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Norman Cross Action Group Update

PLAN APPROVED DESPITE WIDESPREAD OBJECTIONS

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR GREAT HADDON EMPLOYMENT SITE

The meeting to discuss the first stage of the proposals for 'Great Haddon' took place on May 25 with only a week's notice. The Norman Cross Action Group was able to put its case through Councillor Nick Guyatt, though the individual objections, including that of Stilton Parish Council, were available to the Committee. However, an objection at short notice of a meeting to be held at 1:30pm on a Tuesday has been registered.

Our objections were:

1. The type of development, mainly warehousing, is not needed while a glut of unused warehouses can be observed in the area.
2. Warehouses do not provide large numbers of new jobs. The highly skilled, professional and managerial types of employment that Peterborough aspires to will be filled, not by local people but by present managers of firms such as Stobarts as they establish themselves here.
3. The old Great North Road is inappropriate as a link to the A1M at Norman Cross.
4. The dispersal of surface water has not been properly considered.
5. The effect on the Green Wheel (which will now run through an urbanized area) has not been considered.

In spite of these objections, the outline plan was passed unanimously. The old A1 will not be open to HGVs and will have a restricted traffic flow. It will not be opened up until the development is complete, perhaps 17 years from now. NXAG will concentrate on the core site, the residential area, but will return to the Employment Area when the detailed plans are published.

SCAN says: So it’s not needed, it doesn’t fulfil the City Council’s own objectives, everybody objects to it, but it’s going ahead anyway? How does democracy work exactly?

Regulation of Building Site hours

At May's Parish Council meeting the question of weekend working on a local building development was raised. HDC's Environmental Health Officer, Richard Hollingsworth, visited the site in question and informed the builders of HDC's expectations:

- No working between 11pm and 7am
- No working after 1pm Saturdays
- No working on Sundays and Bank Holidays (except by prior agreement)

If these are not observed please note the times of any site activity and inform Richard Hollingsworth on 01480 388284.

Some building site noise and disturbance to neighbours is unavoidable, but regulations as to times of work can be enforced. Further information is available on HDC's website.
THE BACKGROUND
On May 25th I attended the consultation meeting at Yaxley with over 100 other people, writes Olive Main. Our County Councillors McGuire and Guyatt were there, as well as two Yaxley District Councillors.

Over five years the Library Service in Cambridgeshire has to make £3.2m cuts (48% of its current budget.) At the end of the two-hour meeting I was left with the impression that Yaxley Library is most likely to be kept open, but only if the local community puts more into it, both in terms of volunteers and money.

The county’s 25 smaller libraries have been assessed for performance and community need. Yaxley came out well on performance score, but less well on community need. For example, the net cost of a visit to Yaxley is £1.03, where the average for the libraries under review is £1.31, and the net cost per head of population is £2.77 (average £3.45). The local cost of a year’s operations is £42,183 (not including IT systems, book purchases and management services.)

The meeting queried the catchment population of 13,800 and the statement that the number will fall, pointing out the planned Great Haddon development and the distance from other libraries. Also, activities at the Library are valued and well attended. Other libraries may not be far away geographically, but they are not easily accessible by public transport. Sawtry is also under threat.

THE FUTURE
Whatever the outcome of this and other meetings, from April 2012 the County Council, while remaining the statutory library authority, intends to hand over the running of libraries to an independent Charitable Trust for Libraries, Learning and Culture. It is also joining a partnership of five local authorities to provide support functions in order to gain economies of scale. There will be 'service redesign' which means fewer staff, reductions in opening hours, self-service technology and more volunteers.

LOCAL OPINIONS
The meeting was unanimous in its support for the present level of service and reluctant to support any dilution. However, suggestions for a long-term solution focused on two strategies:

- Public Services partnership
  The development of a 'Community Hub' where services could share premises. Yaxley seems ideally suited with school, community shop, library, health centre and police office all nearby.

- Community Involvement
  Some areas may be invited to run an existing library. Also, as volunteers already run some limited services, this looks set to expand. A Charitable Trust would also be forced to raise money in new ways.

Opening hours will be based on the size of the catchment population. Yaxley will be eligible for 27 staffed open hours per week. Saturday hours, which are popular, will be protected.

This was the last of a series of consultation meetings. Every threatened community seems to have made the same points and we can only hope the sober yet positive tone of the meeting did impress. SCAN will keep you informed of any further developments.
## Youth Info...

### Events with Esther Connolly

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Contact Esther 07792 022172 OR 'PYP' on Facebook
Parish Council
Chairman’s Report
2010/11

This is the last report of the Council elected in 2007. The new Council will be without Doug Maltman, who decided not to stand again after 21 years. For much of this time he was Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and was responsible for modernising our financial regulations, ensuring that Stilton Parish Council always works to the highest of standards. His last major act was to devise a budget that allowed for a reduction in the precept in line with national targets.

Douglas would be the first to acknowledge the help of our RFO Kathy Ray, but even so he will be greatly missed, particularly as we may be embarking on some large building projects where his experience gained in the Almshouses and Parish Office rebuilding would be useful.

Jason Shelly has also decided to leave the Council due to pressure of work. His financial expertise will also be missed. As 11 people were nominated there was no need for an election. Two new nominated councillors, Mr. Butler and Mr Baines have now joined.

THE ROUTINE

Much of the past year's work has been routine; two bulky rubbish collections were arranged, but the reduction in the quantity of refuse decided the Council to order only one in the next year. A new contract for village maintenance was negotiated by John Warner and Chris Walford. After a robust process Fergusons were again appointed. We are indebted to John and Chris for their constant monitoring and supervision that keeps the village environment so tidy and attractive. The hanging baskets are particularly noteworthy. As usual, Councillors contributed to the annual village survey and the relevant authorities were informed of necessary repairs.

The Council has also worked to maintain the environment, pressing for better reinstatement of the verges and footpaths after various utilities dug them up. It proved too expensive to provide 'doggie bag' holders for the free bags we acquired. lan Croll's revised work schedule works well and HDC provides a weekly service to complement lan's more regular cleaning. Mr. Gaffney power washes the bus shelters and the pump area twice a year. Change of ownership of Stilton Stores solved the planning issue of the security shutters.

THE BIG ISSUES

The capital project of the year was the installation of CCTV in the village centre, lighting on the bridleway and new bus shelters to complete such provision. Seats along North Street and High Street have been installed. The new Council will need to complete the plans for village signs that acknowledge Stilton as the birthplace of Stilton Cheese, and will need to decide how to provide salt bins in case of more bad winters. The other on-going issues are finding land for allotments and parking outside the school.

Parish Councils are consulted on planning applications. Perhaps because of the
economic downturn there have been fewer than usual, but the Parish Council requested its three-minute hearing twice in the year; to put objections first to the Hicks/Williams Stackyard development and second to the City of Peterborough's plans for Greater Haddon. HDC were persuaded to join the campaign against this massive development that will affect everyone in NW Hunts. Stilton Parish Council (Chris Walford, Olive Main and John Warner) are active members of the Norman Cross Action Group that brings together all the local Parish Councils and meetings, District and County Councillors. Our MP Shailesh Vara is also involved. Regular bulletins on the progress of the campaign and an explanation of the issues have been led by Chris Walford in order to mobilize the considerable opposition to the plans.

The other external campaign was successful; the move of Yaxley Health Centre's out-of-hours service to March was cancelled after we joined in the protests. We also took part in the battle to find a new post office after Gill King retired in 2010. Together with Councillor Mitchell we were pleased to welcome a Post Office Local (which offers basic services) into the new NISA stores, which opened in March 2011.

**HOME, SWEET HOME**

The full completion of the Parish Meeting Room has shown the advantages of owning a modern, comfortable building, particularly in terms of low running costs and efficiency. Use of the meeting room by outside groups for small meetings is growing, the Parish Council appreciates being able to meet other agencies during the day and the Clerk enjoys the office.

**AMENITIES**

After a prolonged legal process, the Parish Council has taken on ownership of the Memorial Hall. Its day-to-day running remains in the hands of the Management Committee. In recent months, led by Chris Walford, new windows have been fitted, the whole hall decorated, a new kitchen installed and the floor partly replaced. The work of the management committee and volunteers must be acknowledged, as well as the generosity of several local tradesmen who have given their time and materials. These improvements will give the Hall a new lease of life, and also give the village time to decide on the future development of the playing field. This will be the major focus of the next four years.

After a new village survey, carried out through **SCAN**, two village meetings were held which resulted in bringing together all the people who had expertise, interest and time in a steering group. This will report quarterly to a larger Amenities Group and to Stilton Parish Council who will make the final decisions. The Parish Council is represented on the steering group and is grateful in particular to John Warner who has professional expertise in playing field development and management. Stilton United Football Club have also put forward plans. The new group has wide membership and will be able to consider all ideas, including a new Community hall as well as sports/play facilities.

**VIGOROUS AND PRACTICAL**

This report outlines the past activities of the Parish Council, but also looks to the next four years. Chairing this group has been exhilarating, as every member makes a vigorous contribution to discussions, but also follows this up with hard, practical effort.

The more things we take on the more work we make for our Clerk, Mary Croll and I want to finish by thanking her personally as well as on behalf of the whole Council.

*Olive Main, Chairman*
**District Councillor’s Report**

First, I would like to say thank you to those of you who voted for me at the recent election and that I am pleased to be back for another four years. I am available to help with District Council matters at any time and regardless of your political persuasion.

**TIGHTENING THE BELT**

Much has changed in the last year; we have been working hard to reduce our spend, as instructed by the Government, whilst at the same time trying to maintain the frontline services. The first year's budgeted reductions are now approved but I personally am against some of the future proposed changes.

- I do not wish to see the Customer Contact Centre closed
- I do not want to lose District Wide but am sorry we could not win this one. Nevertheless we need to work on an alternative way of communicating.
- I do not want to mothball CCTV and am fighting hard to avoid this particular saving. Its benefit to rural areas - and in particular to Stilton - is not appreciated.
- I think that we should continue to support the Voluntary Organisations.

These changes have been proposed by the Executive for future years but there is a strong movement against them, particularly from the rural areas, and I expect to be very active on them in the next few months.

**PANEL MEMBER**

I have been working as Chairman of the Planning Management Panel and have been a very active Member on the Overview and Scrutiny (Social Well Being) Panel and the Economic Panel, where I am trying to retain agriculture in Holme Fen for as long as possible.

**LEADERSHIP CHANGES**

But what about the future? Shortly before the Election lan Bates, who was our Leader, resigned. After the usual discussion and lobbying Jason Ablewhite, a 38 year old Councillor from St Ives, was appointed as 'Executive Leader' designate, with Nick Guyatt as his deputy, also designate. Their first action has been to reduce the Cabinet from 9 to 6 with the savings to be allocated to help the Voluntary organisations. The Chairmen of the Panels have been proposed and job allocations will take place at the Full Council Meeting on the 18th.

I am sure that we can expect some changes and with the emphasis being on reducing the upper structure, rather than the frontline services, I will try and keep you informed as the future course develops.

*Peter Mitchell*

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**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

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

**July 9th**

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**
Memorial Hall Report

It has been a busy year in the life of Stilton Memorial Hall, writes Susan Grey.

USE OF THE HALL

The overall utilisation of the hall has remained consistent this year. The hall is used most days, the majority of lettings being for local community groups and activities. As in previous years, the majority of users of the hall take good care of it and are considerate to those living in the vicinity. Unfortunately there continue to be a small number of people who have disturbed local residents, caused damage to our hall and left a mess for others to clear up.

FACILITIES

In addition to the wonderful new kitchen which has previously been reported, other significant improvements this year include:

- new windows
- some new flooring
- replacement tables and chairs
- complete redecoration of the hall.

The new windows make the hall look much brighter and more modern. The new section of flooring was required after the removal of the old carpet tiles at the kitchen end of the hall. A team of volunteers under the direction of our esteemed Project Manager Chris Walford did a sterling job over a long weekend to redecorate the hall. It now looks fresh and clean and the new colour scheme gives a greater sense of space. The refurbishment work undertaken this year has certainly contributed to extending the life of the hall for its current purpose. However, the damp problem remains and there may be other issues that will need attention in the foreseeable future, for example replacing the flooring that has not been attended to. We look forward to engaging with the work of the Stilton Amenities Steering Group concerning the longer-term solution for a Community Facility.

FINANCE

In terms of routine running costs, the Hall continues to operate just about within the income level generated from letting fees. But without the ongoing support of our Parish Council the improvements to facilities would not have been possible.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The officers remain unchanged i.e.

Chair - Susan Grey
Secretary - Linda Walford
Treasurer - Janet Greenwood.

THANK YOU TO:

- All the members of the Memorial Hall Management Committee who have freely given their time and expertise during the past year
- The Parish Council for its continued support
- The wonderful group of volunteers who contributed to decorating the hall, either by wielding a paint brush or by feeding the workers!
- Chris and Linda Walford for all you have done during the past year
- Sally Sherington the cleaner and
- Jade Smith our booking clerk.

Any Odd Jobs?

Have you any odd jobs you want doing?

The youngsters of the Parishes Youth Project will do them for a small donation.

Please contact our Youth Worker Esther on 07792022172 for her to arrange it.
School Governors’ Report

As Parish Councils are no longer represented on Governing bodies, Olive Main is a Community Governor appointed for four years (three years remaining.) John Warner and Alan Warren are also Governors.

At the end of April there were 168 children on roll; two more are expected to join in May. At 94%, attendance is above the national average; only 0.5% of absences were unauthorised. 6.4% receive free school meals. There have been no racist incidents. The Equality Policy is being written to take account of changes in the law.

As reported in SCAN, in 2009/10 Stilton children performed well in national tests in comparison with the rest of Cambridgeshire. The quality of teaching was assessed as good with some outstanding features.

Assessment is used to support learning as pupils' needs are identified and provision is altered to meet those needs. Healthy lifestyles are encouraged by themed walks, cooking activities, gardening and visits from external agencies (eg. Anglian Water). Children report they feel safe in school which they describe as friendly and welcoming.

At a recent Governor's meeting the budget for 2011/12 was approved. Although affected by the cuts in public spending it has been possible to maintain the existing staffing provision (both teaching and support staff.) Governors continue to monitor all aspects of the school's activities and fully endorse the overarching priority for 2011/12 - to raise standards of teaching from 'good' to 'outstanding'.

Almshouses Trustees Report

The Trustees meet regularly to ensure that the Almshouses continue to provide very good accommodation for the residents following the complete refurbishment in 2006. The Trustees inspect the three cottages at least once per year and they are in good condition and well looked after.

Work on the first wet room floor replacement began in July 2010, only to reveal a major problem caused by water ingress beneath the floor covering. This was an installation fault at the time of the refurbishment. As a consequence, the resident was re-accommodated for four months at great inconvenience. The repairs have been completed. The second wet floor is to be dealt with similarly in the near future. The Trustees are very grateful to the resident for her forbearance.

A second central heating boiler was recently replaced. A fence was erected to the graveled area to the east of the houses. The chimney stacks will be repointed over the next four years and the east garden wall lowered. The village contractors maintain the garden area, but the residents play a big part in the upkeep of the gardens, which are very attractive.

The Almshouses finances held by the Trustees are just sufficient to meet unexpected contingencies and running costs are covered by income.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their ongoing hard work, Yvonne Warner for her commitment and diligence as Secretary to the Trustees, and the Trustees Treasurer, Doug Maltman, Huge appreciation also goes to Yvonne for all the 'project management' involved in sorting out the wet-room floor problem.

Chris Walford, Chairman
Stilton Community Association Report

The Association's main activity is the production of SCAN each month. As our only source of income is from advertising and an annual grant from Stilton Parish Council it is pleasing that, while a few advertisers have dropped out, a number of new firms have started up and have seen SCAN as an inexpensive, effective advertising medium.

It is hoped to keep advertising rates at their present level and still finance the annual fireworks in November and the Cheese Rolling in May. However, the costs of putting on these events have risen greatly. For example, from 2011 we have to employ a traffic management firm to organise the road closure for Cheese Rolling. We also have to spend far more on security at all our events and insurance costs have risen.

We organised two very successful events; Kimbolton Fireworks gave us a display to remember, bringing fireworks from their big displays the night before. After seeing their spectacular New Year's Eve display in London we are glad that we have booked them for 2011. Cheese Rolling was blessed with lovely weather, bringing large crowds and both ITV and BBC to cover the event. weekend and further firm friendships were formed. We look forward to a group from here visiting St Christol in 2012.

The Association has established a work placement scheme with Cross Keys Homes for 19 year old students studying business in the Jacques Prevert Lycee in St Christol.

Funds are in a healthy state. Money raised is devoted to travel grants for young people in full-time education who take part in exchanges to St Christol, and to activities and visits for guests from St Christol.

The new President of the St Christol Twinning Association is Dominique Soulingeas. Our thanks go to their outgoing President Sylvie Cordaro.

The Association lost two founders this year. Chantal and Paul Roberts have moved back to Chantal's family home in Montmoirac. Chantal taught for 38 years in Peterborough and Paul will be remembered for his teaching in Stilton. We wish them every happiness.

Over 400 people have been involved in exchanges over the past 12 years. I would like to thank everyone who supports the activities of the Association.

Chris Walford, Chairman

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Putting a Stop to Crime
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CRIMESTOPPERS

Over the past year, Crimestoppers received nearly 600 pieces of actionable information about criminals operating in Cambridgeshire, leading to 40 arrests. Ann Scott, Crimestoppers’ Eastern Regional Manager, has expressed a huge ‘thank you’ to the people of Cambridgeshire for using the charity so effectively to pass on information about crime. As a result, 40 criminals have now been brought to justice who may have still been on the street without the charity's and public’s help.

Ann is extremely proud that Crimestoppers continues to play such a vital role in making our community a safer place.

The Crimestoppers service is completely anonymous - in the 23 years that the charity's been running no one has ever been identified. The service is an independent charity run for the public and is not part of the Police or government, so by contacting them you'll never have to give a statement to the Police or go to court.

This year has seen a newly formed Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers volunteer group who have been involved in a number of successful events promoting Fearless, the Crimestoppers brand for young people.

Recently, Crimestoppers offered up to £5,000 reward for information on a series of sexual assaults across Cambridge, to which the public responded very well. The appeal, which features on the charity's Most Wanted site, received extensive media coverage.

The support and involvement of local communities is essential to fighting crime in Cambridgeshire. Anyone with information about criminals operating within the county is encouraged to contact police or, if they do not wish to be identified, to use Crimestoppers.

You can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or by visiting the charity’s website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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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Festival of Making 2011

Burwash Manor, Barton

Call in to the Festival Marquee throughout July and join in a variety of events and workshops for all ages July, including drop-in creative family workshops on Saturday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd July.

On the 2nd July we'll be kicking off with a Festival Feast-making workshop - call by and make a sculptural ice-cream or cake and help us build the feast!

Full details are on the Festival Website, or call Paula on 01223 262134 or email info@accessart.org.uk

www.accessart.org.uk/festivalofmaking

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

July 20th

Break the bread of fellowship with us in tranquil surroundings

PLAYAWAY

STILTON MUMS & TODDLER GROUP

STILTON MEMORIAL HALL
THURSDAY 9:15AM - 11:15AM
(Term time only)

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

£1.50 per family (including refreshments)

For more information please call Linsey on (01733) 245981, or just come along
Coasting Along
KELVIN DAVIS FOLLOWS IN WAINWRIGHT’S FOOTSTEPS

Well, Olive did ask me to describe my experience of the Coast-to-Coast walk, but a day-by-day account would make for pretty soporific reading, so maybe a bit of background would be more interesting.

INCOMPARABLE
Alfred Wainwright may have been a grumpy old curmudgeon, but he left an incomparable legacy to all who love not only the Lakeland fells, but all the English countryside. Nowhere is this more apparent than in his devising of a walk right across England, passing through three national parks and some of the finest and most varied scenery the country offers. Today it is recognised as one of the world's finest long-distance trails. Certainly the many excellent pubs along the way don't do it any harm at all!

GOODWILL
The trail took some years for AW to piece together, finally being published in 1973 as ‘A Coast to Coast Walk’. Although he was keen to encourage his readers to devise alternatives or variations, the quality of his original route has ensured that it endures with only minor changes. This in spite of not actually being an official national trail at all, and depending in some areas on the goodwill of landowners who permit access where formal rights of way don't exist.

FROM HERE TO THERE
The walk stretches from St Bees, near Whitehaven on the Irish Sea coast, across the Lake District, through the Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors national parks, to the picturesque village of Robin Hood’s Bay, on the east coast just south of Whitby. Generally reckoned to cover 191 miles, the exact distance is open to debate, but there are so many opportunities for diversions and digressions that the distance is a bit academic anyway. More practically, it's about a fortnight's walking; some do it in 12 days, while yours truly took 15, including a day off at Richmond visiting relatives. What's the rush, when you're walking through such sublime scenery? Most people also do it from west to east, as AW intended so as to have the weather at your back. A decision I heartily endorse!

A FEW TIPS
For those who might be tempted by the fragrant Julia Bradbury's six-part TV series, there are plenty of websites and guide books to help you research and plan your own C2C trek. But it's easy to underestimate it, so here are some tips born of experience:

First, don't even think about doing the C2C as your first-ever trek. While you don't need to be athletic, you do need to be confident in both your own fitness and the ability of your feet and footwear to withstand 14 days' continuous trekking. If your feet blister up on day two, you're not likely to make it to day four, never mind all the way.

LITTLE LEGS
Second, don't over-reach yourself. Better to plan for more days and shorter legs,
particularly at the beginning while you're getting used to the extended walking. While the Ramblers Association rates the through-hike as 'challenging' it's not beyond anybody in reasonable shape provided that you plan and prepare for it.

**BOOK EARLY**

Whether you're camping, or glam-trekking via B&Bs, you need to book your overnight accommodation early, especially if you're going in high season. I did it in May (one of the better times of year to do it) and booked my stopovers in January, by which time some places were already filling up.

**TRAVEL LIGHT**

If camping, consider using one of the baggage-carrier firms to move your gear to the next campsite every day. The extra weight of a tent, sleeping bag, mat, cooking gear, food etc can be a killer; you need to travel as light as possible. Personally, I decided against camping because I wanted to enjoy the experience. A place in Seatoller once recorded 12 inches of rain in 24 hours; do you really want to be pitching your tent in that?

**GOING EQUIPPED**

Be prepared. Because you effectively have to commit to the trek well in advance, you have to take whatever weather you get and a fortnight can give you a lot of weather! You will need wet-weather gear whatever time of year you go - this is England remember - and you need to be sure it's waterproof before you set off. But you might equally get really hot weather, so you also need to be able to carry plenty of water. Be warned though: the temptation to pack way too much stuff ‘just in case’ is a popular trap for the inexperienced!

**FINDING YOUR WAY**

Equally, you must be able to navigate, especially in the Lake District where the route is not waymarked at all and high ground can be lost in cloud. By itself, a guide book is insufficient, and some are downright useless. I found the two Harveys strip maps plus the highly-detailed Trailblazer guide essential, and a cheap GPS invaluable, but I still took OS maps and a compass.

**ALONE OR TOGETHER?**

The decision whether to go solo or in a group may make itself for you, but don't be put off going solo. In practice, you're rarely alone for long and you will meet other trekkers along the way, at stopovers, in pubs, or just along the route. I enjoyed as many hours plodding along on my own as I did in the pleasant company of others met on the way.

**BACK TO THE FUTURE**

So was it worth it? Undoubtedly yes. The C2C takes you through places you would never get to see otherwise, lets you meet nice people you otherwise wouldn't, gives you a sense of achievement at the end, and is a dandy way to lose some weight! Would I do it again? Almost certainly not, but that's because there are so many other interesting things still to do. What is likely is that I will revisit places I passed through which deserve more time than I was able to spare. Borrowdale is one such place; arguably the most picturesque part of the Lakes.

**Fat Betty (the one on the right!), is a mysterious landmark on the C2C. Tradition requires that you both take and leave an edible offering. Some tightwads just left the free biscuits from their B&B rooms!**
One pleasing characteristic of the Stilton website (www.stilton.org) is the way it brings together people from around the world who have a connection with the village. We recently received an email from Mr Clarke Whitehand in Australia, who wrote to tell us of his wife’s great-grandfather, Mr Eusebius Wilson. *(Wonderful name - imagine calling that out in school assembly!)*

Eusebius was born in Stilton in 1838 and attended the village school. He seems to have had a natural urge to travel though; at 14 he moved to Scotland, where his work seems to have involved a considerable amount of travel around its principal cities, before moving to Coventry at the age of 20. Here he married and went into business.

**A CHEQUERED CAREER**

A severe economic downturn coincided with a visit to Coventry by a touring group of Maoris, prompting Eusebius to sell up and return with them to New Zealand, landing at Auckland in the middle of the Maori war. In partnership with another friend from England, he prospered from a short-lived gold mining boom. Following its sudden collapse, he seems to have reinvented himself through a talent for public speaking, soundly defeating a brilliant local lawyer in a public debate about Chinese immigration. This was his first step into a chequered career in public life, becoming secretary of a newly-founded hospital and of a school in Coromandel. This latter role saw him successfully lobbying the provincial governor on its behalf.

**AN INSPECTOR CALLS**

Seeing better opportunities in Australia, Eusebius later made his way to South Australia. Here he was appointed to the unique post of Inspector of Homestead Blocks, a government-backed initiative to provide working people with small blocks of land to enable them to be self-sufficient in a time of uncertain employment prospects.

His work for this scheme, together with the considerable energy he devoted to driving forward other public projects such as roads, parks and schools, made him a highly-regarded local celebrity. Interviewed by the Adelaide Advertiser in 1922, Eusebius recalled familiar sights and sounds of his childhood in Stilton: heavy wagons taking goods along the Great North Road; cattle and geese being driven through the village to market, and the sudden stillness that descended after the opening of the railway line that diverted all this traffic.

**ANY MORE STORIES TO TELL?**

For all that Stilton is a small village, it does seem to turn out more than its fair share of achievers. From the story of Eusebius Wilson it seems that this may have always been the case! How many other of Stilton’s diaspora have tales to tell?
Congratulations to Katie Seaton of Fox Covert, who successfully completed a tandem skydive on her 21st birthday in May, in memory of her special Nan Evelyn Seaton, former landlady of the Fox Inn, Folksworth.

Family, friends and work colleagues made donations to Katie's chosen charity, The Scleroderma Society, for which Katie has so far raised around £400. Scleroderma is a rare and devastating disease for which there is at present no known cure. Well Done Katie!

Stilton Gardening Club and Stilton Parish Council

Stan Gawlor Gardening Trophy

Nominations for the best front garden should be made to Olive Main (241206) or Pat Maltman (242229) by July 31st. Nominations for the best floral display by a commercial firm should also be made by the same date.

The trophy is awarded each year in memory of Stan Gawlor, who was an enthusiastic gardener and a long-serving Parish Councillor.

Stephen John Bloomfield

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Steve was a good friend to many in Stilton, and known to almost everybody as the proud father of talented singer Helen Bloomfield, who entertains us at Cheese-Rolling.

His widow Karen wishes to thank everyone for their sympathy, cards, letters, flowers and donations in memory. The donations amounted to over £2000, and are being divided between Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all Steve’s family.
**Get Minted**

**ENJOY THE TASTE OF MINT SAUCE AS IT SHOULD BE**

Many people only know mint sauce as the violent green stuff that you buy in a jar. This has little resemblance to the fragrant mint sauce made with fresh mint from the garden.

**HOW TO MAKE IT**

Finely chop 25gm of fresh mint leaves. Mix together well with one teaspoon of sugar and two teaspoons of boiling water, then add two tablespoons of vinegar.

Leave to stand for 20 minutes before serving with roast lamb. It is also great with mushy peas.

**HOW TO KEEP IT**

For use in winter, sterilize some glass jars, but keep them warm. Simmer one cupful of malt vinegar in a small pan. Add two tablespoons of sugar and half a cupful of chopped mint, and simmer for 20 minutes. Fill the warm jars, cover tightly and leave to cool. This will keep for six months in the fridge - if you can resist it for that long! When you come to use it you may want to adjust the taste by adding a little more vinegar, or water if it is too strong.

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**Words to The Wise**

**INFORMATION ABOUT KEEPING INFORMED**

**Information Gap**

As part of its cuts, Huntingdonshire District Council is axing its quarterly newsletter, *District Wide*. It is also greatly reducing the opening hours of its Yaxley Community Information Centre. From 20th July the shop will be open Wednesday and Friday, 9:30am to 12:30pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

Stilton Parish Council has pointed out that these times do not fit in with the Community bus which runs only on Tuesdays, so how are people expected to use the service? Perhaps it’s a conspiracy to make sure numbers using the shop are so low it can be closed altogether; or is that too cynical?

SCAN will keep its eye on HDC’s website and pass on any important information, in the same way as we keep you informed about policing issues. Which brings us on to...

**Neighbourhood Forum Meetings**

These meetings bring together public bodies such as Councils, Police, Fire Brigade, NHS and Housing to hear our concerns about local issues and to give information on future plans. The next meeting is on Thursday 14th July at 7pm in Folksworth Village Hall; no need to book, just come along.

**Cheese Rolling oops**

Guess the Weight of Walter’s Cake was 5lb 6½oz and was shared by Mrs Jeannette Matheson of Stilton and Mr Martin Fairweather of Holbeach. £83.00 was donated to Stilton Church.

Apologies for the incorrect information printed in June’s SCAN.
Male readers of a certain age who enjoy the occasional sharpener at the Talbot on a Wednesday evening may have found themselves gazing wistfully at the line-up of Real Motorcycles parked outside. There’s a reason for this - Wednesday nights at the Talbot are club nights for the local Triumph Owners’ Motorcycle Club.

The only such club in Cambridgeshire, the TOMCC regards Stilton as its home turf, having been meeting here for several years.

Describing themselves as mostly overweight, middle-aged men who wear leathers and are the despair of their WAGs, the club are a friendly bunch, always willing to talk to other aspiring - or just nostalgic - old bikers. So if you’re in the Talbot on a Wednesday, make them welcome; you’ll enjoy their company!

Friends of Norman Cross
www.friendsofnormancross.org.uk

Programme of Events 2011
Saturday 11th Sept

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

Book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Friday 18th November
A talk at the Norman Cross gallery
by Stuart Orme of Peterborough Museum
NEW EQUIPMENT FOR YGP

As a result of fundraising and patients' generosity the Patients' Association has purchased a new Spirometer and three portable handheld devices for the Practice at a cost of £1868.55.

Many patients present with respiratory symptoms and disease, and need thorough assessment to identify the cause of their symptoms and provide future monitoring of their disease. Spirometry can help with the diagnosis of various lung conditions such as asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), that can cause restriction or obstruction of the airways.

The test is performed by one of our Healthcare Assistants and the result can be easily saved onto the Practice computer system, enabling prompt assessment and treatment. The new machine is compatible with the Practice computer system and will reduce the appointment time, so freeing up more patient appointments. The District Nurses will be able to use the other more portable spirometer for any housebound patient assessment.

Thank you to the Patients' Association and those who have contributed to their funds. This equipment will help us to continue providing a high level of respiratory care.

Catherine Forward - Nurse Practitioner

Measles Outbreaks

We have recently been alerted by the Health Protection Agency that France is currently experiencing a large outbreak of measles with 4937 cases confirmed this year. Outbreaks have also been reported in countries bordering France and in other parts of Europe. (Ref: BMJ 2011;3432:d2596)

In the UK there has been a much smaller increase in confirmed cases of measles during 2011. The majority of cases have occurred in persons who are un-immunised or partially immunised and most cases are in older children attending secondary school, in students attending university and in adults. Many of these cases have links to cases in France.

Vaccination with two doses of the MMR vaccine protects over 99% of children from measles. Children usually receive one vaccine at age 13 months and a second before school between the ages of 3 and 5. If your child has not received two vaccines they can still have them at any age. Young adults are also recommended to have had two doses before attending university.

Publicity in 1998 highlighted a report claiming a link between the MMR jab and autism. However, numerous studies that were undertaken to investigate this claim found no link between the MMR vaccine and autism. The work of Andrew Wakefield has been discredited and last year his License to Practice Medicine was revoked by the General Medical Council.

More information is available at the following websites:
www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/Measles/
www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx

Dr. Suzanne Hawkins
Weaning Workshop

Workshops are being held in the Clinic room at YGP at 10:30am on the following dates:

- 16th May 13th June
- 18th July 15th August
- 12th Sept 12th Oct
- 14th Nov 12th Dec

If your child is nearing weaning age, why not attend our Weaning Workshop "How to wean your baby"? The session will include:

- When to begin weaning
- How to begin & First foods
- Baby-led weaning
- Healthy eating
- Equipment & Health and Safety.

The session lasts approximately one hour. Please feel free to bring a friend or family member. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate older children.

To confirm your place or for more information please call the Health Visiting office on (01733) 245522.

Fund Raising

Like to raise funds for your Patients’ Association with absolutely no cost to you?

If you can use a computer you could generate funds for Yaxley Health Centre Patients Association. Every time you need to search on-line use www.easyssearch.org.uk Make sure you register so that the funds you raise are allocated to the Patients’ Association.

If you want to make on-line purchases, try making these through: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/yhcpa

Again, please make sure you register and choose The Yaxley Health Centre Patients Association as your chosen cause. You will find a host of familiar retailers on the list, plus some more which may save you even more money. It will cost you absolutely nothing but the donations received will help support your Patients’ Association.

Pregnant?

OR PLANNING TO BE?

Contact your local Peterborough midwives on: Alison Spencer 07766 253914, or Naomi Burton 07881 832682 at Peterborough City Hospital Maternity Service.

We pride ourselves on:

- 1:30 midwife to birth ratio
- 100% one-to-one support in labour
- More midwives in the community
- 54% increase in home birth rate
- Caesarean section rate below 20%

Midwife Direct 01733 677266

Our facilities include:

- Antenatal clinic & assessment unit
- Midwifery-led birthing unit & birthing pool
- 14 delivery rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Obstetric theatre suite
- Triage - open 24/7
- Neonatal intensive care unit with 22 cots

www.peterboroughandstamfordhospitals.co.uk

Parking in front of the surgery

Can we please ask residents who park at the front of the surgery to be careful and not park across the dropped kerb area; this includes Blue Badge holders. This area should be kept clear to make it possible for wheelchair users, prams and people using mobility scooters to cross this busy road safely.
INR Star

We have been proud of our Anti-Coagulation service at YGP. We were one of the first practices locally to offer patient testing at the surgery, with almost instant results.

We are constantly looking at what we do in order to improve the quality of the clinics. Our aim is to achieve even better control of your blood test (INR) but reduce the number of times you have to attend.

With this in mind we have invested in a computerised system called INR Star. It analyses the current INR and all the previous results automatically. Using powerful and rigorously tested software it determines the correct advice regarding dose and timing of the next test. It is used extensively in the UK and has been shown to improve control. It is at least as good as a doctor or nurse and in many cases better.

HOW MAY YOU BENEFIT?
- Fewer tests with longer gaps in between
- Better control
- Shorter appointments, as more results can be dealt with by the nurse and will not involve finding a doctor to advise further

WHAT WILL CHANGE?
- Longer gaps between tests may be appropriate (and safe)
- You will receive a new printout at each visit that gives details of previous tests and gives instructions as to what to do next
- Old printouts can be thrown away if you wish, as the previous INRs are shown on each new printout
- Your yellow book no longer needs to be completed but may be used to hold the printouts if you wish

Thank you to our Patients’ Association for contributing to the funding of this new development.

Help at Home

PRACTICAL VOLUNTEER HELP IN YOUR HOME

This service is run by Care network, a charity serving residents of Cambridgeshire and adjoining areas. Many of their services are offered free, funded by local authorities, grant-giving trusts, local donors and fund-raising activities.

Anyone can ask for help, or refer to our service for adults:
- You can ask for help yourself
- You may refer someone else
- You may refer someone as part of a professional care service

After a hospital stay, or illness at home, we can:
- Check if you are OK
- Fetch a prescription
- Fetch Shopping
- Help you to arrange other services, such as meal delivery
- Just have a chat

We also offer help with one-off tasks at any time, not just after illness, such as:
- Change a light bulb
- Take curtains down
- Empty high cupboards
- Put rubbish or recycling out
- Post letters
- Clear an area before repairs

If you would like to find out more, or would like some help, please phone Help at Home Hunts & Fenland on 01354 694413

We also have some new patient information leaflets which our nurse will be happy to give you. Even if you have been on Warfarin for a year they may contain something new that may be helpful. If you have any questions please ask at your next visit.
DNA's

During May the following number of patients did not keep their appointment with:

- **Doctor:** 63
  (We would like to thank the 97.99% who did keep their appointment)
- **Nurses:** 53
  (We would like to thank the 97.89% who did keep their appointment)

Please let Reception know if you are unable to keep your appointment.

**Diary Dates**

**CARER GROUP MEETING**

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 13th July in the Health Education Room. All carers are welcome to attend. If you would like to know more about our small but friendly support group please speak to Linda in the Patients' Library.

**HALF-DAY CLOSING**

The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 20th July from 1 - 4pm.

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**Age Well Club**

**JULY MEETINGS**

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| Tuesday 5th | Joyce Lucas "Portal"  
(An illustrated talk on Windows, Doors, Arches and Gates) |
| Tuesday 12th | TBA                                    |
| Tuesday 19th | Dr. Phil Hartropp  
Dignity in Dying |
| Tuesday 26th | TBA                                    |

For more details and information on the Age Well Club please see Linda in the Patients’ Library.

**Staff News**

The District Nursing Team is pleased to welcome Staff Nurse Elaine Fares, who joined them on 3rd May. We hope she will be very happy working with us YGP.

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**Yaxley Flower Club**

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December - Watch out for details of our charity evening

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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,
Filling Up
AT YOUR EXPENSE

There has recently been an increase in thefts of fuel, most recently of red diesel from a tractor in Conington. A white van with a distinctive red stripe along the side was seen leaving the scene at the time. If anyone has any information about this vehicle, please call the Yaxley Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0345 456 456 4.

Please be particularly vigilant; make sure that all vehicles and domestic fuel tanks are kept secure, and report any suspicious activity and any suspicious vehicles.

Vehicle Crime

There has also been an increase in vehicle crime locally, particularly the theft of tools from works vans. Please be sure to remove and secure all valuables from vehicles and report any suspicious activities.

Security Advice

In warm weather it’s all too easy to open windows and doors to keep cool and then forget to close or lock them again. This makes for easy pickings for criminals, both from our homes and vehicles, so LOCK IT UP! Always check your doors and windows are locked and secure before you go out or retire for the evening.

QUICK TIPS

- Going out? Always close and lock external doors and windows - even if you are just going out for a short time.
- Get into the habit of double-checking window and door locks when you’re going to bed. Have you turned the key on doors that may have been unlocked during the day?
- Be careful with keys. Make sure you all know how to get out in case of fire, but be careful not to leave keys, including spares, near the door or where they could be reached from outside. And don’t leave them in a garage or under a flowerpot!
- On older windows, fit window locks, available from DIY stores. Burglars are less likely to break in if they have to smash a window. Use deadlocks on doors to make them more secure.
- Put burglars off. Visible burglar alarms, good home lighting and security lighting in the right places can put burglars off. But make sure that lights don’t disturb your neighbours and that burglar alarms turn off after 20 minutes.
- Time switches are good. Use them to switch on lights and radios when you are away from home. Burglars think twice if there might be someone at home.
• Have burglar-proof fences and walls. Fences at the back of the house may add security, but they can also can hide a burglar’s movements. Avoid this by using chain-link fencing you can see through, or garden trellis with prickly shrubs, such as pyracantha.

• Fit a door spy hole. (DIY shop again) This lets you see who the caller is, while a door chain lets you open the door a little way to talk to the caller.

**SOME ADVICE**

• Does your shed need a window? If not, board it over securely.

• If your shed/garage/outbuilding does have windows, consider fitting a net curtain to obscure the inside from prying eyes.

• Consider lining the shed with plywood sheeting. This is difficult for criminals to break through without the proper tools.

• Consider having lockable steel boxes bolted to the floor of your shed/garage/outbuilding to store your tools in, or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure larger tools and equipment.

• Consider a battery-operated shed alarm available from most DIY stores.

• Property mark your equipment, tools and other valuables with your postcode and house number. Engraving or scratching is the best permanent method, or use a UV pen.

• Make sure you record all serial numbers of your equipment that is left in your shed/garage/outbuilding. You can register your property for free at www.immobilise.com.

If you would like any further help or advice on this or any other matters please call 0345 456 456 4 and ask to speak to your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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**Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!**

**Beginners welcome!**

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

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
This year the summer reading challenge will be "Circus Stars." Come along and join us in the challenge of reading six books throughout the summer holidays, collecting stickers and rewards as you go.

Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a certificate and medal at a presentation evening in September. You can register for the challenge at Yaxley Library from Friday 22nd July onwards.

**The Challenge Is On!**

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**Froglife**

**Reminiscence Event**

Many thanks to Jodie and colleagues from Froglife, who came along to the library on 2nd June with a basket of props to provoke memories of wildlife and playing outdoors. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

**Library Service Review**

The public meeting regarding the future of Yaxley Library was very well attended and some interesting points were raised. We will keep you up to date with any new information as soon as it becomes available.

A consultation on the Library opening hours ran in June, results will follow shortly.

**Engage Social Group**

Many thanks to Alan Lamb, who entertained a full house with tales from the Fen. The afternoon was enjoyed by both young and old as we had a group of Year 6 children from William de Yaxley attending.

The July meeting will be on Wednesday 20th July at 2pm on "The history of Scalextric" with Jon Mountfort. Jon will be bringing in a track with some vintage cars for you to race! Tickets for this FREE event will be available in Yaxley Library from 1st July.

**Creative Writing Group**

Our junior creative writing group is proving very popular. If you are aged between 10 and 16 and enjoy writing why not come along and join us for a session? The next meeting will be held in the library on Monday 4th July from 5:45-6:45pm.

**Yaxley Library**

**OPENING TIMES**

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**Renewals & enquiries:**

(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
**Adult Reading Groups**

We currently have two adult reading groups meeting in the Library. The Saturday readers meet on the first Saturday of each month from 10am. Their next meeting date is Saturday 2nd July and the book for discussion will be *The Diary of a Nobody* by George and Weedon Grossmith.

The Seven Plus reading group meet on the last Friday of every month from 2pm. The next meeting date is Friday 29th July and the book for discussion will be *The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy L Sayers.

All are welcome to come along and join in!

**Mobile Library**

Every 4th Wednesday in the month

**July 27th**

3:10 - 4:00pm

Outside The Talbot

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**Having Difficulty Getting to the Library?**

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

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

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**Stilton Playgroup**

**Parents’ Open Evenings**

- **Monday 11th July 7- 8:30pm** - Children from morning sessions
- **Mon 19th Sept 7- 8:30pm** - Children from afternoon sessions

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

*** New Committee members needed for Sept 2011 ***
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
Stilton School

Summer Fete
Friday 8th July  3:15 - 6pm

Come and enjoy:

- Face painting
- Old-fashioned stalls
- Refreshments
- Craft activities
- Bouncy Castle
...and lots more!

Stilton Church Summer Special

Family BBQ
at The Rectory  July 9th - 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £5, Children £3, Family £14
From Jane (240287) OR The Rectory

Bring your own drinks
**FOLKSWORTH SUMMER FETE**
Saturday 2nd July - 1-5pm - The Fox and Village Hall
(Scarecrow Festival Trail from noon)
A traditional English village fete, featuring:

- Scarecrow Festival
- Competitions for all ages:
  
  Knobbly Knees, Bonny Baby, Welly Wanging, Egg & Spoon racing, Sack & Wheelbarrow racing, Egg Throwing, Coconut Shy...

- Barbecue
- Real Ales
- Art Exhibition
- Strictly Fun Dog Show
- Golf Challenge
- Boules

...and LOTS more!

To book a pitch call Julie on 07546 475677
To enter the Scarecrow Festival, call Phil Beale on 243255

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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!)
Surgery Website
www.wellside.org.uk

Our newly developed website is now up and running. I hope that those of you who have already visited the site have found it to be both user-friendly and informative.

One of the key changes is the introduction of online functions that include a link to our online appointment booking system. Please remember: if you would like to book your appointments online you need to contact us first so that we can send you your unique login details.

Also available on our new website are the options to request repeat prescriptions / medication, to submit information to our nursing team if you need travel vaccination advice, and to advise us of a change of address. There is also the opportunity to send us information which can help us keep your clinical record up to date.

Thank you very much to those patients who kindly consulted with us on the development of the site and we hope that all of our patients will find it to be a valuable source of information.

Smoking Cessation Services

We would like to remind patients who would like help to stop smoking that we provide this service to all of our patients. If you would like to make an appointment please contact our reception team on 01487 830340.

Chlamydia Screening Programme

The practice offers a Chlamydia screening service to all patients aged 15-24. Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted disease which can lie dormant and cause fertility problems in the future, but which is easily treatable if detected early via a quick and easy test.

Please contact our reception team on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses if you would like to be tested.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

FOSS Diary Dates
PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Date 8th July Event Summer Fete
It’s a very special time for all of us at Yaxley Runners as the club celebrates its 25th anniversary, writes Duncan Jackson. We're all incredibly proud that the club has reached this milestone and we're hoping to ensure that the club continues to go from strength to strength in the future.

We kicked off the celebrations with a special anniversary run in Yaxley on May 13, the date of the club's formation, followed by a barbecue and drinks at the Three Horseshoes in the village. The festivities continued the following night at the club's 25th anniversary party, which was held at Peterborough RFC. The event was held in conjunction with the Frostbite Friendly League's presentation night, and we had a fantastic night, with almost 200 people attending.

Back to the running and, since our last news, we have seen the marathon season, with Yaxley members completing 26.2 miles in London, Brighton and Stratford-upon-Avon. We now have 5k and 10k races coming thick and fast, giving members a chance to get their speedy feet on for some faster races. And of course, the biggest race on the Peterborough running calendar, the Great Eastern Run, is getting closer and closer.

It's not too late to start training for it, even if you have never run before, so if you fancy taking part, or even just want to give running a try, why not pop along to a club night? We meet every Monday, at 6:30pm, at the Hampton Hargate Sports Facility in Beaumont Way, and a warm welcome is guaranteed to runners of all abilities. A dedicated person will run with all beginners, and we ensure that nobody gets left behind the back.

Twinning Association Events 2011

| 15 October | Quiz Night |

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
The new season is fast approaching, writes Garry Beaver, and SUFC have already begun their preparations for what is sure to be another competitive season in the PDFL.

Pre-season fitness sessions began on Tuesday 21st June at the recreation field in Yaxley and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until ‘bad light stops play’ in September. Anybody who wants to join in is more than welcome to come along. Both teams have a number of friendly matches prepared; a selection are listed below for our growing group of supporters.

**Fishy Business**

Coming up this month is the 4th annual SUFC Fishomania. This is again being held at the Stilton lake, the competition being between 12 SUFC players and the two ‘Top Guns’. Fishing is from 10:30 until 3:30 and the presentation will be from 5:30 at the Country Club. Refreshments will be on sale, so walk up and see what has been caught.

**Thanks**

Every year it takes an enormous amount of hard work to raise the funds to keep our club going for another season. A big thank you from SUFC to XP Recruitment, Grafters, and Stirling Drive Recruitment who have donated generous sums of money this year. It really is appreciated. Thanks also to the 28 ‘golfers’ who turned out in June at Orton Meadows in the first annual Stilton United golf day. It raised a large amount of money for the club and everyone had a great day.

**YOU’RE A TREASURE!**

Finally, the biggest thank you of all goes to Clive Hayward, who has stepped down as Treasurer of the Football Club after 10 years. Clive has worked tirelessly over the last decade as well as contributing extremely generously each summer to provide the players with insurance for each season. Good work ‘Mex-e-kon’!

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Parish Meeting Room

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

HIRING THE ROOM

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

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

**FEES:**

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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.