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Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Celebration Concert

St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton
Saturday 4th December 7:30pm

Featuring

Flute soloists Kate Osborne and Patrick ‘the man with the golden flute’ Williams

The Festival of Flutes Choir
and other guest artists.

Kate has arranged a selection of music ranging from the hauntingly beautiful to the dazzlingly brilliant for our pleasure in this Celebration Concert.

Light refreshments will be available in the interval.

Proceeds in aid of Saint Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

Adults £10.00
Under-16s £5.00

Tickets from
Kate,
Hi-Lite Stilton
or The Rectory
Stilton Memorial Hall

Charges from Sept 1st 2010

- Hourly charge £6 / hour (minimum 2 hours)
- Adult party £60
- Child’s party £35
- 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!)

SCAN invites you to volunteer to be our new Advertising Manager

Jan Woodward, our Advertising Manager, is planning on retiring to Devon soon - lucky lady - so SCAN is looking for a willing volunteer to take over the reins.

This is perhaps the most important aspect of the SCAN team’s work; without advertising there would be no SCAN, local businesses rely on it and the revenues generated support many aspects of village life that we all share and enjoy.

What you will need

- Some free time
  A few hours a week. Would suit somebody retired, or semi-retired.
- To be accessible
  You should be easily contactable by phone, email and post
- To be organised
  Able to keep track of all our advertising accounts.
- Basic IT skills
  Email, spreadsheet, Word etc

What you will do

- Handle orders
  From first enquiry through to Production.
- Handle payments
  Ensure that pre-payments and renewals are received and banked.
- Resolve problems
  In the event of any fumbles.
- Drive Production
  Inform Production of the advertising requirements for each issue.

In practice, the work is pretty straightforward. Olive will help you through the handover period and you will have the support of the Editor and Production Manager at all times.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a real contribution to village life. To find out more, call Olive on (01733) 241206.
**Dry At Last!**

**A GREAT NIGHT FOR THE VILLAGE FIREWORKS**

After a depressing run of wet and/or windy Bonfire Nights it was a great relief to the organisers at last to have perfect weather.

This brought out a large crowd, who enjoyed what many described as our best-ever display, professionally staged by Kimbolton Fireworks; a very sincere thank you to them.

The new street lights were mostly in operation and the skate park was lit for a post-fireworks event.

Thanks are due to the following who gave up much of their Sunday in preparation and then clearing up afterwards:

- **Kevin (First Aider)**
- **Keith and Ruth Gipson**
- **Erica Constable**
- **Emily and Peter Warren**

...as well as to Cherriash Garden Centre, Hi-Lite and Stilton Playgroup for selling tickets.

Modesty prevents us from mentioning that it was **SCAN** who sponsored the event!

**Parish Council**

**PARISH PRECEPT**

The Parish Precept is the amount that Stilton Parish Council demands that Huntingdonshire District Council collects from Council Tax payers resident in Stilton. The sum has to cover next year's expenditure on village facilities, maintenance etc.

After considerable discussion it was decided to reduce the precept for 2011/12 by 5% over 2010/11's figure. Councillors are very aware that many residents face an uncertain period; those on pensions will suffer from inflation higher than the pension increase; those working in the public sector fear loss of jobs and higher pension contributions while incomes remain static. The saving involved per household will not be large but it will contribute towards a lowering of the tax burden.

For the first time the precept has been fixed in advance of the budget (ie spending plans). This means hard decisions will have to be made on where to save money when the Finance and General Purposes Committee meets in January to set the budget for 2011/12.

**MEMORIAL HALL**

The windows and fire door will be replaced as soon as possible.

**CCTV**

on High Street/North Street was due to be installed in late November.

**ALLOTMENTS**

HDC are to be again approached about acquiring land on behalf of Stilton Parish Council. The money would have to be borrowed and it takes time to set that up.

**BUS SHELTER**

The bus shelter and seats that it is hoped to provide will be discussed further at the next meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.
Planning your summer holiday?

Why not visit our twin village of St Christol les Ales?
There is so much to see and do.

- Amazing scenery in the hills and gorges of the Cevennes, or the plains of the Camargue
- The historic cities of Nîmes, Avignon, Arles and Montpellier
- The world heritage site, the Roman aqueduct at the Pont du Gard
- The amazing Norman Foster viaduct at Millau (opened in Dec 2004)
- The spectacular Tarn and Ardèche gorges. Canoeing available!
- Donkey trek the Stevenson Way through the Cevennes
- The beaches and warm waters of the Mediterranean (about one hour’s drive)
- Fantastic wines of the Rhone, Languedoc and Roussillon
- The wonderful hospitality of French families in St Christol

Flights to Nîmes are easy from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports or by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nimes

St Christol is 30 mins drive from Nîmes airport. Or to drive - motorway from Calais via Reims and Dijon to within 60 miles of St Christol.

St Christol families are really keen to host, particularly our young people over the summer.

Contact Chris & Linda on 241376 or Chantal & Paul on 242004 for further details.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the Stilton & District Twinning Association, please contact Chris on 241376.
Merry Christmas from SCAN!

Once again we wish all our readers and advertisers a happy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Please note that material for the January issue should be with us as soon as possible, as our printers are closed over the holiday.

We’ll try to get SCAN out as early in January as possible, but if we’ve been at the sherry...

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Potting the Blue
A DELICIOUS WAY TO ENJOY FINE STILTON CHEESE

Courtesy of the Stilton Cheesemakers’ Association, we bring you a seasonal recipe for enjoying Christmas Stilton all year round.

You need:
- 8oz (200gm) Stilton Cheese
- 3oz (75gm) butter
- 2tsp (8ml) Port
- Pinch of ground mace
- A little melted butter
- An attractive jar or serving dish

(The only place to buy top-quality Stilton in Stilton is the Bell Inn, where it is available in 1lb and ½lb wedges.)

What you do:

1. Mash the Stilton with a fork. Beat the butter to a soft cream. Beat together the butter, cheese, mace and Port.

2. Pack the mixture into the jar, smooth over the surface and run melted butter over the top to act as a seal.

3. Keep refrigerated until required. Serve as a dip with fresh bread, crackers or crudites.

You can find more excellent Stilton recipes on www.stiltoncheese.com/recipes

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All the funds raised by the Association provide for travel grants for young people on exchange visits to St Christol, and to fund the activities here when groups visit from St Christol.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376 or clstilton@btinternet.com
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

**Wednesday Worship at Lunchtime**

Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch

*Every 3rd Wednesday in the month*

**Dec 11th**

*Dec 11th*

We meet at 8am in the Church Meeting Room. After eating, we take time to share and to pray, usually finishing around 9am.

(If you are coming, it helps to let us know a couple of days before if possible.)

Ring Richard 240282 or Doug 242229

Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

Tuesday, December 21st, 7:30pm

**Christmas Party**

and presentation of Gardening Competition prizes

Bring some party food and a raffle prize

The Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Cost £1 to include light refreshments. All are welcome.
Open & Shut Case
HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS FOR LOCAL FACILITIES

As usual, we’ve gathered together as much information as possible about local holiday closures. In some cases, details weren’t available as we went to press, so if you don’t find what you’re looking for here, you’ll have to enquire direct.

Health Care

The Walk-in Centre on Thorpe Road Peterborough is open 7 am to 10 pm daily, except on Christmas Day when the hours are 10am to 4pm.

NHS Direct (0845 4647)
...is open 24 hours every day of the year.

YGP

Surgery will be closed on:
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- Monday 27th December
- Tuesday 28th December
- Monday 3rd January 2011

Wellside Surgery

Will be closed:
- Sat 25th - Tue 28th Dec

Open:
- Wed 29th - Fri 31st Dec

Closed:
- Sat 1st Mon 3rd Jan

Whenever the surgery is closed, emergency GP services are provided by Urgent Care Cambridgeshire - 03301 239131.

Yaxley Library

Closed from Dec 22nd to January 4th

Travel

Peterborough Park & Ride
from Lynch Wood and Perkins car parks:
Runs Saturdays until 18 December and Sundays until 19 December.

Railways

Services will start to run down from the afternoon of December 24. There are no services in this area on 25 and 26 December and 1 January. There are amended services between 27 December and 3 January so check in good time if you mean to travel over the holiday period.

Buses

25 & 26 Dec, 1 January: No service
27 & 28 Dec, 2 & 3 Jan: Sunday services
24 and 29 - 31 Dec: Saturday services

Postal Service

Last posting dates

United Kingdom:
- 1st class  21 December
- 2nd class 18 December
- Parcels 15 December

No collections or deliveries 25 to 28 December
- Western Europe: 13 December
- US, Canada and Eastern Europe: 10 December
- Australia and New Zealand: 6 December

Counter services will close at 12:30pm on 24 and 31 December and re-open at 9am on 29 December and 4 January.
Local Hostelries

The Bell Inn

See the panel below. Note that the regular Hunt meet will be leaving on **Monday 27th**, not Boxing Day.

The Stilton Cheese

- Christmas Eve  12 - 3pm;  6 - 11pm
- Christmas Day (Bar only)  12 - 2pm
- Boxing Day and 27 Dec  CLOSED
- New Year's Eve 12 - 3pm
- New Year's Day CLOSED

Premier Inn

Open every day, but the restaurant is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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**St Mary's Church**

**December Services**

- 11th  11am  Christingle Service
- 19th  3pm  Carol Service
- 24th  11:30pm Midnight Communion
- 25th  11am  Family Worship with Holy Communion
- 26th  No Service

**January Services**

- 2nd  11 am  Holy Communion

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**THE BELL INN HOTEL - STILTON**

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Local Boys

SSBP BRINGS LOCAL BUSINESS TO LOCAL CUSTOMERS

Having been established for 18 months, the Sawtry and Stilton Business Partnership are looking forward to expanding their membership to include all types of trades.

They are pleased to have as a member Safe Local Trades (www.safelocaltrades.com), which enables the public to choose vetted local businesses from its extensive list of professionals.

SSBP aims to bring residents closer to their local trades, helping the many reputable tradespeople working in this area to be able more easily to reach local customers rather than lose out on work which might otherwise be given to traders from outside the area.

To promote this, 6000 copies of the SSBP Local Directory were distributed in Sawtry, Stilton and the surrounding villages during the late summer, and the web site www.ssbpartnership.org provides details of all members.

If you’re looking for local services or products, check out the SSBP and Safe Local Trades websites first.

If you run a business locally, why not contact SSBP to find out how you can become a member of the group and promote your services to the local community?

For more information about SSBP, call Ralph Maloney on (01487) 832683 or Dave Blackett on (01487) 831852.

Shopping

Serpentine Green

These times are for the centre; some shops may have individual opening hours.

- 24th Dec: open until 5pm
- 25th Dec: CLOSED
- 26th Dec: normal Sunday hours
- 27th - 30th: normal hours
- 31st Dec: open until 5pm
- 1st Jan: open 10am - 4pm
- 2nd Jan: normal Sunday hours
- 3rd Jan: open 10am – 4pm

Queensgate Centre

Open until 9pm weeknights in December. Closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Individual shops may vary.

The Business News Section
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Contact Esther 07792 022172 OR ‘PYP’ on Facebook

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### Mums & Toddlers

**Tuesdays at the Village Hall, Folksworth**

10:30am - 12 noon

Why not come to Folksworth Village Hall on Tuesday mornings to meet other mums and tots?

Have a coffee and a chat and let the children play.

£2 - includes a drink

Concession for second child
Doing Us Proud
AN UPDATE ON OUR VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Each of Stilton United Football Club's teams have made excellent starts to their respective seasons.

Stilton United Colts have made a flying start, with two teams playing in the Hunts Mini League - one under 8's and one under 9's. Both are generating a lot of interest from children within Stilton and the surrounding villages.

This season we have been fortunate enough to once again gain sponsorship from Angel Spice, who have donated new kit for all 19 players. We would like to thank them for their continued support.

Matches kick off at 10am on Saturdays at the playing field, while training takes place every Thursday at Powerleague with Gary Brown.

The adult first team currently sits 3rd in the PDFL Division One table and has reached the semi-finals of the County Cup competition. Impressive wins against Ketton, Warboys Town, Thorney, Long Sutton Athletic, and an extra-time victory over Eynesbury Rovers Reserves have put the Stilton lads on course for a good season.

The reserve team has also made a strong start to the season with three league wins, including a comprehensive 4-0 victory over rivals Sawtry. Wins in the Peterborough cup and County cup have given the team a great chance of bringing home some silverware.

The whole club has received tremendous support from Stilton residents throughout the season so far, thanks to those of you who turn up week in, week out (you know who you are!) There were around 50 locals cheering the 1st team to victory against Eynesbury last month which was fantastic; we hope it will continue throughout the winter months, whatever the weather.

If you are interested in supporting your village club, the up to date fixtures and venues for the adult teams can be found at www.pdfl.org (they change regularly so any printed here would be out of date by the time you read it) and the next home games for the colts are below:

Home matches for December:
Under 8's - 18th Dec - Hemingford Juniors
Under 9's - 11th Dec - St Ives Rangers CP

It takes a great deal of time, effort and money to keep a village club afloat. Stilton is very lucky to have residents who are so determined and passionate about a community club like ours; without them there would be no game. Unfortunately this effort and attitude alone is not enough to pay the bills, which is why there are numerous fundraising events held throughout the year.

The next fundraiser is the annual SUFC Christmas Quiz. This will again be held at the Angel Spice, on 27th December from 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold on the door and cost £10, which includes the quiz and an ‘all you can eat’ buffet.
As well as the money raised through raffles, football cards, quizzes and race nights etc, there are a number of kind sponsors in the village who donate generously each year. We would like to thank them all for the continued support they show our club. It really is appreciated.

- Stilton Country Club
- Darke Tech Group
- Anglia Mechanical Engineering Ltd
- GPS Industrial Pipe Services
- Amiga Windows
- Angel Spice
- Gas Compressor Ltd

Stilton United Football Club is a village group that focuses on promoting enjoyment in sport and community spirit. The club as a whole is committed to helping the village improve its facilities for all Stilton residents.
Thieves About!
TIME TO CHECK YOUR SECURITY

The police have alerted us to a recent spate of burglaries and criminal damage at local rural/agricultural locations. If anyone has any information about any of these incidents, please call the police on 0345 456 456 4.

JUST FILLING UP...

In early November, at an agricultural yard diesel fuel was stolen from a tank, two tractors and a forklift. Offender(s) forced entry through a padlocked gate and appear to have been driving a 4 x 4 type vehicle.

TURF WARS

The proprietor of a turf laying company found items missing from their garage and discovered two petrol brush cutters and a small petrol saw lying in a passageway beside the garage, as if left there for a return collection. A black woollen scarf was also discovered near the garage door.

FOWL PLAY

At an isolated turkey farm, intruders forced entry to one of the sheds. An employee found blood inside the unit, suggesting that birds had been killed and taken.

PINING AWAY

At a farm near Old Weston, entry was forced by uprooting the gatepost of a padlocked gate. The intruder(s) then stole garden tools and around 100 potted Christmas trees. So if you are offered Christmas trees in suspicious circumstances, contact the police.

TRACTOR DODGEMS

Offenders entered a farm in Yaxley Fen and stole a JCB tractor with plough, and damaged two other tractors. The stolen tractor and plough were then reversed into a barn’s shutter door at a neighbouring farm, causing extensive damage, before being burnt out in a straw fire on Broad Drove.

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

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Keep Them Out

With Christmas approaching, and tempting piles of presents under the tree, it’s timely to remind readers of the importance of home security. If you haven’t already done so, consider installing some of the following:

A visible intruder alarm system These can be a strong deterrent to opportunist burglars.

Motion-activated outdoor lights The sudden activation of the light can deter an opportunist burglar and can also alert the homeowner that someone/something may have entered their garden/driveway. Ensure that such lights provide the required coverage but are in a position where they cannot be easily moved.

Use timer switches on lamps and radios But ensure that lamps are brought on in rooms that do not face the front of your property, so that, if the curtains are open, passers-by won’t get a brightly-lit view of your new HD TV and a laden Christmas tree!

GENERAL ADVICE

If you’re going out, or away, never just leave a light on in your hallway. This just shows that the property is unoccupied!

Ensure that doors and windows are locked at all times, or left in their ‘locked but ventilated’ positions.

Ensure that side gates are locked and secured with bolts/padlocks in the middle/bottom of the gate, so that they can’t be reached over from the top of the gate. If a gate needs to be locked on the outside as you exit it, consider the use of a keypad or combination lock to save the need for lots of keys!

Be vigilant if people call at your door claiming to be from a utility company or whatever. Ask for their official identification; this will always give their name and should have a photograph and a telephone number which you can call to verify their identity. A genuine caller will not mind waiting. Do not let them into your property without making these checks!

If you have any doubts about unexpected callers, call the police on 0345 456 4564 (or if an immediate emergency 999.) Do not be afraid to close and lock your door and telephone either the number on their ID or the police.

And finally, as it’s Christmas, DON’T leave your Christmas presents visible through your ground-floor windows and DON’T leave your Christmas shopping on view in your car.

If you need advice on specific crime prevention or security measures for your property, just call the Crime Reduction Unit at Huntingdon Police Station on 0345 456 456 4.

Speed Watch

PCSO Chamberlain is looking for help in setting up a Speed Watch in local villages. The Neighbourhood Policing Team based at Yaxley has two sets of equipment and would provide training for members of the public to monitor speeds on roads where the speed limit does not exceed 40mph. If interested contact Barry on the number opposite.

Oops!

SORRY, OUR MISTAKE

In last month’s SCAN, we inadvertently referred to Steve Ambler’s excellent book as being about the Royal Corps of Signals. This should of course have read the Royal Corps of Transport. Not that that should be any excuse for you not ringing Steve on 242156 to buy a signed first edition. Makes a fine Christmas present for anyone with an interest in military history.
Yaxley Group Practice
(01733) 240478

Dr. Phil Hartropp
As many of you may be aware Dr. Phil Hartropp is due to finish his clinical work with patients on the 24th December and then will formally retire on the 31st March 2011.

Phil has given over 30 years’ service to our patients here at Yaxley Group Practice.

We have already received some enquiries from patients who wish to make a donation in grateful thanks for their care over the years. It is Dr. Hartropp's wish that all donations received will go on his behalf to Yaxley Group Practice Patients’ Association.

GP Carer’s Prescription

- Are you caring for someone?
- Are you feeling emotionally or physically overwhelmed?
- Would help or a break make a difference?

NHS Cambridgeshire and Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire are working in partnership with Yaxley Group Practice to help improve recognition and help for carers and provide breaks where needed.

WHAT CAN YOU GET FROM CROSSROADS CARE CAMBRIDGESHIRE?

As a carer you will be able to visit your GP to explain your circumstances and your GP will then offer you a prescription for a visit to help decide the most appropriate form of support, including a short break. When you receive a prescription a specialist worker at Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire will visit you and help complete an assessment of your situation. They can point you in the right direction to where you can find out more about caring, your rights, free services or benefits you may be entitled to.

If a short break is prescribed, they will help you choose to book something that would make a real difference to you. You may need a short break to support your own health, keep an appointment, or just need some "me time" away from it all.

HOW TO GET A PRESCRIPTION?

See your doctor, briefly explain your circumstances Your doctor will write the prescription and will make sure they record you are a carer, so they can support you appropriately in the future. You can take the prescription away and contact Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire within 28 days. They will respond within 24 hours and provide the information service and an agreed break if you choose, without any charge to you.

If you would like to know more about the GP Carer’s Prescription before you speak to your Doctor please see Linda in the Patients' Library.

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome back to Dr. Jas Bhari and Practice Nurse Caroline Brear, who both return from their maternity leave in January.
Alcohol Awareness

Getting your head around how the things you do today might affect you in later life is not an easy thing to do. Take alcohol for example. If you are at a party this festive season, you are unlikely to be thinking about the cumulative impact a few drinks might be having. Regularly drinking more than the NHS recommended guidelines for sensible drinking however can put you at risk of serious long-term health conditions, such as liver damage, strokes or depression. Alcohol is also the leading cause of mouth and throat cancer, second only to smoking.

The NHS recommendations on sensible drinking are that men should not drink more that 3-4 units per day on a regular basis and women should not exceed 2-3 units per day on regular basis.

NOT ALL AT ONCE!

It's a myth to think that it is safer to take the number of units of a weekly limit and drink them all at once. Binge drinking is harder on your body, is linked to violent and antisocial behaviour and is a risk factor for developing heart disease.

Let me offer a brief guide through the confusing maze of units, measures and labels:

One unit is 10ml (8g) of pure alcohol. The alcohol content in drinks is also expressed as a percentage of the whole drink. Take a look at the label on a bottle of wine for example and you will see either a % followed by the abbreviation 'ABV' - which stands for 'alcohol by volume' or just the word 'vol'. So wine that says 13ABV on its label contains 13% of pure alcohol. Most wines are between 12-13 %, some robust wines from hot countries (including wines from Australia, South America or South Africa) can be 17%ABV.

And don't forget about the size either. If you ask for a glass of wine at the bar, you will be offered a large or small glass. A large measure is 250ml - which is $\frac{1}{3}$ of a bottle. This can mean nearly three units of alcohol in just one glass. So if you have just 2-3 glasses, you could be drinking a whole bottle of wine and almost three times your recommended daily units without realising. So, to work out exactly how many units are in your drink, you need to know the volume of your drink and its alcoholic strength % (or ABV). Multiply the % alcohol content by the volume of your drink and divide by 100 if the volume is in centilitres(cl) or by 1000 if the volume is in millilitres (ml). This way you can keep count and know your units when you're drinking.

Dr Darina Padmore

Diary Dates

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

We will be closed on:
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- Monday 27th December
- Tuesday 28th December
- Monday 3rd January 2011

Carer Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 8th December; 1pm at The Farmers for Christmas Lunch.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday 12th January 2011 from 2-4pm in the Health Education Room. All Carers are welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas!

The Doctors and Staff send their best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Festive Season.
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.

Discovering the joy of books at Yaxley Library

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!

Beginners welcome!

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

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Getting Engaged
SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL EVENTS AT YAXLEY LIBRARY

Thank you to Veronica Dockerill who entertained and inspired us with her Introduction to Card Making Techniques in October. Everyone had the chance to make a Christmas card and take home materials to make more individual cards at their leisure.

The next Engage event is on Wednesday 15th December at 2pm, when we will be sharing our Christmas memories and hoping to put together a "Christmas Reminiscence Box" which can be used by other groups around the county in the future.

Thomas the Tank Engine is 65!

We celebrated Thomas the Tank Engine's 65th Birthday with a special Storytime event. Children enjoyed stories, rhymes, craft, and even a slice of birthday cake!

Cambridgeshire Book of the Decade

Six books have been shortlisted for this. Come and vote for your favourite!
- The Cambridge Curry Club - Saumya Balsari
- Ghostwalk - Rebecca Stott
- Case Histories - Kate Atkinson
- The Water Clock - Jim Kelly
- The Wild Placed - Robert MacFarlane
- Stuart a life backwards - Alexander Masters

Voting closes on Monday 13th December; the winner will be announced on the 15th.

Family Learning Festival Event

The library was packed with families for the Hallowe’en craft and story event on 27th October. Children enjoyed making frogs, lanterns, bats and masks, among other things. We would like to thank Amanda from the Wildlife Trust who kindly supported us with craft activities and brought some interesting artefacts for everyone to look at!

Yaxley Library
OPENING TIMES

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

Mobile Library
Every 4th Wednesday in the month
Dec 22nd 3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot

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Stilton & District Twinning Association

Race Night

Saturday 5th February 2011     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

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.
WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, YAXLEY BRANCH

Introduction to Garden History
A new 10-week course with tutor Michael Brown

This interesting course will uncover the romance of early gardens, examining the differences between Mediaeval and Tudor gardens and revealing their continuing influence on modern gardens.

The course will be held at the Royal British Legion Clubroom on Tuesday evenings between 7:30-9:00 pm and begins on Tuesday 18th January 2010.

Course fee £44

For further information, or to book your place, please contact Diana Cleverley on (01733) 240010.

PLAYAWAY
STILTON TODDLER GROUP

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
AFTERNOON

TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2-4PM
STILTON MEMORIAL HALL
£2.00 PER CHILD (Parents need to stay)
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Yaxley Flower Club

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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,
Keeping Well
News from the Wellside Clinic
(01487) 830340

‘Flu Vaccination
All patients falling within the following at-risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:
- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease or asthma which requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who are pregnant and have not previously received the H1N1 vaccination
- If you receive a Carer’s Allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination please call our reception team on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our practice nurses.

Online Appointment Booking
We introduced an online appointment booking in May of this year. This method of booking a consultation with a GP is proving very popular and we would like to thank all of those patients who have taken the time to let us know how pleased they are with the introduction of this facility. If you are not already registered to use the online booking system, but would like to do so, please contact our Reception team who will be able to provide you with your personal log-in details.

Please note that online appointments need to be booked via a dedicated website, not the surgery website.

Christmas & New Year Opening
- Fri 24th Dec  Open as usual
- Sat 25th Dec  Closed
- Sun 26th Dec  Closed
- Mon 27th Dec  Closed
- Tue 28th Dec  Closed
- Wed 29th Dec  Open as usual
- Thur 30th Dec  Open as usual
- Fri 31st Dec  Open as usual
- Sat 1st Jan  Closed
- Sun 2nd Jan  Closed
- Mon 3rd Jan  Closed
- Tue 4th Jan  Open as usual

As usual, at any time when the surgery is closed, emergency GP services will be provided by Urgent Care Cambridgeshire - 03301 239131.

Requests for repeat medication take two working days to process so please submit your requests in plenty of time to take account of the above opening hours.

On behalf of all the Partners and Staff at Wellside Surgery, we wish all of our patients and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year.
Friends of Stilton School

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 10th December
3:30pm onwards in Stilton School Hall

Come and meet Santa in his Grotto

Lots of other activities to enjoy:
❖ Teddy tombola
❖ Lucky dip
❖ Raffle

Refreshments and cakes available

Come and join in the Christmas fun!

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## F.O.S.C.C. News

**Friends of Sawtry Community College**

### Christmas Bingo

- **Saturday 11th December**
- **Sawtry Community College Main Hall**

 Doors open 7:00pm - Eyes down 7:30pm

**Everyone welcome!**

All funds going towards helping fund a new school minibus

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### FOSS Diary Dates

**PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

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Christmas Fete and Funtime

Saturday 4th December  2pm – 4pm
in Stilton Village Hall
Come and meet Santa in his Grotto!

Lots of other activities to enjoy
- Tombola
- Lucky dip
- Raffle

Refreshments and cakes available
So come along and join in the Christmas fun!

Santa Claus is coming to town!

on
11th & 12th December
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Come and give him a wave!
Premier Inn
Norman Cross

Festive Community Afternoon
Thursday 2nd December from 4pm

With Christmas carols by Stilton Primary School
The perfect accompaniment to mince pies!
There will be an informative talk on the 1940's and an opportunity to contribute to the Peterborough war memorial, with help from the British Legion.

Refreshments provided
If you would like to attend please contact:
Natalie Farrington, Events Coordinator
Tel: (01733) 246000

Stilton Stumblers
Winter Itinerary

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All our regular walks are between 6 - 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!

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

PRIZE BINGO

DECEMBER 3RD EYES DOWN 7:30pm
Ticket cost includes refreshments and raffle
Bring your own drinks (Alcoholic or non alcoholic)
Open to children

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1ST STILTON BROWNIES PRESENT

CAPTAIN HOOK

A PANTOMIME IN TWO ACTS
ALSO VARIETY ACTS BY BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS
WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
6:00 - 7:30 PM
STILTON MEMORIAL HALL

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £1
TICKETS FROM:
SUE (01733) 243410
JEN (01733) 244288