Our Amenities Steering Group’s plans for developing Stilton’s much-needed leisure facilities received an enthusiastic response. High on the list is a new multi-use sports pavilion. Read the Group’s report on page 8.
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Wed 11th, 25th January, 8th February

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Thurs 5th, Wed 18th January, Wed 1st February

**Recycling Days:**  
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For up-to-date collections information, visit www.huntsdc.gov.uk

**Now Recycling Bottles!**
Parish Council News
NOTES FROM DECEMBER’S MEETING

Parking
There have been complaints about cars parked either partly or wholly on pavements in many parts of the village. Manor Road, Woodward Close, Worthington Close, Norman Drive and Church Street are the biggest blackspots; pedestrians, mothers with pushchairs and people in wheelchairs etc are being forced to walk in the road. If you find your way obstructed please take the number of the vehicle and report it to the police.

PARKING OUTSIDE STILTON SCHOOL
...is still a problem in spite of the police letter in last month's SCAN. If problems continue then double yellow lines may be necessary.

Garden of Remembrance
The area of the churchyard reserved for cremated remains has been refurbished and extended. New regulations have been drawn up; see article in this issue.

Jubilee Commemorations
We hope to plant trees as part of the campaign to plant 6 million trees. We also plan to give each child a locally designed and produced mug, as we did to mark the Millennium.

Parliamentary Boundary Changes
Stilton Parish Council has commented to the Electoral Commission. While aware that the proposals will give constituencies roughly the same number of electors, plans to build large housing areas at Great Haddon, Stanground, Eye etc will bring in many thousands of new voters, which will mean more boundary changes. We would prefer to be part of the Huntingdonshire constituency as we feel we are part of the District, making for ‘joined up government.’ However, if the proposals are adopted we strongly urge that the name of our new constituency reflects the fact that we are ‘Huntingdonshire’, not ‘Peterborough.’

Dog Bags
The Parish Council is buying a large quantity and these will be available free of charge.

Village Amenities
Following the public meeting the Steering Committee and Parish Council are meeting to plan the next steps. See article page 8.

Grit Bins
Once the County Council has given permission for the siting the bins as outlined in next month’s SCAN the bins will be purchased.
The Parish Council is aware that the current Garden of Remembrance is looking tired and unkempt, added to which there is no further space left in the current garden. A new garden has therefore been created and the Parish Council is undertaking a programme of extension work and refurbishment to the Garden of Remembrance.

NEW BURIAL REGULATIONS

In order to undertake the refurbishment and then to maintain the current garden to a much higher standard the Parish Council will implement some changes and amendments to the existing regulations. These amended regulations were passed by the Council at its meeting on December 13 2011 and form part of the Council's Burials and Interment Policy.

The following are extracts from the amended Policy document, copies of are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council: Mrs M. Croll, 10 Caldecote Road, Stilton, Peterborough, PE7 3RH. Tel: 01733 241042.

ORIGINAL GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE PLOTS

4.1 Plots shall only be dug where marked out by the Parish Clerk or other person designated by the Parish Council.

4.2 All excess soil (other than that needed to top up settling) must be removed from the cemeteries by the undertaker. It must not be scattered or heaped up in or around the cemeteries. Should the soil not be removed, then the Parish Council will arrange for the soil to be removed and will charge the undertaker for the cost of the removal.

4.3 During burials or interments, the impact to adjacent plots should be minimised and then made good shortly thereafter (within 14 days) to the satisfaction of the Parish Clerk. Should there be any damage remaining then the Parish Council will arrange for the damage to be rectified and will charge the undertaker for the cost.

4.4 Dead flowers/natural wreaths will be removed on a monthly basis. Faded artificial flowers/wreaths will be removed.

ORIGINAL GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE PLAQUES

5.1 Plaques shall be no larger than 26cm square (10 x 10 inches) and 8cm thick (3 inches) when installed.

5.2 Plaques and vases shall be made of natural stone (brown) or marble (white or brown). Black marble is not acceptable. Other colours may be acceptable, at the discretion of the Parish Clerk.

5.3 Plaques (incorporating flower holders, if applicable) within the dimensions in section 5.1 are permitted. One square based vase 15 x 15 cm will be allowed per plaque. For plaques installed before 1 March 2012 one existing vase will be agreed with the Clerk. No other grave ‘furniture’, including kerbing, lights or separate flower holders, are permitted.

5.4 Apart from the plaque, the surface of the plot is to be gravel and (after settlement) to be at the same level as the surrounding ground.
NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Plots 1 to 56 are for the interment of adult ashes. Plots 57 to 72 are for the interment of infant/children's ashes (up to age 16).

5.5 Each plot is defined by a 45 x 45 cm slab. Each plot will be allocated in sequence by the Clerk or designated person. It will be possible to purchase an adjacent plot at the same time or arrange for a double burial in one plot.

5.6 After the interment of the ashes the slab defining the plot must be replaced.

5.7 Plaques may be of size 26cm x 26cm incorporating a flower holder or 17 x 17 cm with a square based vase size 15 x 15 cm. Plaques and vases shall be in natural stone as specified in para 5.2. No other grave ‘furniture’, including kerbing, lights or other flower holders etc., is permitted.

5.8 Plaques and vases must be attached to the slab that defines the plot.

5.9 Any non-permitted items will be removed and stored by Stilton Parish Council for collection for one year.

REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The pathways will be power washed and plaques/furniture hand cleaned. Gravel areas will be topped up with new gravel and a new fence installed surrounding the whole Garden of Remembrance. Work to the current garden will begin on 1 March 2012 and last for about two weeks.

From 1 January 2012, dead flowers/natural wreaths will be removed on a four weekly basis. Faded and broken artificial flowers/wreaths will be removed. On an annual basis the whole Garden of remembrance area will be thoroughly cleared and cleaned.

KEEPING INFORMED

All local undertakers have been sent all the documents; they will be able to advise on the choice of plaques and flower holders that are approved.

Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

Tuesday January 17 at 7.30pm
Church Meeting Room

Buttercups & Daisies

By Pat Maltman
On Saturday 26th November, Stilton School hosted a public meeting to discuss plans to develop village amenities. The meeting was arranged by the Stilton Amenities Steering Group (SASG), a committee of interested individuals supporting Stilton Parish Council. The meeting was attended by some 30 villagers who had come to hear what plans were being proposed.

ASKING AROUND
Since the group was formed in early 2011, SASG members have been busy consulting village groups and other interested individuals. They have considered a wide range of views and requirements from groups as diverse as Carpet Bowls, Stilton School Council and the Football Clubs.

NEEDS & WISHES
At the public meeting, SASG Chairman, Steve Ambler, explained that the village was poorly served in terms of amenity facilities when compared to other villages of a similar size. Group member Mark Angus described how they had drawn up a village 'wish list' before trying to match existing facilities to those needs. From that analysis, it emerged that a multi-purpose community pavilion would suit the needs of most organisations.

Mark explained that the only location that could accommodate such a facility, as well as offering a co-located children's play area, sports pitches and a hard-court was the existing playing field at the far end of the village.

CENTREPIECE
The centrepiece of the proposed project would be a community pavilion which would include a kitchen, changing rooms, showers, toilets, large multi-purpose hall, outdoor terrace area and storage spaces. The existing playing field would be developed to provide two sports pitches, a children's play area and an enclosed hard-court. The existing skate park would be retained, unchanged. Car parking would be provided alongside the new pavilion with access via the existing bridleway (previously the old road.)

COSTS & TIMESCALE
At the meeting, Susan Grey explained that the total project was expected to cost around £500,000. The capital needed for the construction could be funded via a combination of 25-year loan taken out by the Parish Council, grants and fundraising. Indicative costings showed that the cost-per-household - essentially a contribution via council tax precept - could be as little as £16 per year based on a Band D property.

Grant applications to organisations such as Football England, Sport for All and the National Lottery would be targeted to raise the remaining £250,000.

Susan went on to explain that, once the pavilion was built, ongoing maintenance and running costs would be met largely from hire fees and local fundraising. On this last point, the meeting asked for support in fundraising and for ideas on how Stilton Cheese Rolling
might bring in additional funds over-and-above existing revenue. Several villagers offered their support but more help will be needed.

In terms of timescale, Steve Ambler explained that it would likely take 2-3 years to realise the development.

...AND GIRDED WITH PRAISE!

The meeting was unanimously in favour of what was suggested, and very encouraging: feedback was received: 'Sounds great, thanks for all the hard work', 'fantastic, lots of people and organisations would be interested in using it - both from Stilton and the local area' were just a couple of the comments.

The Parish Council is expected to vote through the plans at the next meeting. Further updates will be published in SCAN.

John Baldaro, Secretary, SASG

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Yes, it was Santa on his sleigh, touring the village in December with his team of happy elves and helpers of all ages, braving the elements to spread some festive cheer and collecting for Stilton Playgroup!

Children (and the young at heart) were delighted by the Christmas music and the sight of Santa waving from his sleigh. Once again, the village was incredibly generous, donating a total of £730 across the two evenings.

The Playgroup and the Committee would like to say a HUGE thank you to the villagers for their generosity, and special thanks to all of Santa's helpers; to Sara Dunleavy for organising the event, and to Darren Osker and Rob Tappenden for bringing a little Christmas magic to Stilton.

Thank you also to everyone who helped at and who came along to the Playgroup Christmas Bazaar at the Memorial Hall. Another successful event, with lots of festive fun being had by all. The money raised that weekend will make a significant contribution to the fund for a new and improved all-weather play area for the Playgroup children to enjoy. We are looking to extend the roof, to resurface and to furnish the area with lots of sensory, educational and fun play equipment.

We hope to see you at future fundraising events to help us meet our target. Watch this space!
Observant readers will no doubt have read recent news articles in the national and online media about our new ‘I Can’t Believe It’s Not Stilton’ cheese, Bell Blue, and the frustration of Stilton not actually falling within the Protected Denomination area.

While PDOs are important for protecting cultural heritage, in practice they certainly seem to exercise one’s sense of irony, particularly when a product like Stilton can’t legally be made where it claims to be from. (Mars bars are a different matter, of course!)

Another interesting example is champagne, which the French regard as their exclusive property. Here, the irony is that Dom Perignon was actually trying to find a way of preventing the wine from fermenting in the bottles, because it burst them and the French didn’t like sparkling wine anyway. It was actually we English who invented, or at least facilitated, the champagne industry, through a combination of the English beau monde’s taste for fizz and our industrial prowess at glassmaking. It was the latter that enabled the production of thick-walled bottles that could stand the pressure, something the French couldn’t do at the time.

So if anything, we should hold the rights to champagne and merely allow the French to make it for us under licence!

But back to the cheese. As you may recall, Rick Landy unearthed some pretty compelling evidence that the cheese did originate here and, encouraged by this, Liam McGivern has produced a batch of cheese to the original recipe. It will soon be available from the Bell and we can’t wait to try it!

With any luck, it will prove so irresistible that we will see a repeat of Cooper Thornhill’s success with his original cheese and it will become academic that it can’t legally be called Stilton. After all, Stichelton can’t either and that’s a very fine ‘Stilton’ cheese indeed.

Potting the Blue

We bet many readers have got some left-over Stilton in the fridge after the Christmas feastings, so we make no apologies for repeating a handy recipe to use it up.

You need:

- 8oz (225 gm) grated Stilton cheese
- 4oz (110gm) softened butter
- 40ml sherry
- A pinch of mace
- A half teaspoon of mustard powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Beat all the ingredients together to make a smooth mixture and pack into individual dishes or a glass dish. Don’t refrigerate. Serve with celery, cheese biscuits or toast and, of course, port. Delicious!
We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and that 2012 brings you peace.

Christmas speeds past so quickly - we were all so patient waiting for our presents! And then the anticipation and excitement is gone. Let us learn from 'Christmas past' and resolve to remember Christ, not just at Christmas but every day. God is forever; He sent his son to be born and die for us on earth so that we share his love always.

Our theme this year across the villages is "Worship". What do we mean by worship? How can we worship in everyday life? How can we grow together in worship? All are welcome to join in the worship and activities of our village church, St Mary Magdalene.

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

During the vacancy, the church contacts are:

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

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

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

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

Doug Maltman and Stuart Reed
(Churchwardens)
Banding Together

Mr. Geoff Green, the music teacher at Sawtry Community College, would like to hear from any instrumentalists interested in forming a Concert Band (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion). He would like to start evening practices in January, depending on the level of interest.

We have several vocal groups in the village, but no bands. There must be several people who have learnt to play an instrument, perhaps when at school, but now have nowhere to use their talents.

For more information, contact Mr. Green at Sawtry Community College Tel: 01487 830701.

Stilton Over-60's Club

The Club's last outing of the year was to The Black Bear at Walsoken near Wisbech, where the landlord and landlady Joe and Debbie and their staff served a hearty two-course meal followed by tea or coffee.

For the rest of the afternoon members were entertained by a very talented singer - Rick - who sang songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Many joined in, re-living days of old.

The Club continues to meet on Friday afternoons, 2-4 in the Church Meeting Room. New members are always welcome, so make a New Year Resolution and come along one Friday afternoon. For more details please contact either Sylvia Ward on 242457 or Doreen Clark on 242643.

And lastly, a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

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

Keep this somewhere safe!
St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Try to join us for this monthly breakfast get-together.

Jan 14th

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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TRAIDCRAFT

Coffee Morning
January 28th
10:30 - 12:30
Church Meeting Room

All proceeds to the Parishes Youth Project

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SCAN distributor needed

From February a distributor is needed to deliver 51 copies of SCAN each month in Glebe Road and part of Church Close. (You don’t have to live in that area)

The copies are brought to your house around the turn of the month. If you can take this on please contact Olive Main (241206)

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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!)
Well, another year has drawn to a close, and what a 12 months it has been for all of us at Yaxley Runners, writes Duncan Jackson. We have been celebrating our 25th anniversary since May and have seen club numbers rise to a new record, with more than 160 runners now signed up with the club, which is fantastic news.

**YOUNG RUNNERS**

Since my last article we have also got our brand-new junior section up and running. This has been a huge success since day one. We have had almost 40 youngsters join us each Friday night and, judging by the smiles on their faces at the end of each session, they all seem to be having fun and - even more importantly - getting fit.

**RACE FIT**

As for races, we had 57 members competing in the Great Eastern Run in Peterborough, making us the third biggest club taking part, with several more Yaxley Runners doing a sterling job helping to marshal at the finish line.

Simon Hunt was the first club member home in a fantastic time of 1:23:01, while Caroline Woods led the ladies home in 1:29:15, helping our girls finish seventh in the team competition.

**COLD STARTING**

The annual Frostbite Friendly League has now just kicked off, with dozens of members having taken part in the first two races at St Neots and Bushfield. The Bushfield Race also saw many of our juniors make their debuts in the green and yellow of Yaxley, with 17 youngsters turning up for the race; a fantastic effort.

**RUN UP AND JOIN US**

If you or your children enjoy running, or want to take the sport up, why not pop along to a club session? The seniors meet on a Monday night at 6.30pm at the Hampton Hargate Sports Facility, in Beaumont Way. The juniors (nine to 16) meet on a Friday evening at 6pm, at the same venue. Membership costs just £10 per year, and for more details, visit: www.yaxleyrunners.org.uk
Following the November SCAN article, we have had several new recruits to the Judo club - and even coaxed an adult back after a 20-year break, writes Simon Trowbridge. (It pays to advertise! - Ed.)

One way of the children seeing the benefits of their efforts is through the awarding of grades and on the 12th December we held a grading at the club. All of the children passed their grading fantastically well and made me so proud. I had invited Elizabeth Hodder, an old student of mine who is now a 3rd degree Black Belt, to attend the grading. She evidently found the 200-mile round trip from Norwich worthwhile, commenting: ‘I was very impressed with the hard work and progress of the students, and the dedication of the club’s instructors. I look forward to visiting again in the new year!’

Linda Walford, who helps run the Memorial Hall, also came to see how the children were doing. She too seemed impressed and asked if I would invite her back in the summer to see how the children have progressed.

We have a limited number of spaces for new students, whatever your age or ability, junior or adult, so if you would like to give Judo a try then please get in touch. My mobile number is 07894 552198 and there are details about the club on www.stiltonjudo.co.uk.

Judo is obviously having a positive impact on the students’ lives. Here are just a few comments from parents: ‘Stilton is a friendly club. The young people work hard, always have fun and Judo helps to build confidence and strength. I have seen a big improvement in my daughter’s confidence since she has taken up Judo training with Simon’

‘I have enjoyed watching the excellent training given by Simon, Allan and the other instructors. Judo is a good form of exercise and protection. It helps with behaviour and confidence and encourages team work within a friendly environment.’

‘Simon is a gentle but firm teacher. His humorous manner keeps all the pupils amused and interested for the whole session. We have two children at his class and they are always asking when the next judo class is. All the pupils help each other and there is a good atmosphere in the class. We are very pleased that we brought our children to the club and hope they keep coming; it is good exercise and a great discipline for them.’

Thanks to all the parents for supporting the club and giving your consent to showing the group photo.
Yaxley Library will be hosting an author event on Monday 6th February from 7pm. Tina Parsons will be discussing her book ‘The Beauty Chronicles’. Free tickets for this event will be available in Yaxley Library from 3rd January.

**Reading Group**

We have two Reading Groups for adults, which meet regularly in the library.

Seven Plus meet on the last Friday afternoon of every month from 2pm to 3pm. Saturday Readers meet on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 11am.

Both groups would love to encourage new members to join them. Please call in to the library for more information.

**Young Adult Reading Group**

We are re-launching our young adult reading group for readers aged 11 and over. The group will meet one Monday evening a month, between 6 and 7 pm.

If you love books and would like to chat about them with like-minded people please call in to the library for more information.

**Friends of Yaxley Library**

The next meeting of the Friends of Yaxley Library will be on Wednesday 11th January at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, please come along and join us. The Friends will be planning events and activities for 2012 and would love to see new people. Please come and share your ideas for the Library.

**Rhymetime**

We are pleased to announce that Rhymetime will be held every Friday from 13th January onwards from 10:30 to 11am. Rhymetime is aimed at children from 0-18 months.

**Storytime**

Storytime for children aged 18 months to 5 years will be held on Tuesday 17th January from 10:30 to 11am.

**Engage Social Group**

In November we enjoyed a talk from Katie Dunn on ‘Dyeing with Natural Products’.

The next event will be held on Wednesday January 18th at 2pm. This session will be ‘The Book That Changed My Life’. Free tickets for this event will be available in Yaxley Library from 3rd January.
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.

Mobile Library
Mon 19th December
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot

Yaxley Library
OPENING TIMES
Mon - 2:30 - 7:00
Tue 9:30 - 1:00 2:00 - 5:00
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Thu 9:30 - 1:00 2:00 - 5:00
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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch
Every 3rd Wednesday in the month
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18th Jan

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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

Help the Rainbows
CAN YOU BE A RAINBOW LEADER?

Rainbows are the youngest group in the Guiding family, taking girls between 5 and 7 years old. Locally, the Folksworth Rainbows meet on Wednesdays between 5:15 and 6:15pm at Folksworth School. For the last 12 years Sue Ayres and Sara Bailey have been running the Unit, but now both have greater family and work commitments and are seeking to retire. They are looking for volunteers from Stilton, Folksworth or area to take over. You don't need experience as full training is given and the present leaders would continue to run the unit for another term to be there to give assistance and guidance.

If you would like to discuss this please contact Sara (243150) or Sue (242351)

Yaxley Flower Club

19th Jan Richard Adams ‘What a wonderful world’
16th Feb Dulcie Lofting ‘Much ado about nothing’
15th Mar AGM

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,
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
Let’s Go Visiting!

Join us on a visit to our twin village of St Christol les Alès

Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th April 2012

• Come and see our twin village and this region of France.
• Enjoy a varied programme of visits.
• Those taking part will be hosted by St Christol families.
• The reception and hospitality will be exceptional, as of course will be the wine!
• The only cost will be the return flight from Luton to Nîmes, or other travel arrangements. There is a travel grant of up to 50% for young people in full-time education.

St Christol les Alès is in the department 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.

If you are interested, please contact Chris or Linda on 241376, as soon as possible.

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Twinning Diary Dates - 2012

17 March    Quiz Night - see ad in this issue
6-10 April  Stilton Group visit to St Christol
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.

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Arrive Reims approx 7 pm
Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday

Contact Audrey and Paul for details:
01733 241739
paul.springford@gmail.com
There’s a new Facebook support group for Special Needs kids, set up by a Mum in Stilton, writes Yani Knight. We are called SENtense - Special Needs Kids UK.

My son Ethan, who is now ten, was diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder or ODD. Just recently, he has also been diagnosed with ADHD with autistic traits and has many neuroses and nervous tics, which can change from week to week.

We have lived in Stilton for over ten years and have seen Ethan develop into a happy and intelligent boy. However, those who don’t know him, love him and understand him have often regarded him as 'odd', 'different', 'disruptive', 'nasty', 'rude' and 'aggressive'. He can be all of those things but to us, he's just our Ethan and we love him.

What is ODD?

ODD is a psychiatric disorder that is characterized by two different sets of problems: aggressiveness and a tendency to purposefully bother and irritate others. Children with ODD will often:

- Lose their temper.
- Argue with adults, as sufferers perceive themselves as equals or betters.
- Actively defy or refuse to comply with adults’ requests or rules.
- Deliberately annoy people.
- Blame others for their mistakes and behaviour.
- Be touchy or easily annoyed by others.
- Be angry and resentful.
- Be spiteful and vindictive.

We finally have a diagnosis for his behaviour and are working with his school on lifelong strategies to make his and our lives easier in the future.

Contrary to the misconception that "he'll grow out of it," he won't. It's the way he was born, the way he is and the way he will stay. It is an invisible, lifelong disability that manifests itself in ODD ways. Only it isn't immediately obvious. And that is where the problem lies. We make allowances for a disability we can see, but what about the ones we can't, such as psychiatric disorders, mental issues or depression. You can't satisfy a child with ODD, since his thinking is irrational. He constantly craves our attention and then tells us to leave him alone.

My husband Ade and I felt responsible for Ethan’s behaviour and tended to blame ourselves. In the beginning we went through the most soul-destroying times. We lived with the self-imposed shame that others thought we were bad parents. We have come to realise that we aren't; we have Callum to prove that. He is seven and does everything you would expect someone his age to do.

Lacking knowledge about Ethan’s disability we responded by negotiating, bargaining, threatening, screaming and giving in, none of which work. We quickly learned that when we do these things we are giving his defiance even more power. It's no good giving him 'time out' or 'time on the naughty step', he won't think about his actions and change his way of thinking. He'll use the time to plot his revenge. We now try to be consistent, calm and matter of fact. Not easy when faced with a ten year old in a mega strop!
At first, we were told by the 'professionals' he needed 'structure' in his life. But they didn't tell us it was structure of his making, not ours.

We have learned not to take things personally, he's not angry with us; he's just angry.

We have learned not to make a big deal out of objects he's destroyed, they can be replaced. He can't.

We have learned to let him come to us when he needs a hug and then give him one back, not try to hug him first. (the hardest thing when he's so cute.)

We have learned not to invade his personal space without permission. It is his, not ours.

We have learned he likes his things in his room a certain way and we leave them alone. It is his order, it is his mess.

And we have learned that he is consistently inconsistent!

**THERE IS SUPPORT**

Anyone dealing with a child with ODD needs patience, determination and inner strength, all of which we have lacked repeatedly. However, you can have a child with ODD and a peaceful home - we have most of the time.

The key is to decide whether you are going to change the world for your child or help teach them how to cope with it. It's not practical or effective to try to change the world for Ethan but by setting limits consistently, concisely and clearly we are trying to teach him how to cope with life and succeed in the world.

If you are in a similar position, struggling with a special child, then come and join us on Facebook at SENtense - Special Needs Kids UK for a chat. We have over 50 members worldwide and are growing by the day.

SENtense has lots of useful information about all kind of special needs, not just ODD, and is updated daily. So come and have a look, you are all very welcome.

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St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

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Featuring:
Kate Osborne flute,
James Risdon recorder and clarinet
Takashi Kikuchi viola
with Fergus Black piano

Refreshments will be served during the intermission
Tickets £8 from Kate Osborne (01733) 244171

Bach at Stilton

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

A concert of Vocal and Chamber Music, including Cantata 82a “Ich Habe Genug” for Candlemas, with excerpts from the Flute Sonatas and unaccompanied Cello Suites.

Featuring:
Bridget Howarth soprano, Patrick Williams flute,
Elspeth Attwood cello, Fergus Black harpsichord

Come and discover the Bach you never knew!

Refreshments will be served during the intermission
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Stilton and District Twinning Association

Quiz Night
Saturday 17th March
Stilton Memorial Hall  7:15 for 7:30 start

For teams of 6-8 people
Ticket price £7.50 per head
including a ‘luxury’ 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 in!
We look forward to seeing you.

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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
- 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

Fly to Nîmes from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports or travel in style by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nîmes

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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.

Find out about St Christol online:  

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

www.saintchristollezales.fr
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.

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