Good Health!

STILTON GETS A CHEMISTRY SET FOR CHRISTMAS!

OPEN ALL HOURS
HOLIDAY OPENINGS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

LOTS TO DO!
CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

REMEMBER
STILTON HONOURS ITS FALLEN

Read about our new village pharmacy business, Halls the Chemist, run by Mr Shabbir Dawani, pictured above at the official opening in November.

At last we have a full-service pharmacy in the village, so be sure to make full use of it!
Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Like winter snow, Christmas comes every year but still catches us by surprise! But then, so much has happened in Stilton this year that the time has flown by.

The village centre has been transformed by smart new businesses offering not only shopping, but a Post Office and now a chemists shop.

We said a sad farewell to our Rector, Richard Longfoot, whose absence leaves a big gap in village life which the church community are working hard to fill while a new incumbent is appointed.

Hard work, perseverance and skill have given the Memorial Hall a smart makeover - and a working clock once again. And of course we now know that Stilton cheese really is ours!

What on earth will 2012 bring, we wonder?

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St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Try to join us for this monthly breakfast get-together.

Dec 10th

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 Doug 242229

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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!
GRIT BINS
The Parish Council hopes to buy four yellow grit bins which will be filled by Cambridgeshire County Council, but only if the bins are sited on the main roads through the village.

We are seeking permission to site the bins:
- Bottom of Caldecote Road
- Junction of Walnut Way and Church Street
- Bottom of Mill Road
- Junction of Manor Road and Church Street

The grit could then be accessed from most of the residential estates.

DOG BAGS
Huntingdonshire District Council no longer supplies these free of charge. Supplies are running low and a new source of supply is under investigation. The bags are still available from the Parish Office on Wednesdays following Parish Council meetings, from 10 to 11am.

HANGING BASKETS
STILTON-IN BLOOM
The winter baskets have been erected. The Parish Council thanks Colbrooke Rolls-Royce Garage and Mr John Thory for their generosity in each sponsoring one of the baskets for the next year. If anyone else would like to be a sponsor please contact Olive Main (241206). £100 will pay for one basket or one of the Caldecote Road planters for a year. £50 will pay for the bedding round the village signs.

SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTIONS
Since the article in October's SCAN, HDC have told the Parish Council that it will no longer offer the service. Garden rubbish can be put out for the fortnightly collection; much can be recycled fortnightly; charities will collect furniture and household goods; recycling centres will take most other things. The Parish Council is looking at other firms who might collect from Stilton before making a final decision.

Stilton School is hoping to organize a clothes/shoes bank and a book bank. This means we can give to charity and also benefit the school.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE
Work to extend the area set aside for the interment of cremated ashes has begun. The existing area will be refurbished at the same time.

Change to SCAN Distribution
Ann Brooks has distributed SCAN in Caldecote Road for 20 years, but she and her husband, Kevin, have recently moved to the Lake District. We are grateful to Angus McNeill for agreeing to take over.

We also said goodbye to Dave Severn who has retired from doing the Distribution Manager's job for the past three years or so. We are very grateful to him (and to his able assistant Margaret Parsons) for all his hard work and contribution towards SCAN.
Open All Hours
LOCAL BUSINESS OPENINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

We’ve been chasing & chivvying to get as many holiday opening times as possible, but to some the concept of press deadlines still seems a mystery. Here are what we can get, so thanks to the businesses who provided them and, to coin a popular Stilton phrase, ‘hard cheese to the losers!’

**STILTON COUNTRY CLUB**
24 Dec: Midday-1am
25 Dec: Midday-2pm, Evening TBA
26 Dec: Midday-Midnight
31 Dec: Midday-1:30am
All other days as normal hours (see advert)

**THE STILTON CHEESE**
25 Dec: Bar open 12-2pm
26/27: Closed
1/2 Jan: Closed

**ANGEL SPICE**
25 Dec: Closed in the evening

**YAXLEY GROUP PRACTICE**
See their newsletter in this issue.

**NISA - Shop**
24 Dec: Normal hours, 7:00am - 9:00pm
25 Dec: Open 9:00am - 2:00pm
26 Dec: Open 8:00am - 5:00pm
1 Jan: Open 9:00am - 9:00pm
Otherwise normal opening 7:00am - 9:00pm

**NISA - Post Office**
25-27: Closed
1/2 Jan: Closed

**THE BELL INN**
The permutations of bar, bar food, bistro bar, bistro food and restaurant hours would fill two pages, so here is a brief summary:
25 Dec: Closed, except for bar: noon-2pm
26 Dec: Closed from 6pm
27 Dec: Restaurant closed
28/29: Restaurant closed
30 Dec: Restaurant closed for lunch
31 Dec: No restaurant or evening food. Normal lunchtime bars.
Evening bars 7pm-1am
1 Jan: Bars: noon-6pm. No evening food
2 Jan: Restaurant closed
For anything more than a casual drink and a snack, we recommend you call the Bell on 241066 to confirm the availability of meals.

**HDC OFFICE, YAXLEY**
There seem to be some serious issues with staffing these local offices. We understand that Yaxley will now only be open on Wednesdays from 9:00-12:30 & 13:00-16:30. In December that’s 7, 14 & 21, but we have no information beyond that.

**WELLSIDE SURGERY**
See their newsletter in this issue.
Goodness, we are becoming quite spoiled in Stilton now. With ample choice of places to eat & drink, two well-stocked convenience shops and the return of our Post Office, not to mention a welcoming church community and more social clubs and activities than you can shake a stick at, you hardly need to use your car at all!

As readers will have seen, we have now welcomed an NHS pharmacy to the village centre - a lifeline for many, and one more reason to leave the car at home. Its arrival has been the culmination of a long process by the NHS to provide a pharmacy service in Stilton, and we owe it in part to the efforts of District Councillor Peter Mitchell. Well done Peter!

Our new pharmacist is Mr Shabbir Damani, who explained to SCAN that the shop is an independent unit within the NISA store. It will be open from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm Mondays to Friday. At the moment it won’t be open at weekends, but this will depend upon the demand.

Halls The Chemist is an independent, family-run pharmacy originally from Kings Lynn, that has branches in many of the villages around Peterborough.

As an NHS Registered Pharmacy Mr Damani has a private consulting room, which will allow ‘Medicine Use Reviews’ (medicines MOTs) to be provided for patients.

Mr Damani hopes also to run many extra services, such as a ‘quit smoking’ service. Most of these services would be through the NHS and therefore would be free for those exempt from prescription charges.

The new pharmacy provides a repeat medication reordering service to and from the surgeries in Yaxley, Peterborough and Sawtry, with free local delivery if required. To sign up for this service you should visit the pharmacy to complete an application form and to let Mr Damani know which medications you are taking. And of course, you should be sure to reorder your medicines in good time, to allow the pharmacy time to have your doctor authorise the prescription and to make it up for you.

Mr Damani is obviously keen to support the village community and invites anybody with particular requirements to call in at the pharmacy to discuss them, or to call him on 01733 229090.

It seems like only yesterday that the village centre seemed run-down and bereft of business, so it’s good to see such confidence re-emerging. Let’s be sure to support Mr Damani and our other village retailers, who offer an excellent local service and help make Stilton a more attractive and economical place to live.
We Did Not Forget
11-11-11-11 - A SPECIAL TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Apart from the strange numerological significance of this year’s Armistice Day remembrance services, it is the first such occasion at which there were no longer any survivors present from the First World War. That unimaginable horror is now something that one can only learn about from the historical record, so it’s easy to be lulled into thinking that mankind has left such madness behind.

Survivors of the Second World War know different, as do relatives and friends of those killed or injured in the many conflicts since. So it’s important that we not only honour the memory of those who died in the cause of freedom, but that we also teach our young generations the lessons of war, and to continue to honour the fallen. Stilton was not found wanting in this.

11 November 2011
There are three war graves in the cemetery. The commemoration service was led by Church Warden Stuart Reed, accompanied by war and Services veterans amongst the group of 20 who attended. Uniformed Brownies and Cubs from Stilton and Holme Schools placed poppy posies on each of the graves while the Royal British Legion flag was lowered by Tom Cochrane as a mark of respect. Poppy crosses were placed around the twinning olive tree in the Church Yard.

13 November 2011
British Legion standard bearer Tom Cochrane led a procession of over 50 young people and adults from the village centre to St Mary Magdalene church. There, in a packed church, followed the Remembrance Sunday Service, led by Canon Malcolm Griffiths, Rural Dean for the Ely Diocese.
The St Christol Twinning Association has kindly invited a group of up to 30 from Stilton & District to visit St Christol from the 6th to 10th April 2012. The group will be a mix of adults and young people.

Whilst there, we will enjoy a great programme of visits, events and wonderful hospitality, including of course excellent wine and food.

Those taking part will be hosted by St Christol families. The only cost will be the return journey. A travel grant, of up to 50% of flight costs, is available to young people in full-time education.

The flight will be from Luton to Nimes with Ryanair, to be booked personally once being part of the group is confirmed. Participants can make their own travel arrangements as long as they arrive on the 6th of April.

If you are interested, please contact Chris and Linda on 241376 or email clstilton@btinternet.com as soon as possible please, as places are expected to fill up rapidly!

For those not familiar with St Christol les Alès, it is in the département of Gard on the edge of the beautiful hills of the Cevennes. It is situated 30 km NE of the Roman town of Nîmes and 4km from Ales, the capital of the Cevennes region.

### Twinning Diary Dates - 2012

- **17 March**  Quiz Night, Stilton Memorial Hall
- **6-10 April**  Stilton Group visit to St Christol (see above)
- **7 May**  Cheese Rolling. Association sponsors the Junior Championship
- **12 May**  Hog Roast & Barn Dance to Dennis Cuddles
- **29 June - 1 July**  Weekend visit to Reims (see advert opposite)
- **October**  ‘Time for Me’ evening
- **13 October**  Race Night, Stilton School Hall

If you are interested in any of these events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.

Members of the Association would like to thank everyone who supports the work of the Association and wish you a very happy Christmas and peace and prosperity in 2012.
STILTON and DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A Weekend in France

29 June - 1 July 2012

Join us in the historic Champagne city of Rheims

- Executive coach via the Channel Tunnel
- 2 nights B+B
- Quality hotel in the city centre
- Sunday lunch at a gourmet restaurant

Only £195 per person

Pick-up from Stilton or Folksworth at 9.30 am on Friday
Arrive Rheims approx 7 pm
Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday

Contact Audrey and Paul for details:
01733 241739
paul.springford@gmail.com
Thought for Food

Claret & Port Jelly
A LITTLE VICTORIAN ELEGANCE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day has been a feast day since the Middle Ages. Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, was a time of fasting, so by December 25 people were ready to eat as much as they possibly could of luxuries they could not usually afford.

Many of our traditions spring from history, but change with the passing of time. For instance, mince pies traditionally contained meat, while Christmas pudding began as plum porridge and had a constituency more like a beef stew. Then there have been newer developments; brussels sprouts were not available until the 1880’s, and potatoes were most likely to have been boiled, mashed or deep fried, not roasted.

By Victorian times jellies and blancmanges were popular and were served between main courses to cleanse the palate. An example is this recipe for Claret & Port Jelly. Served with almond biscuits it makes a dessert in its own right.

You need:
- 4oz granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon redcurrant jelly
- A two-inch piece of cinnamon
- 1 clove
- 1 tablespoon of powdered gelatine
- 8 fl oz of claret, or any red wine
- 4 fl oz port
- 1tbsp brandy

Heat the sugar, redcurrant jelly, cinnamon, and clove in 8 fluid oz of water until the sugar is dissolved.

Sprinkle the powdered gelatine over a little of the claret and leave it to soften for five minutes. Microwave very briefly and make sure the gelatine has fully dissolved. Stir in the rest of the wine. Add the port, brandy and the flavoured water. When cold strain in to six glass dishes or goblets and chill.

If you want to put this into a mould and turn it out, use an extra 1/2oz of the gelatine.

Santa will be coming to town!
Santa will be coming on his float to see everyone in the village

Fri 9th &10th Dec 4:30 - 8pm

His little helpers will be collecting money to help support our village Playgroup
Stilton United have enjoyed a fantastic start to the beginning of the 2011/12 season with both teams performing very well, writes Matthew King. The Reserves have lost only one of their first five games and are currently sitting in mid-table. The 1st team have played 10 league games. Having won seven, drawn two and lost one, they are sitting three points clear at the top of the league. The 1st team have also reached two cup semi-finals and have enjoyed excellent support so far, which is greatly appreciated. Keep it up!

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Similar to last year, we have organised a Quiz Night at the Angel Spice on December 27th, starting at 7:30pm. Entry is £10 for an ‘all you can eat’ buffet plus the quiz. A seating plan will soon be up in the Country Club, so please reserve your table early because this is a hugely popular event.

Fun Football Parties

Fully flexible packages to suit your budget for 5 to 11 year olds

Fully Qualified FA Youth Specialist Coaches

www.footyparty.co.uk
Parish Meeting Room

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

HIRING THE ROOM

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

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

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.
December Services

Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love

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As well as the regular Sunday services many activities of fellowship and worship continue to happen during the vacancy. Many people are enjoying being together sharing their thoughts, beliefs and friendship, as well as refreshments. We hope there is something for everyone: groups for Mums - with or without toddlers; for children and young adults; for men; and for all in prayer and bible study. The Church is more than just Sunday and for major life events.

During the vacancy the first points of contact are:

Peter Lloyd: **Baptisms**
07753 577478
peterlloyd2@sky.com

Doug Maltman: **Weddings, Funerals**
01733 242229
maltmand@yahoo.com

Stuart Reed: **Funerals,**
01733 241114 **Prayer Requests**
sandpreed@btinternet.com

Please refer to the 'Link Church News' for full details of services and Church activities.

Doug Maltman and Stuart Reed
(Church Wardens)
Let’s Share Some Memories
COME TO THE CHRISTMAS ENGAGE EVENT

Our next Engage social afternoon is on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm. We will be holding a Christmas Reminiscence Session; come along and join us in sharing mince pies and memories.

Free tickets for this event will be available in Yaxley Library from 1st December.

Junior Creative Writing Group

The next meeting for the Junior Creative Writing Group is on Monday 5th December from 5:45 - 6:45pm.

If you are interested in writing, please come along and join in!

Self-Service Technology

Our new self-service machines are proving popular with customers. We have had many positive comments about how easy they are to use. If you haven’t taken advantage of this new facility, come and try it!

Christmas Opening Times

Sat 24th Dec: 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 26th Dec - Mon 2nd Jan: CLOSED
Tue 3rd Jan: 9:30am-1pm & 2 -5pm
(ie normal opening hours resume)

Be sure to stock up on your holiday reading!

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.
From an annoyed resident:

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What did they do, buy up all the leftovers?

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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

No Meeting This Month

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Yaxley Library

OPENING TIMES

Mon - 2:30 - 7:00
Tue 9:30 - 1:00 2:00 - 5:00
Wed Closed
Thu 9:30 - 1:00 2:00 - 5:00
Fri 9:30 - 1:00 2:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:30 - 12:30 -

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

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Mobile Library

Mon 19th December

3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot

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Frances Williams

1936-2011

David Williams would like to thank everybody for their kind letters and cards of condolence and attendance at Church. We know that Frances will be greatly missed by many, especially by David, Helen, Harry, Sarah and her grandchildren.

Thank you also for the generous donations for the benefit of Macmillan Cancer Care. Just over £1200 was collected.

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Correspondence to: The Editor, SCAN, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton

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Did you know there is a Lunch Club in Sawtry?
Ladies, gentlemen or couples
We are a self-help group that meets every Monday & Tuesday 10:30am - 1:30pm
at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry
We prepare freshly cooked two-course meals each day
(including tea & coffee) for only £3.70
Come in for a drink and a chat, you will get a warm welcome! You can make new friends and you may know some of the people who already attend the club.
For more information about Lunch Club and its activities
Call Lyn at CARESCO on 01487 832105

Christmas Greetings
Charlie Glithro
Would like to wish everyone
a Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New Year

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,
Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

Tuesday December 20 at 7.30pm
Church Meeting Room

Social evening, quiz, raffle and presentation of the Gawlor Gardening Trophy

Bring a plate of party food; wine and soft drinks provided.

The name reflects the fact that we have always had a programme that is wider than "gardening". We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Stilton Church Meeting Room at 7:30pm. We usually have a speaker or demonstration and then light refreshments. Some months we arrange visits. Members pay £1, non-members £2. Membership starts in January and costs £5 per person. If you want more information please contact Olive Main (241206)

Feed The Birds
HOW SMALL CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

At their November meeting, members of Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club and visitors enjoyed a highly informative and thought-provoking talk by Mr Nick Watts from Vine House Farm in Deeping St Nicholas. Mr Watts farms organically, producing 17 different crops. As well as producing vegetables he also grows many varieties of wild bird food which are all sold in the farm shop.

As a lifelong naturalist he has mapped out which birds live on his land, where they live and how their numbers have increased dramatically since he made changes to some of his farming practices. For example, he has replaced hedgerows and built 'mini barns' for barn owls. He even persuaded Anglia Water to cut down reeds along the edges of dykes only once a year instead of twice, and to cut down only one bank, to preserve wildlife habitats.

He always has fed the birds in his own garden and only got into growing and selling bird food when visitors asked if they could have some too. The business just took off from there.

With another hard winter on the cards, now is a good time to look after the wild birds in your gardens too. Otherwise Spring might be a bit quiet when it comes!
Is That Your Car?

WELL, STOP CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION WITH IT

At the last Forum meeting held in Yaxley, one of the priorities set by Stilton residents was the parking outside Stilton School, when children are being dropped off in the mornings and collected in the afternoon.

I have been outside the school on several occasions and have observed that some vehicles are being parked on the footpath, restricting people from getting past vehicles, without having to use the road. Some are also parking within 10 metres of a junction.

Please do NOT park within 10 metres either side of, or opposite, the Walnut Way junction. By all means park in Walnut Way. There is a lamp post in Walnut Way on the left-hand side as you enter. If you park the other side of the lamp post you are not within 10 metres, but please remember not to block anyone's driveway.

Please also remember not to park on the yellow zigzags. I do appreciate the problems outside the school but the safety of the children is paramount.

I hope this helps; when you see me around if you have any questions, please ask.

PCSOS Barry Chamberlain 7025

SCAN says: When we were small, we used to walk to school. Nobody in Stilton lives more than a mile from the school, so why do you need to drive there at all?

New Boy on The Beat

PCSO Kev Paul has just joined the team at Yaxley. He is an experienced officer and has replaced PCSO Donna Grummitt. We wish him well in his new post.

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

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
Lock It Up!

Police have recently seen an increase in burglaries, particularly during the day, and with the Christmas season upon us we need to be more vigilant than usual.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams are carrying out High Visibility Patrols and encourage readers to report any suspicious incidents on our new non emergency number 101.

Apart from the usual sound advice about having good locks on doors, windows, sheds and garages - and using them - you are reminded of some seasonal tips for hanging on to your possessions:

- Always draw your curtains at night
- Make sure valuable items, such as a Christmas tree laden with presents, cannot be easily seen from outside
- If you order goods and won’t be at home when they’re delivered, have them delivered to an alternative address, such as your work office or a relative who is at home.
- DON’T leave a note on the door saying ‘I’m out all day, please leave parcels at No 3’ or whatever. Yes people do do this, and then wonder why they get burgled!
- DON’T leave your car running unattended on the drive while it defrosts in the morning. It might not be there when you come out again.
- DON’T leave your car unattended with the door or boot open while you unload the shopping. Neither the shopping nor the car might be there when you come out again.
- If you’re going to be away over the Christmas holiday, invest in a few timer sockets to switch lights and radios on and off at appropriate times. They are cheap and easy to programme and can make the house appear occupied.

You’re Nicked!

Our local police are enjoying a warm glow of satisfaction having arrested the person responsible for a string of high-value car key burglaries in Yaxley. The thefts have now stopped, but police remind us that replacement thieves are always available! So keep your vehicles locked, your car keys somewhere safe, and valuables out of sight.

TRADICRAFT

Mince Pie & Coffee Morning
December 17th
10:30 - 12:30
at 4 Bishop Close

All proceeds to the Parishes Youth Project
All of us at YGP aim to provide the highest quality of service to our patients; however, the appointments system at YGP has caused all of us frustration over the years. Unfortunately despite many modifications it remains less than ideal. It has led to increasing pressure on our phones at certain peak times, which means that access to us is much more difficult than it should be.

We have increased the number of lines and increased the number of staff answering the phones. Analysis of the impact of this has shown an improvement in the percentage of calls that get through, but there is still an unacceptable number that do not. The impact on your experience as a patient however is probably too small to notice.

The challenges we face are common to many practices and it is impossible to design a system that is 100% perfect. We always encourage patients to get to know two or three of us well to improve the chances of be able to see a doctor of your choice.

In order to resolve the situation we have been looking at some radical ideas to completely change the way we see patients and are currently researching the potential impact of some big changes we hope to introduce in the New Year. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with progress and would value your comments and ideas. This can be done either directly to Shirley, the Practice Manager, or via our Patients’ Association who will be involved in the planning of the new system.

Our aims are:
- to ensure patients get through to us much more easily by telephone
- to sort out problems quickly without asking patients to ring back repeatedly
- to ensure that patients can see us when they want to
- to use our face-to-face appointments efficiently by dealing with more issues by telephone where it is appropriate to do so

Dr Alison Graham

Patients’ Association Website
www.yaxleypatients.org.uk

We are delighted to let you know that the Patients’ Association now has its own website. Bookmark it now!

Thank You

As many of you will be aware, members of the Patients’ Association sold raffle tickets during our two ‘Flu Saturday Clinics on 8th and 22nd October to raise valuable funds for the YGP Patients’ Association. All prizes were generously donated by local residents and businesses. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us by buying raffle tickets on those days and we are delighted to say that we raised a tremendous £719.51.

A list of listing the winning tickets is on display in the surgery.
Laboratory Results
(Please note this is an amendment to the entry in the November SCAN)

The results of tests; which include x-rays and scans, are received in the surgery at varying times. If the result is abnormal, unexpected or further treatment is required; we will contact you by letter or telephone. If the result is normal you will not be contacted.

If you do ring in, our Receptionists can advise you of the result of your test once they have been seen by the doctor and can inform you of any further action that may be required; e.g. a further test to be done in three months time. Please avoid calling between 08:00 and 10:00am as the phone lines are very busy during these hours.

All cervical smears are notified by letter.

Maternity Care

If you are pregnant or planning a baby you have a choice of where you would like to receive your maternity care.

Peterborough City Hospital Maternity Service
Contact the Peterborough midwives on:
Alison Spencer 07766 253914
Naomi Burton 07881 832682
www.peterboroughandstamford.nhs.uk

Hinchingbrooke Hospital
Midwife is: Sarah Rook mobile 07534 692302 The Midwifery Team can be contacted on 01480 418629
www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk

Information Leaflets on both services are available from Reception

Staff News

Practice Nurse Caroline Brear will go on maternity leave on the 8th December. We all wish Caroline and her family well for when the new baby arrives.

Diary Dates

Half Day Closure
The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 7th December from 1pm - 4pm

Christmas Closures
We will be closed on:
Christmas Day, Boxing Day. Tuesday 27th December 2011, Monday 2nd January 2012

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

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

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Local Pharmacies

Patients registering at YGP have a free choice of a number of pharmacies.

The following information may be useful:

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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!)
‘Flu Vaccination

Patients falling within the following at-risk categories are entitled to the vaccination this year:

- 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 received your vaccination please contact our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Patient Reference Group

We are in the process of setting up a Patient Reference Group. We hope to include a significant number of patients within the group in order for it to be truly representative of our patients. The idea is to open a channel of communication which will enable us to consult with patients regarding the range and quality of the services we provide. The group will communicate mostly via email, although alternative arrangements will be made available for any patient who wishes to be involved but does not have access to a computer. If you would like to be involved please let me know via email (claire.wright2@nhs.net) or use the form available from our Reception Desk and in the waiting room to provide alternative contact details.

Xmas / New Year Opening Times

- Fri 23rd Dec - Open as usual
- Sat 24th Dec - Closed
- Sun 25th Dec - Closed
- Mon 26th Dec - Closed
- Tue 27th Dec - Closed
- Wed 28th Dec - Open as usual
- Thur 29th Dec - Open as usual
- Fri 30th Dec - Open as usual
- Sat 31st Dec - Closed
- Sun 1st Jan - Closed
- Mon 2nd Jan - Closed
- Tue 3rd 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.
Nene & Ouse Community Transport
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*

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**Stilton School Christmas Bazaar**

Friday 9th December 3:15 onwards

The Friends of Stilton School are working alongside the school eco council to raise money for outdoor equipment.

Come along and support the local children and have fun!

*If you would like a stall please contact the School Reception.*
Christmas Jazz Concert

John Haywood & his Jazz Quartet are back!

Stilton Church

Saturday 10th December 7:30 - 9:30pm
Doors open 7:00pm

Complimentary Refreshments at half time

Tickets: Adults £8.00
Children & O.A.Ps £5.00

From members of the PCC or
call the box office on (01733) 244666

Proceeds towards Stilton Church General Fund

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Singalong

DECEMBER 15th 7:30 - 9:30

Why not join us singing carols, hearing stories and Christmas jokes
(Christmas crackers have nothing on ours...)

Refreshments provided while you rest your voices
PRIZE BINGO
FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Dates 2011/12
Dec 2nd  |  Jan 20  |  Feb 24  |  Mar 23  |  Apr 27

EYES DOWN 7:30
£6.00 includes 6 books, raffle, refreshments
(Smaller quantity available)
Children Welcome

Christmas Mince Pie & Coffee Morning

Saturday December 17th
10:30am to 12 noon
at Marjorie's, 4 Bishop Close
Proceeds to the churches youth work

Christmas Entertainment
HOLME VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 17 December at 7:30pm

Words & Music by
The Michael Singers

Tickets £3.50, including refreshments
From Mary Croll (241042) or Olive Main (241206)

Join a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
A comprehensive 12-day pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and the Galilee
With the Revd Alan & Mrs Vivian Eaves
2nd - 13th September 2012

For details, please contact Vivian Eaves (01733) 241644
vaeaves@talktalk.net
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Stilton Village Hall
Saturday 10th December 2011
12:00 - 3:00pm

Festive Fun for All the Family!
Stalls!
Activities!

A VIP visitor from the North Pole!

Church Street, Stilton, Peterborough, PE7 3RF  01733 247682

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- Playaway Parent/Toddler Playgroup  9:15 - 11:15 Term-time Mem orial Hall Linsey McCaffrey  245981
- Cubs  6 - 7:30pm
- Beavers  6 - 7:15pm
- 1st Stilton Brownies  6:15 - 8pm
- Stilton Rainbows  5:15 - 6:15pm
- Folkworth Brownies  6:30 - 7:45pm
- Folkworth Rainbows  5:15 - 6:15pm
- Scouts  7:40 - 8:45pm
- Guides  6 - 8pm
- Junction  7:00 - 9:00pm KO 10am
- Stilton United Colts

- Parish Council  2nd week 7:30pm
- Sewing Group  2:30 - 5pm
- Over 60's Club  2:00pm

**CHURCH**

- Holy Communion  1st & 3rd Sun 11:00am
- Holy Communion  2nd & 4th Sun 11:00am
- Family Service  4th Sun 11:00am
- LinCup (Café style worship)  2nd Sun 11am
- Holy Communion & Lunch  3rd Wed 12:30pm 9am
- Linking Hands (mums)  6 - 7pm in term time 7 - 9pm
- Crossover (Y6)  9am in term time 8am 2nd Saturday
- 7, 8 & 9 12:30pm 3rd Wednesday 8am
- Take a Break (children & carers)  Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Wednesday Worship  Prayer Focus

**LEISURE**

- Stilton Gardening Club  3rd Tues 7:30pm
- Stilton Indoor Bowls  2:00pm Mon, 3:30pm
- Band  8 - 9:35pm
- Judo  6-8pm
- Stilton United FC  3:00pm kick-off  Alternate Sun
- Stumblers (walking group)

**OTHER**

- Mobile Library  3:10 - 4:00pm
- Age Well Club  10 - 11:45am
- Carers' Group  1st Weds, 2 - 4pm

**Are we up to date?**

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