Ploughman's Supper and Homemade Desserts)
Bring your own drink and glasses
By repute this is reported as being ‘A fun night’!
Hope to see you
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Contact Ian & Hazel Parmenter 243056
Chris Walford 241376
Paul & Audrey Springford 241739
St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

Quiz Night

Saturday, October 14th

7pm for a 7:30pm start
Stilton School Hall

Teams of up to 8

Tickets £7.50 per person
Includes a ploughman's supper and dessert
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To book a team or individuals
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Friday 27th & Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm
Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle (with orchestra)
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Sunday 5th November at 4pm
The Key Studio, Peterborough (with piano)

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Halloween Disco

Wednesday 25th October
Folksworth Village Hall
2 - 4 PM

£2 Entry  £1 Additional Siblings

Sweets  Drinks  Face Painting

Glow Sticks  Tattoos  Fancy Dress

Pumpkin Carving  Competition
£1 Entry

All Children Welcome
No need to book tickets. Entrance fee collected at the door
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songs with style, to make you smile!

Saturday, November 25th at 7:30 pm in Stilton Church

Ball & Socket have been entertaining discerning audiences for over thirty years and are pleased to offer their services for a fund-raising event.

They have been described as - amongst other things! - a Flanders & Swann Tribute Act; they comprise two chaps who sing with a keyboard, performing some well-known and some less well-known songs by Flanders & Swann, as well as songs from a wide variety of other sources.

The audience can look forward to a programme that is a varied and humorous musical evening with attempts at local and topical relevance, updating words as appropriate, including some opportunities to join in.

Tickets £8 including refreshments
available from Pat Maltman, 01733 242229 or Hi-Lite
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on Saturday 18th November, 2017

3.00 PM

In the STILTON PAVILION

CLASSIC MILITARY BAND MUSIC

The GB Home Guard Band (GBHGB) provides a unique musical experience dedicated to the music from the World War Two era. Our concert will include classic marches, our very own bagpiper, sing-a-long vocals, the music of Glenn Miller and a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn.

TICKETS £10 - from STEVE AMBLER on 01733 242156 or gbhomeguardband@gmail.com

A donation will be made to the Stilton Pavilion
Stilton and District Twinning Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 2 December 2017
Stilton School Hall
7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people

Ticket price £7.50 per head
Supper & Dessert
(Bring your own drink and glasses)

book with:
Chris 241376 or Audrey & Paul 241739

It's a great night!
We look forward to seeing you.
A great list of ingredients, and at the end of it an excuse for a party - Hallowe'en!

That means the pumpkin flesh that has been hollowed out of a pumpkin lantern, and which can be used in a variety of dishes. (But I must admit to using canned pumpkin; it saves a lot of time and trouble!)

This month’s recipe for Pumpkin Crunch also cheats by using a sponge cake mix. Served with cream, ice cream or custard, it makes an interesting pudding.

**PUMPKIN CRUNCH**

Preheat oven to 180ºC/Gas 4

Butter a baking dish and mix together:

825g pumpkin puree
3 eggs
110gm brown sugar
100gm caster sugar
350ml can evaporated milk
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon salt

Pour into the dish and cover with sponge or ginger cake mix. Bake for 50 minutes or until the cake is browned.

The same pumpkin mixture will make a pumpkin pie if poured into an unbaked pastry case and baked for 45 minutes or until set in the centre.
October in the Garden

TIME TO TIDY UP!

It’s certainly time to tidy up; but it’s also time to look ahead to next year. So:

1. Get on with bulb planting, both for indoors and for Christmas presents. Hyacinths need to be planted by early October; narcissus will wait a week or two. Outdoors, carry on with planting crocus and daffodils. Winter containers and hanging baskets of bulbs, pansies, polyanthus and primroses should be planted.

2. Rake up leaves; don’t let them lie on grass. And keep paths clear too, to avoid slips and falls. (Probably a good time to get the pressure-washer out if your paths and patio have got a bit of mould growth; it can be quite slippery in the wet.)

3. Tidy the flower borders, divide over-large herbaceous plants. You can decide whether to cut back those perennials or leave them for birds and other wild life.

Please prune any plants or branches that overhang the footpath or walkways and which are a nuisance to passers-by.

Yaxley Singers

We meet on Wednesdays in Yaxley Methodist Church, Main Street, Yaxley at 7:30pm and sing a wide variety of music; songs from the shows, Easter music, modern pop 'classics' etc. Sometimes in parts, sometimes in unison. You don't have to read music (but it does help).

We give occasional concerts and the proceeds go to charity; this year to MAGPAS, the local emergency service. If you would like a taster come along one Wednesday. There is a contingent from Stilton, led by Mary Croll who can answer any questions. (241042)

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, just Google ‘Stilton Stumblers’ or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
Got the Moth?  
IT’S EASY TO REJUVENATE YOUR MOTH ORCHID

Many readers’ homes will no doubt have one of the beautiful Moth Orchid pot plants you find in the supermarkets, writes Kelvin Davis. Their exquisite, long-lasting flowers make them deservedly popular houseplants. Often, the label suggests you throw the plant away after flowering - well, they would say that, wouldn’t they - but you don’t need to!

Just clipping off the spent stem and leaving the plant in a well-lit corner will often see it flower again the following year. But by repotting your orchid you can get even more spectacular blooms - and it’s easy to do.

First, you need a packet of special orchid compost from the garden centre. (Ordinary compost isn’t suitable.) Moth Orchids need light and like to be root-bound, so if you do need a larger pot be sure to buy a transparent plastic one.

Begin by removing any dead or unhealthy leaves and snipping off the old flower stem just above the lowest node. Remove the plant from its pot and tease the roots out of the old compost. With clean scissors, carefully snip away all the old shrivelled roots, leaving only the healthy green ones.

Put the plant into as small a pot as it will fit and then carefully work fresh compost tightly in between the roots so that the plant will stand unsupported. Some roots may want to remain above the pot, so don’t try to cram those into the compost.

Stand the pot in a suitable ceramic outer pot and water sparingly; do not allow the plant to stand in water. Leave in a warm, well-lit position, but out of direct sunlight. Then occasionally moisten the roots only; don’t wet the leaves.

Your patience will be rewarded! You should see a new leaf begin to appear within a few weeks. And when a new flower stem begins to sprout, you will be amazed at how quickly it grows and how profusely it flowers. Repotting every couple of years will keep it gracing your home for a long time.

You can learn more about caring for your Moth Orchid at the RHS website, www.rhs.org.uk/. Enter ‘moth orchid’ in the site search box.
Flu Clinic 2017

Our annual flu clinic is scheduled to take place on Saturday 14th October, subject to any last minute alteration to our booked 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 (including those becoming age 65 by 31.03.18)
- 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 who are morbidly obese - ie. BMI of 40 or above.
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an older 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 as of Monday 23rd October for patients who are unable to attend the flu clinic. If you wish to book one of these appointments please contact our Reception Team on 01487 830340.

We will also be participating in the national programme to offer the flu vaccination to all children who will be aged 2 or 3 on 31st August 2017. We will be writing to invite this group of patients to attend in due course.

Repeat Medication Requests

Please be aware that if you require an item of medication which you have not requested for some time this may require a discussion with a member of our GP team before the item can be provided.
Emergency Care Practitioner

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Jon Haslam will be joining the practice on Monday 9th October. Jon's role will support the existing clinical team with the provision of a wide range of services to include minor illness consultations, acute/emergency appointments and home visits.

With the expansion of our clinical team it will be really important for us to ensure that you are given an appointment with the appropriate team member. When you call to make an appointment our receptionists will ask you for some brief information about the nature of your problem. This will help us to ensure that we book you an appointment with the most appropriate person.

Best Regards,
Mrs Claire Wright
Practice Manager

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Make a difference - Become a Community Car Scheme Coordinator!

North Hunts Community Car Scheme are looking to recruit a volunteer Coordinator!

This is a much valued service for those in Yaxley and the surrounding villages and provides a door-to-door transport service for people who do not have the use of a car and have difficulty accessing public transport. Not only does it enable them to access essential services, it also helps them to keep in social contact and avoid becoming isolated.

This is a wonderful volunteering opportunity for anyone who would like to help in their community. The role would involve answering the phone and arranging a driver. The scheme currently has one coordinator but would like to share the responsibility. The car scheme is supported by Care Network Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire County Council community transport officer.

If you are interested and would like further information please contact Susan Bate at Care Network on 01480 423085 or email susan.bate@care-network.org.uk

Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
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