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Go On - Have a Clearout!

IT’S SPECIAL COLLECTION TIME AGAIN

Stilton Parish Council has arranged two special rubbish collections again to help residents dispose of bulky waste.

**Thursday, September 12**
Electrical items only
(Remove doors of fridges and freezers)

**Saturday, September 28**
General collection
(No garden refuse)

Please note that electrical items will **only** be taken on September 12th. The second collection will **not** take garden refuse; this must be placed in your green bin for HDC's fortnightly collection. Also prohibited are builder's rubble, petrol engines and cast iron stoves.

Please place your items outside your property by 7am on the day of collection, but take care not to obstruct the footpath.

ALTERNATIVES TO THROWING AWAY

Every year seemingly good quality items end up in landfill. There are alternatives:

Two reputable firms advertise in **SCAN** and will collect scrap metal from your home.

The British Heart Foundation also advertises in **SCAN** for household goods.

Charity shops such as the newly opened Caresco at Sawtry need your donations.

Freecycle asks for gifts of good stuff. freecycleboro@mods.freecycle

Emmaus helps homeless people and depends on good-quality donations. Call them on 01223 863657

Gumtree and Preloved offer free adverts; gumtree.com and preloved.co.uk

And of course eBay can turn your cast-offs into cash

### Stilton Stumblers

**Summer / Autumn Itinerary**

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**Weekend Away! Matlock 5 & 6 October**

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 Jan on 07740 167377 (mobile) - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
Shop at CARESCO!

7 Greenways, Sawtry  01487 208026  shop@caresco.org.uk

Looking for a bargain?

- Lots of high-quality items always in stock
- New items arriving every day
- Score a bargain and support this popular and welcoming community care centre

Having a clear-out?

If you’re thinning out your wardrobe, or those unwanted Christmas presents that deserve a good home, why not donate them to the CARESCO charity shop?

Storage space is limited, so if you’ve got bulky items, or just lots of stuff to donate, call us first to make sure we’ve got room! Seasonal items particularly welcome.

Opening hours

Mon - Fri  9 - 4.30pm
Saturday  9 - 12.30pm
Sunday    Closed

More Choice in Social Care

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

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

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

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

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk
Vandalism & Trespass
VILLAGE YOUNGSTERS LET THE SIDE DOWN

It has been reported to the Parish Council and Community Association that, on Saturday August 3rd, six young people trespassed on the golf course causing vandalism. They uprooted signs, marker posts and other golf course infrastructure. When confronted by the owner Mr. Darke they denied it, even though they were aware of his presence working. When asked to replace the uprooted items they refused and just laughed.

The group concerned can be clearly identified from the CCTV footage and are local to Stilton. This is disappointing as most of our young residents are respectful of private property in the village.

Mr. Darke did not, in this instance, involve the Police but if these intrusions continue then action could be taken. The Parish Council reminds all users of the bridleway, footpath and playing field that the golf course is private property and venturing on to it without permission is an act of trespass and therefore unlawful.

Parish Meeting Room

The Parish Room will be open from 10am to 11am immediately following Parish Council meetings, which are on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday in the month. If you want to speak with the Clerk at any other time, please make an appointment. Planning applications can be viewed by appointment: telephone (01733) 229130.

HIRING THE ROOM

The Meeting Room is available for hire between 9am and 10:30pm Monday to Saturday; Sunday hours by arrangement. A booking form and conditions of hire are available from the Clerk to Stilton Parish Council.

The Room seats up to 20 people, ideal for small clubs or committee meetings. It has broadband, a kitchen area and toilet suitable for use by disabled people. Users should note that smoking is not permitted in any part of the building or in the surrounding cemetery.

FEES:

All Day (9am - 6pm) £50 Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm) £25
Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm) £25 A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
It comes as a surprise to realise that Stilton has had its original website for over ten years. That made it a great-grandfather among websites; most sites have a working life of around three years and technology is now moving so fast that even that may be coming down. We had to move with the times.

The result is a brand-new www.stilton.org and we encourage readers to browse through it to see where everything is. Everything of importance has been carried over from the old site, although not in quite the same way.

There are three principal sections:

ABOUT STILTON
This is for people wanting to learn more about the village and its history.

VILLAGE LIFE
This is the page you should bookmark as it’s the top page of a rich resource of information for residents.

CHEESE ROLLING
Of course! And with lots of Paul Biggins’ excellent pictures either in the form of photo galleries or linked out to Picasaweb.

HOW IT WORKS
The site is built on modern technology that enables many editors to contribute content directly. Webheads will recognise it as a popular Content Management System or blogging tool, that we have configured to be a website with contributable content in the form of Posts. So village organisations can take ownership of posting news about their activities and events, instead of having to impose on our overworked Webmaster to do it for them!

Importantly, it also enables us to incorporate whizzy modern features such as the image galleries without having to rummage about in a lot of low-level code.

WHAT’S NEW
We got rid of the old Forum. Nobody used it seriously and the Webmaster regularly had to go in and remove spam. So we’ve set up a Message Board section instead. Visitors wishing to post a message or an enquiry can submit an online form; if the message deserves to be published we will add it to the Message Board.

SCAN’s section has been augmented with an online order form for advertisers to use. This goes straight to the Advertising and Production Managers, avoiding problems with changing email addresses. Prospective advertisers can submit their requirements online and the Advertising Manager will contact them to arrange payment. (No, we don’t do e-commerce!)

IT’S FOR YOU-HOO
This new site is very much intended to be for Stilton residents. We’ve already had a positive response from some of the principal village organisations who want to begin posting their news and events, so we’ll begin training sessions soon. If you’re not already on our list of interested groups, just send us a Contact form!

A LIVING ENTITY
Websites of course need to continually evolve. Some intended content ‘fell off’ in the switch-over and is being reinstated. But if you want to suggest extra content or features, again, just fill in the form!
The Official Stilton Village Website

Whether you’re a Stilton resident, thinking of becoming one, visiting, or just interested to learn more about this famous English village, you’ll find everything you’ll need to know here. Welcome!

Come on in! Latest News

The true home of Stilton Cheese...

We now know that Stilton cheese really was invented in Stilton, by Cooper Thorpehill, the larger than life landlord of the Bell Inn. We’ve already made some I Can’t Believe It’s Not Stilton cheese here and we’re campaigning to have the village brought within the Protected Denomination of Origin area. Read about our Stilton cheese campaign.

What’s on in Stilton

There are always loads of events and activities for all ages and a wide variety of interests. Check out the Events and Organisations pages.

Stilton Campaigns

We’re always trying to make life a bit better for everybody in Stilton. Why not get involved? Go to the Campaigns page to see what we’re up to.

...and the home of Stilton Cheese-Rolling!

Come and enjoy our annual May Day Fayre! Have a great family day out, with stalls, sideshows, fairground rides and all the food & drink you can handle. Why not form a 4-person team and try to win the Cheese-Rolling Trophy? It’s perfect for men, ladies and junior teams. Find out more.

A bit of history...

Stilton is an ancient settlement with a rich and colourful history from before Roman times. Go to the Stilton’s History pages.

Read all about it!

SCAN is our monthly community newsletter. It goes to every household in the Stilton area and is always packed with news, notices, events and adverts. You can find the latest issue and an archive of back issues on the SCAN page.

Our smart new home page. The old site has been put out to pasture and is now gently nibbling the Webmaster’s herbaceous border. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Paul Biggins, who has single-handedly maintained Stilton’s website for well over ten years. Now he can be joined by other residents to share the burden and enable us to develop Stilton’s presence on the web - the single most important medium for telling the world about ourselves.

← Our bit!

You can find recent and back-issues of SCAN under the Village Life menu.

Your bit ➔

Information about our village facilities and organisations. Be there or be square!
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HALL AND PAVILION

The architects have invited tenders from six contractors experienced in this field of work. The tenders are due by 11th September.

UPGRADING THE FIELD

A site meeting with specialists was held on 2 August. Tenders for the work have been received and approval for the work to go ahead is awaited from Sport England, the grant awarding body.

SECURITY OF ACCESS TO THE FIELD

Meeting with adjacent land owners will take place very soon to discuss security of access to the field during construction works and once the new facilities are operational.

FUND RAISING

Responses are awaited from Sport England, Football Foundation, and QE2, to grant applications and expressions of interest recently submitted. The application to the Football Foundation was huge and very impressive. Here's hoping.

21 local businesses and commercial organisations have been written to, together with the project business plan, requesting funding and support for the project. Responses are awaited.

Community events are being organised to support the project. Details are in SCAN and on the new website. Opportunities to support this vital community project and have fun doing so! All proceeds will go to the project.

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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

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary:
Jade Smith 15 Woodward Close (01733) 243691

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

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Coffee Morning
Sat 28th Sept
10:30am - 12noon
Church Meeting Room

St Mary Magdalene Church

Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 22nd Sept 6pm
followed by
Harvest Supper
in the Church Meeting Room
A bring & share meal
For more details see The Link or contact Linda Mitchell (244666) or Marjorie Spoor

Donations for the Peterborough Food Bank

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THE END OF AN ERA AND THE START OF A NEW ONE

MOVING ON...
July has been a busy and fun-filled end to another fabulous academic year. Sadly, we have now said goodbye to our 'Rising Fives' who are very excited about starting school in just a few weeks, and we had lots of fun at our leavers' party at Brewsters, where each child received a graduation certificate. They have been a fantastic year group, full of fun and character and we wish all of the children a wonderful summer and good luck for the coming year. Most of the children will be joining Stilton School and will become 'Owls' in September; we will miss them all but will be saying hello from time to time as they will only be next door!

LIFE'S A BEACH
We had lots of fun on our Hawaiian/Beach themed day, playing in the indoor beach. The children each made a Lei (flower garland) and we all had ice lollies! Some of the children's outfits were fantastic, they really looked the part for our beach party.

BEAR WITH US
We also invited our favourite cuddly toys to Playgroup for our Teddy Bears’ Picnic day and we were very happy that they all turned up! We had a yummy picnic and lots of fun with teddy themed activities and songs with the children and Teddies joining in!

BAT-FUN
What a wonderful day our Summer Fete was! A big 'thank you' to everyone who came along to meet Batman and have some fun in the sun with us and, importantly, helped us to raise some vital funds for the Playgroup. We are already planning some fabulous activities and visitors for the children in the coming year. The money we raised - and continue to raise - will help to enhance the children's experiences even further.

KETTLE’S ON JANE!
Of course the fun at the fete was tinged with sadness as we bid 'adieu' to Jane Wilkinson, Playgroup Leader, who has been with the Playgroup for over 25 years. Jane was presented with some lovely personalised gifts from the children, parents, staff and
September is the month when we all get back into our routine; the children go back to school; summer ends on the Autumnal Equinox, which is the 23\textsuperscript{rd} of the month this year. Elsewhere in \textbf{SCAN} you will find details of the local Heritage open day; the Last Night of the Proms falls on September 10th.

But best of all, there is also a great choice of good food available in the garden, on the hedgerow and, of course, in the shops. If you have expensive tastes this is the month to indulge in oysters, grouse, partridge or scallops, but for the more frugally inclined there is a rich selection of fruit such as plums, pears, peaches and blackberries. Many gardeners will be frantically picking tomatoes and courgettes (which have suddenly become marrows!) and the shops are full of sweetcorn and squashes.

\section*{CRUMBLING AWAY}

This month's recipe is a new take on an old favourite: Peach and Berry Crumble.

\begin{itemize}
  \item 2 ripe peaches, skinned and diced
  \item 1 cupful of blackberries (preferably picked fresh from the hedgerows)
  \item 1 cupful of blueberries
  \item 2 tablespoons of sugar
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Mix all together, then add 1 dessertspoonful of plain flour, a large pinch each of ginger and cinnamon. Cook as normal for the crumble mixture and you will end up with a thick, tasty fruit layer to be served hot or cold with cream, custard or ice cream.

\section*{WELCOME LESLIE}

We are absolutely delighted, however, that, following a rigorous selection process, Lesley Kirk will be taking over as Playgroup Leader as of September 2013. Lesley has fifteen years of experience and we know will continue to take the Playgroup forward as a safe, caring, educational and fun environment in which the children can play, laugh, learn and grow. Well done Lesley!

After a brief summer rest, Playgroup will be re-opening on Monday 9th September. Here's to another exciting year ahead for Stilton Playgroup!

Places are available for 2013/14 - contact Lesley on (01733) 247682 or e-mail: stiltonplaygroup@live.co.uk
A Trio of Male Voice Choirs

Hinchingbrooke Performing Arts Centre
Saturday September 21st 7pm

Huntingdon Male Voice Choir
will be in concert with
Talgarth Male Voice Choir
and Cotswold Male Voice Choir

Tickets £12.50 | Concessions £10
Tel: 01480 819077 | 01480 810820 | 01480 383761
Or email ian.fuller991@btinternet.com

Contacting our Local Police
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Yaxley Office: 1 Queen Street Yaxley PE7 3JE
Call 101 and ask for the Yaxley office

Stilton and Villages:
PC Paul Sykes: 07889 499 066
PCSO Barry Chamberlain: 07921 094 828
email:- huntscops@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Peterborough Foodbank Harvest Appeal

At this time of year we give thanks for another harvest and it is appropriate that we should also remember those in this rich society who are going hungry. We can help by donating something to the local Foodbank's Harvest Appeal.

In Stilton the Church and School are asking for items from the list and will have boxes into which gifts can be placed. There will also be boxes in the local shops.

You can be sure your gifts will get to people who are in a crisis situation in this area.

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Champion, Lass

OUR TESCO COMMUNITY CHAMPION HELPS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Well, it has been a busy ten months for me in my role as Community Champion at Tesco Extra Hampton, writes Clair Sanderson.

We have held three Foodbank collections, collecting a whopping 3½ tonne of food for Peterborough Foodbank, and supported dozens of local causes and community groups with donations, support and publicity. Our new Tesco Charity Partner - Diabetes UK - has been very well supported by all, including regular second-hand book sales held in Tesco raising much-needed funds.

Local schools have visited the store, and I have also been out and about visiting schools. We have bag packers in once a month to help with community groups and charities raise funds.

This is just a summary of the many things that I and Tesco Hampton can do to support your community.

The children are back at school now and it will soon be Christmas, so keep an eye out on the in-store Community Board for what’s on. If I can help support YOUR local community group, cause or school, please get in contact:

Peterborough@communityattesco.co.uk

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Sawtry History Society

Whitehall, Coppingford

A slide show by Alan Bottel

19th September, 7:30pm
W.I Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry

Members free - Non-members £1.50

Whitehall has been a private home, a convalescent home and much more. Come along and learn all about it.
The inaugural ‘Mike Nickolay Memorial Fun Day’ was held at the village recreational field on Sunday 21st July. The weather was kind and as more and more people arrived the temperature seemed to rise with the swelling crowd.

**TEST MATCH SPECIAL**
The festivities commenced early with the start of a cricket match between old adversaries - The Bell Inn and The Angel Country Club. The match was primarily organised by Sid Cocker and Tom Carrington so a big thank you to them. After lots of thrills and spills - and some contentious decisions - the Bell eventually ended victorious with some extravagant batting by one of their openers and some fine bowling displays being of particular note.

**BANG ON**
Matt Skelhon spent the entire day displaying his shooting equipment and, amongst many other awards, his Gold, Silver and Bronze medals that he won at the Beijing and London Paralympic Games. It was very interesting talking to Matt and getting an insight into his sport and life in the Olympic villages as well as all the other countries he has visited. Many thanks Matt for all the time and effort you put into the day. We hope that you have even more gongs to show us next time.

**WHEELY GOOD FUN**
The Triumph Motorcycle Group turned up en masse and we were treated to viewing some spectacular pieces of machinery. Tieare Nicholay judged and presented the ‘Best of Show’ winner with a bottle of bubbly. Tieare was then treated to a ride around the field on the back of one of the bikes. Well done and many thanks to the guys and girls of the motorbike club who really got involved in the day.

**WHERE’S WELLY?**
Wayne Arthur won the Welly Wanging Competition. Wayne managed to wang his welly considerably further than anyone else and collected the Golden Boot trophy which I am sure he will treasure forever - unless he returns it next year! The Mini's football teams had a clean sweep of prizes for the Egg & Spoon races, but some of the antics of the motorbike guys had everyone in stitches as some of them tried running in their riding boots and leathers.

**ADAM’S FAMILY VALUES**
Later in the afternoon Adam Vickers tuned up the band and they were supported by some young members of Adam’s family, who proved to be exceptional performers. As a further treat Nichol of X Factor fame sang several songs and performed one duet with Alison, which was outstanding.

**SO MUCH TO DO...**
The entire day was an original concept by Glen Woolner, and was organised almost single-handedly by Glen. The logistics of bringing everything together and negotiating the seemingly simply but endless things such as insurance, generator hire, bouncy castles, how much food to buy, cooking equipment, toilet hire, and, as you can imagine, loads of other things to make the day the success that it was, were intense and time consuming. The two bouncy castles that were provided seemed to be in constant use, as were the bar, barbeque and ice cream van.
MAKING IT HAPPEN

However, the day would not have happened without the generous support of a great many people. In particular, Carol Warren who, on behalf of the Scouts, provided the four marquees that were essential for the day. Dan Lister arranged the loan of the flat bed trailer (courtesy of Dodson and Horrell Ltd) which became the centrally elevated stage for Adam, the band, and the singers to perform upon.

Our appreciation goes to The Bell Inn, The Talbot Inn and The Angel Spice Restaurant for their generous donations and continuous support. A further vote of thanks goes to John from the Talbot for running a hugely efficient bar and donating £100 towards the overhead of operating the event. John has also applied to the Charles Wells Brewery Group for a donation of up to £300 which, if successful, will go towards the Stilton Pavilion Development Project.

A great deal of thanks also go to David Hannam, Otto the dog, Sid and Glen, who provided the overnight security which helped to keep our insurance premiums in check. The erecting, dismantling and general maintenance techniques of Clive, Patrick, Paul and Terry were a sight to behold.

A massive thank you is owed to Glen for everything that he has achieved, but the day really belonged to everyone who turned up to support Mike's inaugural fun day. The Nicholay family enjoyed the day immensely and were quite moved to see all of you there.

All in all a great day out - let’s see what we can improve upon for next year.

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St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Activities For Parents and Children

Drop in and try these:

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

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love
Local author Antony Green will be hosting a talk in Yaxley Library on Thursday 26th September from 6:30pm. Antony will be talking about his trilogy of books ‘Noah’s Secret’ www.noahs-secret.co.uk

Free tickets for this event are available in Yaxley Library, but numbers are limited.

**Rhymetime & Storytime**

Rhymetime (for children aged 0-18 months) starts 6th September and continues every Friday during term time from 10:30-11am.

Storytime (for children aged 18 months upwards) will be held on Tuesdays 10th and 24th September from 10:30-11am.

**Engage Social Group**

The next Engage event will be ‘Cake Pops’ with Nicola Shipley on Wednesday 18th September at 2pm. Come along and have a go at making a Cake Pop! Free tickets are available in Yaxley Library, but again, numbers are strictly limited.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

This summer saw a very successful challenge with the ‘Creepy House.’ Presentations for successful participants will be held in the library on Monday 16th September. We would like to thank Yaxley Parish Council for their kind sponsorship of this event.

**Health Information**

Yaxley Library now stocks a range of Macmillan Cancer Care Leaflets and has a new collection of ‘Reading Well Books on Prescription.’

**Friends of Yaxley Library**

FoYL will hold their AGM in Yaxley Library on Wednesday 9th October at 7pm. All welcome!

**Mobile Library**

Wed 25 Sept

3:10 - 4:00pm

Outside The Talbot
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

**Sat 14th Sept**

8am

Church Meeting Room

New worshippers welcome
Please telephone
Derek Foot 242761 or
Rev. Jamie Mackay 243253

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Yaxley Library

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Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Wednesday Worship at Lunchtime**

Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch
Every 3rd Wednesday in the month

4th Sept

12:30 - 1:30pm

Church Meeting Room

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The Haven

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

Will be opening at The Junction this year due to a new boiler being fitted in the school.

Open from 24th July to 9th August
Opening times are 8am to 5:30

Julie Richards

Haven tel: (01733) 244878
Mobile: 07753 417619

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As solar panels become a common sight, you may be wondering what options are available to you to save - or even generate your own - energy; but it can be daunting knowing where to start. At Trading Standards we want to help you find a trader you can trust and make sure you know what you can expect of these businesses.

THE ENERGY SAVING TRUST

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk is a good place to start when considering options. They are an independent organisation that provides free, expert advice on saving energy in your home. Their website contains extensive information and their helpline can be contacted on 0300 1231234 (national rate).

FUNDING OPTIONS

In terms of funding any improvements, if you aren't able to pay for them up front, you could consider the Government's Green Deal Scheme (www.greendealinitiative.co.uk) which allows for repayment over a period of time through your energy bills. As with any finance arrangement, make sure you know how much you will have to repay in total, what the monthly charges will be, and check the interest rate is competitive with other finance options. You should also be aware that with Green Deal the debt attaches to the property, so if you sell it, your buyer will have to take over the debt. If you need advice on finance options, your local Citizens Advice Bureau will be able to help you.

There are a range of businesses that offer home assessment visits to advise you on the options most suitable for your specific circumstances. You will usually need to pay for this and you should check whether there is a tie-in clause requiring you to use a certain business to do the installation work if you decide to go ahead. The assessment will give you estimated savings projections for the first year, based on a specific level of energy usage. Unfortunately this means you won't know exactly what you will save, but you can at least check to make sure the estimate is based on a realistic level of energy usage for your situation.

In terms of finding a trader, it is important to shop around to ensure the business is reputable and that the price is fair before agreeing to any work.

Green Deal has its own approved assessors and installers, but if you are not using Green Deal we would recommend that you find an installer and products that are part of the Micro Generation Certification Scheme (MCS) or are Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) approved. These organisations have codes of practice that traders have to comply with and standards that the products have to meet. The Energy Saving Trust website enables you to search for local installers who belong to MCS.

Some members also sit on our Buy With Confidence approved trader scheme giving you even greater assurance that they are businesses you can trust. Visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk for more details.
SHOP AROUND

As always, we would recommend getting three quotes to ensure the installation price and projections are reasonable, and check the terms and conditions carefully before agreeing to anything.

If you encounter any problems with an assessor, installer or any other type of business and need some advice, please contact our advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040 506 (national rate).

Any Experience?

TELL US YOUR EXPERIENCES OF GREEN ENERGY

So much information - good, bad and downright fraudulent - is available about domestic renewable energy schemes that advice such as the above from Trading Standards is very welcome.

But if you have practical experience of installing either solar panels, solar heating, wind energy or any energy-saving features and would like to share it with SCAN readers, we’d love to hear from you! For example:

- What did you have installed?
- How disruptive was it?
- How easy is it to use or live with?
- Is the actual financial return what you were led to expect?
- Do you regard it as a good investment, a nice-to-have, or a waste of money?

Just contact the editor - in confidence of course - at scan1@stilton.org.
Norman Cross Prison Depot
1797 - 1814

Open to the public: 14th - 15th September 2013
Guided tours at 11:00am and 2:00pm

These tours will tell the story of this Napoleonic war prison, the men who were held there, and the men who guarded them. The prison had a major impact upon the local community and this aspect of the local history and heritage will be included in the story. Come and hear about stories of the human character, dramatic escapes, disease, and the legacy these prisoners of war have left.

Admission free
Refreshments available

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Stilton Amenities Project

Fund Raising Dinner Dance

Saturday 5 October
7:00 for 7:30 pm

The Bell Inn, Stilton

Cost per ticket: £40

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

Dress: formal

All proceeds will go towards the pavilion funds.

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

This event is sponsored by The Bell Inn

Please support the largest community project for the village in a generation.
We are pleased to announce that once again we are holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and hope very much that you will come along and support us on the day.

We will have the usual Raffle, Tombola and Guess the Weight of the Cake as well as lots of lovely cake and biscuits for you to enjoy.

- Friday 20th September
- 9:30 - 12 noon
- Church Meeting Room, Stilton

Donations for the Raffle or Tombola would be very welcome. Call 07969 514 002 and I will collect.
Workers’ Educational Association, Yaxley Group

presents

ASTRONOMY THE EASY WAY

A ten-week course covering the whole of the solar system


Course starts on Tuesday 17th September at 7:30 - 9:00 pm
The British Legion Clubroom, Yaxley

Fee £45.30
Contact Diana Cleverley (01733) 240010

Unravelling the Past

with Stephen Upex

The archaeology and history of Warmington and the surrounding area
An illustrated talk, supper included, bar available.

Warmington Village Hall  |  Friday September 20th  |  7:30pm

£10

Warmington History Walk

with Stephen Upex

Saturday 28th September at 2.00pm
A two-hour stroll from the 10th century to the present.
Meet at the Village Hall car park.

£5

Tickets in advance only from:  Glebe Stores, Warmington
P. Morgan, Tel: 01832 280277
sylvia.upex@hotmail.com

All proceeds to the Warmington Church Fund

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Stilton & District Twinning Association

Race Night

Saturday 9 November 2013
Stilton School Hall
Doors open 7:00pm | First race 7:30pm

Tickets £4.00
Includes Ploughman’s Supper & Homemade Dessert
(Bring Your Own Drink)

Contact:  Ian & Hazel Parmenter  243056
          Chris & Linda Walford   241376
          Paul & Audrey Springford 241739

St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

Quiz Night

Saturday October 19th   7 for 7:30pm start
Stilton School Hall

Tickets: £7.50 per head
includes a ploughman's supper and dessert!
(Bring your own drinks)
Tables of up to eight people
If you don't have eight don't worry, there will be people you can join in with.

Tickets from:  Pat Maltman 242229 or Peter Mitchell 244666
Stilton Over 60's Club

Several members joined Impression Travel on an outing to Holt and Sheringham.

Come and Join Us!
The club meets on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Church Meeting Room. You don’t even need to be over 60!

For more details of meetings and outings please contact Sylvia Ward 242457 or Doreen Clark 242643

Outing to Melton

The outing to Melton Mowbray will be on Tuesday 1st October - market day. A good selection of market stalls, a cattle market and outlets selling antiques. A great opportunity for some Christmas shopping and to buy some bulbs for autumn planting.

The cost will be £10 for members and £11 for non-members.

Drivers - we need YOU!

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Contact: Helen Burton (01733) 242198 or Lesley Young (01733) 240265

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

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