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ATTENTION ALL SHIPPING
SCAN REVISITS A FAMILIAR WIRELESS INSTITUTION

An unsung hero, Captain Robert Fitzroy laid the foundations of accurate meteorology and established the Shipping Forecast. Read about this great British institution in our feature this month.
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Please Be Seated

SOME CONSIDERATION FOR US OLD CODGERS

Last year, Stilton Parish Council consulted the children of Stilton School about making the village a better place in which to live. In general, the younger members of our community felt it was as good as it could get. However, they did feel that their grandparents would like more public seats, particularly along North Street and High Street.

So the Parish Council made its plans, but then faced some opposition from the County Council on the grounds of Road Safety, and also because much of the nation's cables and pipes run under Stilton's grass verges (remember this was the A1 in the bad old days).

Agreement was finally reached on the siting of the seats and on their orientation. Pointing east, children and dogs are less likely to run into the road, and if a vehicle should veer off the highway it would hit the back of a seat rather than its occupants.

Ticked Off

If you were wondering what’s happened to the Memorial Hall clock, it's been with our village clock expert, Marvin Richards, who has spent endless hours cleaning it and trying to get the very old, obsolete works to go again. He has reluctantly admitted defeat and is now looking for a new clock. This isn't an easy task so it is a case of 'watch this space'!

A1(M) Major Maintenance

Road Management Services (Peterborough) Ltd. have informed Stilton Parish Council of planned road closures as follows:

A1(M) Southbound Junction 15 (Sawtry)

Exit slip road: 29 July - 15 August
Diversion: Exit A1(M) at Junction 16 (Norman Cross) and follow B1043 to Sawtry.

A1(M) Southbound Junction 16 (Norman Cross)

Entry slip road: 5 Sept - 17 Oct
Diversion: via B1043 to join A1(M) at Sawtry J15.

These temporary closures will obviously affect drivers heading south, so please allow some extra time for important journeys.

A Sign, A Sign...

The decorative village signs in North Street and Caldecote Road need some repair and renovation. At the same time, a new plaque saying 'The original Home of Stilton Cheese' will be added. The work will mean the signs being removed to Glyn Mold's studio. So don't panic if you notice them missing!
Housing Survey

In the next few weeks, Cambridgeshire ACRE will be undertaking a Housing Needs Survey in the village. Please complete the form and return it in the freepost envelope provided.

It is important that we get an accurate picture of what is required for Stilton. Any housing built as a result of the survey will be allocated to local people in the first instance, rather than people from the general Housing Register. Your responses and comments will help to give us an accurate picture for the Parish Council and District Council in deciding the needs of the village. The forms will be confidential and the Parish Council will not have sight of them. The results will be reported at a future Parish meeting.

**WHY DO WE NEED THIS?**

Ten years ago when we completed a full village appraisal the Housing section showed that the greatest need was for more four-bedroom family houses. Developers took note and the most recent new builds have generally been of that type. However, the housing market is very different now and a new survey is urgently needed, so Stilton Parish Council welcomes Cambridgeshire ACRE’s offer and urge people who are asked to take part to fill it in. We have the impression that it is now Stilton's own young people who can't get on the housing ladder in the village but we need the evidence this survey will give.

**WHO ARE ACRE?**

Cambridgeshire ACRE is the rural community council for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. According to its website, www.cambsacre.org.uk, its mission is to ‘Provide encouragement, practical help and support to communities throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to enable them to plan and develop as vibrant places to live and work. We identify what local people need and the issues that are important to them. We then champion these things with those who set policy and make decisions in the county, helping to ensure that rural Cambridgeshire has a voice.’

Parking Woes

Complaints are coming from all over the village as residents fear that emergency vehicles cannot get access to the residential estates. Vehicles parked wholly or partly on footpaths make life difficult for pedestrians; parking on grass verges destroys the grass, wheelchair users and pram-pushers are forced into the road, overnight and weekend parking of large commercial vehicles takes up much kerb space. In some parts of the village roadside parking is inevitable, but in many places most people have garages and drives and so should not need to leave vehicles outside on the road.

The other danger from indiscriminate parking is the blocking of sight lines. Enforcement of the yellow lines in the village centre would help here - so be warned.

Trees in Stilton

Following the tragedy in Yaxley, Stilton Parish Council has reviewed its policy on publicly owned trees in Stilton and is satisfied that safety issues have always been fully considered. Professional tree experts are called in regularly and check all our trees for signs of instability. Work, both large-scale and to individual trees, is put in hand at once if there is any doubt as to safety. Last year considerable work was done on the trees in the cemetery; this year it is the turn of the Churchyard trees and those on the Manor Road/Aprreece Way Green.

The tree that caused the accident in Yaxley was a poplar, notorious for dropping their branches. Stilton doesn't have that problem.
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Do you know where your children are playing?

As the summer holidays are now underway, children need the refreshment and relaxation as much as do adults, but they are less able to judge the dangers around them and SCAN has been asked to give these warnings:

- Please remember that reckless bike riding on pavements endangers other people
- The former coal yard at the bottom of Fen Street is particularly hazardous
- The whole length of the dyke between Oak Road and the motorway culvert is being cleared and treated for rats
- The culvert can fill with water after a spell of wet weather.

The Sawtry & Stilton Business Partnership has recently changed its title to the Sawtry Small Business Partnership, as the area of enquiries to join was limiting the services that the group could offer. Currently there are 30 members of the networking group based in Sawtry. Not only do they encourage the community to use local trades and work with each other, there is a charitable side to the partnership. At a live music event in April the SSBP raised £682.50 for Caresco.

The SSBP is now becoming a leading business group in the county. If you would like to find out more about it take a look at www.ssbpartnership.org

Further details ring Ralph on 01487 832683 or Dave on 01487 831852.

The Gawlor Memorial Gardening Competition

Children 's Trophy
Morgan Turner, Izaak Heath and Eathan Cooper were nominated by Stilton School for their contribution to the allotment at the school.

Commercial premises frontages
Winner: The Talbot
Highly Commended:
The Stilton Cheese Fergusons for the Hanging Baskets.

Gawlor Trophy for the best front garden
Judging continues. Please nominate your favourite front gardens before August 15 by phoning Olive Main (241206) or email to olive.main@tiscali.co.uk.
Crafty Little B’s
ATTRACTION NEW LOCAL CRAFT SHOP OPENS

On Saturday 6th August, local celebrity David Proud (Adam Best from EastEnders) will be formally opening Bee Crafty, a new craft shop and training centre in the village of Ellington (just off the A14/A1). This new venture is the joint brainchild of local actress Julie Fernandez and award-winning jewellery designer Sarah Payne.

Julie and Sarah are both avid crafters, having started with cross-stitch at a young age, gradually working up to patchwork quilting, jewellery making, knitting and mixed-media textile art. Together, they identified an opportunity for an exciting new business catering for the growing number of enthusiastic crafters in the locality.

Bee Crafty will be both a shop and a centre for people to enjoy craft classes or to bring their own craft projects along and enjoy the relaxed, fun atmosphere of group sessions (aka Stitch ‘n Bitch!)

The centre will welcome everybody and will initially concentrate on the three main areas of the growing craft industry; patchwork quilting, knitting/crochet and beading. There will even be a coffee bar area for guests’ partners to wait in (aka a Man Creche!)

Julie and Sarah recognise that in the current economic climate many people are looking to their own time and talents for crafting to absorb their interests in an affordable and worthwhile way. So the Bee Crafty shop will stock a wide range of wools, knitting patterns and materials for textile artists, as well as a range of jewellery-making materials, beads and so on.

Bee Crafty Classes are currently available to book, running from September through to December. Two well-known local teachers, Ann Stacey and Gina Ferrari, will be teaching regular classes, alongside internationally renowned teachers including Kathleen Laurel Sage and Jennie Rayment.

Bee Crafty is also the home of The Granary Quilters, a new group headed up by experienced quilter Jill Adamson, renowned for her twisted bargello quilts. Dates for this group are available on request.

You can find Bee Crafty at The Granary Suite 5, Brook Farm, Thrapston Road, Ellington, Huntingdon, PE28 0AE

Tel: 01480 891746
email: info@beeingcrafty.co.uk
web: www.beeingcrafty.co.uk

Bee Crafty will be open Mondays to Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. Parking is available immediately by the shop.

So if you’re a crafty sort of person looking to meet new friends, or just stock up on materials, why not pay Julie and Sarah a visit? Tell them SCAN sent you!
School Holiday Activities
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

One Leisure have organised some great activities for young people in the school holidays. To find out more, booklets are available in the Yaxley Customer Service Centre or at www.oneleisure.net

FREE LOCAL SESSIONS

Free activity road shows for 5-11 year olds at:
- Queens Park, Yaxley
  2 and 24 August, from 1:30 - 4pm
- One Leisure Sawtry
  11 and 26 August, 1:30 - 4pm.

HOW TO BOOK ACTIVITIES

You must book and pay (where applicable) for all activities in advance (except swimming, roller skating and soft play sessions). There are limited spaces so you are advised to book early to guarantee your place. Contact One Leisure Sawtry on 01487 832161 for more details.

Health Walks

Walking is an easy and free way to get fit and stay healthy, so the Huntingdonshire Health Walks scheme provides walks with trained leaders and volunteers. The walks are graded to suit different needs and abilities.

GREEN - Easy walk lasting 20-30 minutes; flat pathways only; wheelchair and buggy friendly.

ORANGE - Moderate walk lasting 30-60 minutes with a mixture of pathways and grass tracks. This walk may include stiles or kissing gates not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.

RED - Advanced walk lasting 60-90 minutes over 3-4 miles. This walk includes a mixture of paths and grass tracks and includes stiles and kissing gates.

For information on exercise classes or to join the Health Walks Scheme contact Rachel Tucker, sports development officer on: 01480 387047
Rachel.Tucker@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activelifestyles

Stilton Playgroup Parents’ Open Evening
Mon 19th Sept 7 - 8:30pm - Children from afternoon sessions

Come and see what your child has been doing at Playgroup and have a chance to talk to the playgroup team.

*** New Committee members needed for Sept 2011 ***
Yaxley Customer Service Centre

NEW OPENING HOURS

From 18 July the Centre will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only from 9:00 - 12:30 and 1:00 - 4:30pm. Housing and benefits advisors will still come to the centre every second and fourth Thursday morning from 9:30-12:30pm. The new timetable is on display in the centre and on the HDC website at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

If you have not called in to collect your free useful numbers card please do so to ensure you are prepared for the change.

WHAT’S IT FOR?
At Yaxley Customer Service Centre you can use your credit or debit card to pay for
- Council tax
- Radar keys
- Senior rail cards
- All customer invoices from the council
- Parking fines
- Business rates
- Benefit overpayments

WHERE IS IT?
You can find us in Unit 7, in the middle of the Broadway shopping centre, on Broadway, Yaxley PE7 3JJ
Tel 01733 247133 or email cicteam@huntsdingdonshire.gov.uk

TRAIDCRAFT

Fairtrade Coffee Morning
Saturday 27th August
10am - 12 noon
in the Church Meeting Room

All proceeds to the Parishes Youth Project and Traidcraft projects

Any Odd Jobs?

Have you any odd jobs you want doing?
The youngsters of the Parishes Youth Project will do them for a small donation.

Please contact our Youth Worker Esther on 07792022172 for her to arrange it.

Fireworks Fun Alert

The Bell Inn have thoughtfully asked SCAN to announce that one of their upcoming bridal celebrations will include a short fireworks display.

This will take place at 10:00pm on Saturday 20th August and will last approximately six minutes. The Bell would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Residents nearby may of course like to enjoy the opportunity of a free fireworks show - we’re sure the happy couple would appreciate hearing a few more ooh’s and aah’s from around the neighbourhood to add to the joy of the occasion!

If anybody has any queries about this event, please contact the Hotel Manager, Johanna Grimshaw, on (01733) 241066

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Of the many icons of Englishness - red telephone boxes, warm beer etc - one of the most endearing has to be the BBC radio Shipping Forecast. Now sadly just another anachronism from a lost world, readers of a certain age will no doubt have fond childhood memories of the strange litany which often accompanied their midday meal. Many younger readers, not accustomed to listening to BBC radio at all, will even be wondering what on earth we're talking about!

Weather is of vital interest to seamen, so the BBC shipping forecast was inaugurated on January 1st 1924 to take advantage of the affordability of wireless on even the smallest leisure or fishing craft. Back then the BBC regarded itself as a true public service!

Part of what makes the shipping forecast so beguiling is its unique combination of mysterious place names - South Utsire, German Bight, Bailey etc - and the cryptic phraseology that makes the listener feel almost that they are eavesdropping on some secret communication.

The phraseology arose from the need to combine clarity of information with economy of words. To keep within the tight time slot allocated, the word limit is 350 which isn't a lot when you consider the extent of the sea area around Britain. And in order to describe where in all this expanse of ocean the weather was taking place, it was divided into individual sea areas which would be immediately relevant to sailors.

These sea areas have not always remained the same however; there were originally only 13. The rapid growth in maritime traffic following WW2 necessitated more extensive designations, so today there are 31. North and South Utsire were added in 1984.

30 of the 31 sea areas around Britain. The missing one is Trafalgar, off the coast of Spain
Readers may have spotted that sea area Finisterre is now called Fitzroy. It was renamed in 2002 to honour Captain Robert Fitzroy, one of history's extraordinary characters whose story is a book in itself. As if being captain of the Beagle wasn't enough of a claim to fame, it was Fitzroy who founded the Meteorological Office and was directly responsible for the shipping forecast itself. (Interestingly, along with Fitzroy and Darwin in the crew of the Beagle was a certain scientist named Beaufort, who went on to devise the Beaufort scale of wind speed. Rarely can any single ship's crew have so utterly transformed the world we live in.)

THE RIGHT WORDS...

The words themselves, while seeming fairly obvious, have very specific meanings. For example, the distinction between an ordinary, everyday sort of Gale and a Severe Gale is that the former denotes winds of force 8 (34-40 knots), while the latter means force 9 (41-47 knots). Violent Storm to a ferry captain means force 11, or gusts of over 69 knots; to you and I it means 'better take the Eurostar.' Similarly, while the wind direction is clear enough, 'becoming cyclonic' means a considerable change in wind direction, while 'veering' and 'backing' mean direction changing around the compass clockwise and anticlockwise respectively. Even 'at first' and 'later' are defined; 'later' means in the second half of the forecast period.

Maritime weather communication has, of course, now moved into the high-tech age, but there are still a few sailors who use the BBC service, even if only as a backup. However, probably the strongest reason for keeping this charming anachronism are the howls of protest which would arise from the hordes of landlubbers who would start writing to The Times and their MPs if the Beeb ever did try to switch it off.

...AND THE WRONG WORD

There is certainly something poetic in the finely crafted prose that is the shipping forecast. It has a sense of elegant efficiency matched only perhaps by the London tube map. However, being a live broadcast it can have its moments. Peter Jefferson had been the voice of the forecast for 40 years until one awful day in September 2009 when he used the f-word on air, not realising that his microphone was still open. Although this only attracted two complaints (Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand attracted 54,000) he was nevertheless summarily sacked, in spite of a popular campaign in his support. Standards must be maintained, but only on radio it seems.

KEEPING IN SYNC

Even such a minor item as the forecast demands considerable skill from its presenters. It is principally transmitted on Radio 4 long-wave only (for maximum range) so FM and LW part company temporarily and must rejoin seamlessly. The announcer has to first study the script and mark up 'time waypoints' at every 30 seconds to help keep on schedule. When the mic opens, they then begin simultaneously reading the script, watching the clock and listening through headphones to what is being broadcast on FM. Quite a skill! Finally, the LW and FM announcers have to simultaneously introduce the following programme before the two channels rejoin.

LISTEN IN

If you want to be reminded of the timeless charm of the shipping forecast, you can listen in at 00:48, 05:20, 12:01 and 17:54 on Radio 4 LW. Night owls will notice that the 00:48 forecast is not only longer than the others (it includes sea area Trafalgar, for one thing) it is also the only one accompanied by a theme tune, Sailing By, by Ronald Binge. Useful knowledge for the next pub quiz night!
It’s a Peach!

EXCITING IDEA FOR THOSE SUMMER EVENING MEALS

Ripe peaches are now in the shops, so here’s an interesting way to use them in a special starter to summer evening meals on the patio. Peaches are easy to skin by pouring boiling water over them and rubbing off the skins.

**Antipasta Platter**

Per person, you need two or three slices of your favourite continental meats, such as prosciutto, salami, chorizo etc, and half a peach, skinned and sliced.

Arrange the meat on a large plate. Tuck in the peach slices. Sprinkle over one de-seeded red chilli, finely chopped, and shavings of parmesan. Scatter over some rocket and before serving drizzle over some olive oil.

Crusty bread or bread sticks will give some added crunch.

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A Strawberry Tea

*Proceeds in aid of the Parishes Youth Project*

**Saturday 6th August**

3-5pm

**4 Bishop Close, Stilton**

Marjorie and Pearl invite you to a Strawberry Tea in Marjorie’s garden!

(If wet, it will be in the conservatory)

Come and enjoy a summer feast and support the Parishes Youth Project.

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**PLAYAWAY**

**STILTON MUMS & TODDLER GROUP**

**STILTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**THURSDAY 9:15AM - 11:15AM**

*(Term time only)*

Come along and meet other parents/carers. Enjoy a cup of tea and a chat while the children enjoy playing, singing, drawing and taking part in regular craft activities.

£1.50 per family (including refreshments)

For more information please call Linsey on (01733) 245981, or just come along.
Sawtry Day Care Centre
The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 3:00pm
The Centre provides:

- A day out for the housebound or socially isolated, and a break for those who care for them.
- Transport door to door
- Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- A local shopping trip
- A short session of gentle chair exercises, for those wishing to take part
- A two-course mid-day lunch prepared in the Centre’s own kitchen using fresh ingredients
- A small raffle on both days, with members providing the prizes. Monies raised go into the member’s social fund which subsidises occasional trips out.
- Wednesday afternoon Bingo session. For those who do not wish to take part, there is a selection of board games, or you can just chat or relax.
- On some Thursday afternoons a local man (Terry) plays old-style music. On other occasions visiting speakers give talks/slideshows on a wide range of subjects.

The Centre currently has some spaces and is looking for new members.

For more information, please contact the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105 or email office@caresco.org.uk

Short Break care for disabled children
Can you help the Family Link Service?
Caring for disabled children can be hard work, so the Family Link Service is looking for carers who:

- Can provide short breaks for disabled children; typically two nights/month in your own home
- Are able to support children with:
  - Autism spectrum disorders
  - Challenging behaviour problems
  - Complex health and/or moving & handling needs
- Can provide breaks to more than one child.

The service can provide you with:

- Ongoing training and support
- A sliding scale of payments, depending on your skills and availability.

To find out more, call Cambridgeshire Fostering Service on 0800 052 0078
The Patients’ Association was pleased to be able to fund 10 Finger Tip Pulse Oximeters for our Doctors and Nurses to use in their clinical roles, either in the surgery or on home visits.

A pulse oximeter is a medical device that indirectly monitors the oxygen level in the blood and also displays the patient's heart rate. The test is taken by placing the fingertip in the oximeter.

They are used for patients suffering from breathing and heart problems and are a quick and easy way of testing a poorly patient or at the same time reassuring someone that they are well.

We wish to thank the Patients’ Association very much for funding these very useful pieces of equipment.

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**Diary Dates**

**BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

We will be closed for the Late Summer Holiday on Monday 29th August. The surgery will be open on Saturday 27th August in the morning only.

**HALF DAY CLOSING**

The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 21st September from 1pm - 4pm

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**A Receptionist’s Day**

Our day starts at 08:00am when the phone lines go live and the doors are opened.

The earlier part of the day is taken up mainly by the booking of appointments, either on the phone or face to face, although appointments are booked throughout the day. We try our best to establish who is the most appropriate to book patients in with: a Doctor; a Nurse Practitioner or a Practice Nurse.

Throughout a shift, our duties involve taking and passing of messages, ensuring appropriate action is taken. We book home visits for those patients too poorly to attend the surgery.

Other duties include:

- Entering and amending patients details on the computer;
- Maintaining registers and records as required;
- Filing medical reports and letters;
- Extracting and filing medical notes and
- Booking Hospital transport.

The Reception Team all have their individual tasks which are undertaken throughout their shifts.

Our job is varied and very busy and requires the ability to multi-task. Reception can be quite a frantic place at times; however a professional attitude and good sense of humour hopefully helps us to provide a high quality service for our patients.

*Trish Micklefield (Reception)*

**Staff News**

We are delighted to welcome Health Care Assistant Kirstie Jarvis, who joined our Nursing Team on 20th June. We hope she will enjoy being part of the YGP team.
Carer Group

The next meetings of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesdays 3rd August and 7th September in the Health Education Room. All carers are welcome to attend.

If you would like to know more about our small but friendly support group please speak to Linda in the Patients' Library.

Cradle Club

After the summer break the cradle club will resume on Thursday 22nd September, 10:30 - 11.30am. Old and new parents with babies from birth to crawling are welcome.

We will be covering health and development topics. Parents are always welcome to discuss any concerns or worries.

Are You a Carer?

This surgery is actively raising awareness of the role of the unpaid, or informal, family carer to help improve its support for them. Please could you take the time to complete this survey and return it to Yaxley Group Practice - for the attention of Linda Smith.

Do you help a family member, friend or neighbour who:

- is frail or aged;
- has a disability;
- has a chronic illness; and/or
- has a mental illness;
- has a substance misuse problem with drugs or alcohol

and this is not your paid job?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below you may be a carer. Your doctor and surgery staff would like to know and give you information about what assistance is available.

Please tick yes to as many of these statements that apply to you:

- Is this help regular and ongoing?
- Does this help involve showering, toileting, dressing or other personal care?
- Does this help involve cleaning, cooking, shopping, transport and/or assistance with bills or other paperwork?
- Does this help involve medication or other health care?
- Does this help involve emotional and practical guidance?
- Would this person have difficulty managing on their own if you could not provide the regular and ongoing support?
- Do you receive a Carers’ Payment and/or Carers’ Allowance, or
- no payment at all for the support you provide?

Name ....................................................
Address ..................................................
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Tel No ..................................................

Return this form to Linda in the Patients’ Library

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Our summer reading challenge "Circus Stars" is now under way; there is still time to join if you have not already. The idea is to read six books over the six-week summer holidays. Every successful child will receive a certificate and a medal at a special presentation evening in September. Many thanks to our young volunteers who are spending time hearing about all the books the children have been reading.

For those of you taking part in the challenge you can come and collect your stickers and tell us about your books at the following times:

Mon: 2:30 - 4pm
Tue, Thur, Fri: 10 - 11:30am and 2 - 4pm

Silent Wings
On Wednesday 3rd August the Raptor Centre will be visiting the Library between 10:30 - 11:30 am with a selection of owls and hawks. Come along and find out about these wonderful birds.

The cost is £2.50 for the first child and £1 for each additional child. Accompanying adults are free. Tickets are available from Yaxley Library, but numbers are limited, so hurry!

Engage Social Group
The "Natty Knitting" session was enjoyed by all who attended. We heard hilarious stories and tried knitting with huge five-foot knitting needles!

The August session will be a "Seaside Reminiscence" on August 17th from 2pm. Come along and share your memories of seaside outings. Free tickets are available in Yaxley Library from 1st August.

Events for Children

Storytime - Alternate Tuesdays 10:30- 11am (term time only) Age 18 months upwards
Rhymetime - Alternate Fridays 10:30 - 11am (term time only) Age 0-18 months
Junior Reading Group - Monday four-weekly 4:25 - 5:15pm (term time)
Teenage Reading Group - Monday four-weekly 5pm-6pm (term time)
Young Adult Reading Group - Monday four-weekly 6pm - 7pm (term time)
Creative Writing Group - Monday four-weekly 5:45-6:45pm (term time)

Events for Adults

Scrabble Club - Every Monday 2:30-4pm
Seven Plus Reading Group - Last Friday of every month at 2pm
Saturday Readers - First Saturday of every month at 10am
Engage Social Group - Third Wednesday of every month at 2pm
Online Basics Computer Course - By appointment only.

Please call in to the Library for more information on any of these events.
**Class Visits**

Children from Fourfields School and Holme Primary School enjoyed visits to the library over the last month.

**Yaxley Library**

**OPENING TIMES**

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Renewals & enquiries: (0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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**Mobile Library**

Every 4th Wednesday in the month

**Aug 24th**

3:10 - 4:00pm

Outside The Talbot

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**Fun Trail Success!**

Thank you everyone for making Stilton Playgroup’s Fun Trail a success. Not deterred by the showers, the families completed the trail - if you don't count clue #2 which got missed on the sign post outside the Bell! Hopefully everyone learnt a bit more about our lovely village, practiced the art of map reading or ventured down a part of the village they've not been down before. Some of the children even stopped at the park to have a play together. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday with the community, exercising, getting fresh air and learning a bit about our village.

Thank you to Hi-Lite hairdressers for displaying a clue in their window, the farm, and a great BIG THANKYOU to the Talbot for supplying the Kinder Surprise eggs and hosting the event. Without the Talbot's support the event couldn't have happened.

*Stilton Playgroup Committee*

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**Having Difficulty Getting to the Library?**

If you love reading but struggle to get to your local library because of health or mobility problems, help is available: you can be matched with a friendly volunteer from Cambridgeshire Libraries Doorstep Service who will visit you once a month with a supply of the kind of books you enjoy.

To find out more about getting this amazing free service or becoming a volunteer for it, contact Anne Evans, the coordinator, by phoning (01480) 375023 or by e-mailing anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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Meeting the Team

Meet the Team
Members of the public are invited to meet a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss issues that are of concern to them. There are two opportunities each month; you can go to Stilton Parish Room or Yaxley Information Centre on the dates given. If you can’t manage to get out then you can arrange a home visit with PCSO Barry Chamberlain by ringing him on 07921094828.

**Stilton Church Meeting Room**
10 - 11am

- Friday 26 August
- Friday 23 September
- Friday 21 October

**Yaxley Community Information Centre**
2 - 4pm

- Thursday 4 August
- Thursday 1 September
- Thursday 6 October

Meeting the Panel
The latest Panel Meeting took place on July 14th at Folksworth and the new priorities agreed are:

1. ASB on Friday/Saturday Nights in Stilton and Folksworth
2. Crime and ASB in Yaxley and Farcet in the area of Laburnum Avenue and Main Street
3. Speeding in Woolley and Winwick

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Stilton Stumblers

**Summer Itinerary**

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<td>7th Aug</td>
<td>A day off!</td>
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<td>The Burnhams (9am start)</td>
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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 Jan on 07740 167377 (mobile) - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!
Contacting our Local Police

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Yaxley Office: 1 Queen Street Yaxley PE7 3JE

Call 0345 456 456 4 and ask for the Yaxley office:
Yaxley Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt. Keren Pope

Stilton and Villages:
PC Paul Sykes: 07889 499 066
PCSO Barry Chamberlain: 07921 094 828

email:- any of the community team using this example format: paul.sykes@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Keep this somewhere safe!

Yaxley Flower Club

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<td>Jackie o'Hare</td>
<td>‘Summertime’</td>
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<td>15th Sep</td>
<td>Ann Purt</td>
<td>‘My Season of Mists &amp; Mellow Fruitfulness’</td>
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<td>21st Oct</td>
<td>Floral Challenge</td>
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<td>17th Nov</td>
<td>Pat Billing</td>
<td>‘Inspirations for Christmas’</td>
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December - Watch out for details of our charity evening

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<td>Richard Adams</td>
<td>‘What a wonderful world’</td>
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<td>16th Feb</td>
<td>Dulcie Lofting</td>
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Contact: Helen Burton - (01733) 242198
Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excl. Aug & Dec) at the Yaxley British Legion, Broadway, Yaxley,

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!

Beginners welcome!

Margaret Parsons  Tel: (01733) 243352  pianable@aol.com

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Keeping Well
News from the Wellside Clinic
(01487) 830340

Flu Clinic

Our annual clinic will take place on Saturday 15th October 2011. Patients falling within the following at-risk categories will be entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- All pregnant women
- Chronic respiratory disease such as asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- Chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson’s disease or motor neurone disease
- Diabetes
- Weakened immune system due to disease or treatment
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- Patients who receive a carer’s allowance, or those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if the carer falls ill.

Card Payments

We are currently in the process of installing a card payment machine which will soon enable us to accept payment by debit card. (Please note that credit card payments will not be accepted.) Once this has been implemented we will no longer be accepting payments by cheque due to the recent cessation of the cheque guarantee scheme. We hope that patients will find the ability to pay by either cash or debit card to be more convenient when making payments to the surgery.

Electronic Repeat Prescription Requests

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

A number of patients currently choose to submit their repeat prescription requests via email to our Dispensary. Please note that from 31st July all surgery email addresses ending in "@gp-D81027.nhs.uk" will be shut down as part of a drive by the NHS nationally towards a more secure email service. Any emails sent to such an address after 31st July will not be received by us. From now on, patients wishing to order their repeat prescriptions electronically should do so using the link on the homepage of our new website - www.wellside.org.uk.

Surnames beginning with:

T - Z 9 - 9:45am
N - S 9:45 - 10:30am
G - M 10:30 - 11:15am
A - F 11:15 - 12 noon
Minor Injury Service

We would like to remind patients that we offer a minor injury service as a local, more convenient, option to attending the A&E at Hinchingbrooke or Peterborough hospitals. This service is suitable for minor injuries of the following types:

- Lacerations
- Bruises
- Minor dislocations
- Foreign bodies
- Minor head injury
- Eye injury
- Burns and scalds
- Minor trauma including hands, feet and limbs
- Bites
- Falls
- Whiplash and minor road traffic accidents

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

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CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS

A new novel by Brian Cross

Some call it Lindisfarne, others Holy Island.
Some find their dreams, others their nightmares.
And Thomas Llewellyn is caught between the two.
Retailing at £7.99, but £5.00 if purchased direct:
briancross@briancross.net
(01733) 750714
www.briancross.net

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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
12:30 - 1:30pm
Aug 17th

Break the bread of fellowship with us in tranquil surroundings
Workers' Educational Association, Yaxley Branch

History of British Architecture from 1600 to the Present Day

A 10-week course starting Tuesday 20th September

British Legion Social Club, Broadway, Yaxley 7:30 - 9:00pm

Tutor Terry Sladden will be showing us that good architecture is inspirational, bad buildings are dispiriting and can even make you ill, and that Britain has a wonderful and rich history of beautiful buildings with much to celebrate.

Cost is £45

Join our friendly Group for interesting and lively discussions!

Contact: Diana Cleverley (01733) 240010

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Friends of Norman Cross

www.friendsofnormancross.org.uk

Programme of Events 2011

Saturday 11th Sept

Heritage Open Day, Norman Cross Gallery

Will Fletcher of English Heritage and our resident historian Paul Chamberlain will give guided tours of the Norman Cross PoW camp.
11am and 2pm

Book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Friday 18th November

A talk at the Norman Cross gallery
by Stuart Orme of Peterborough Museum
Parish Meeting Room

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

**HIRING THE ROOM**

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

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

**FEES:**

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<td>Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm)</td>
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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
Nene & Ouse Celebrate 10th Anniversary

SUPPLYING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN YOUR AREA
Nene & Ouse Community Transport supply minibuses which operate in Huntingdon, Godmanchester, Peterborough, and Cambridgeshire.

We offer:

- Ring & Ride, door to door services on local shopping trips in the Peterborough, St Neots, and St Ives, Huntingdon, Camborne, Stamford and Cambridgeshire areas, where you can use your bus pass
- Other trips from our trip guide, charged at a very affordable rate, which are also a door to door service
- A free, regular combined shopping and trip guide to all our members
- A fully accessible and wheelchair-friendly fleet of buses

There is a small annual membership fee.

To register or find out more, please call our office on:

01480 411114 or 01832 733336

Email: info@neneouse.co.uk       www.neneouse.co.uk

We would be pleased to welcome you aboard!

Nene & Ouse Transport is a Registered Charity No. 1085987

Stilton Memorial Hall
Charges from Sept 1st 2010

- 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 and District Twinning Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 15th October
Stilton Memorial Hall
7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people

Ticket price £6.00 per head
inc Ploughman's Supper & Dessert
(Glasses provided, bring your own drink)

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

It's a great night out!
## The Stilton Diary

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