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LOCAL HERO
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APPRECIATION OF SUE KNICKLE’S CONTRIBUTION TO STILTON LIFE

OFFA GAIN
WALKING THE OFFA’S DYKE PATH

Stagecoach are planning to isolate Stilton from the rest of Huntingdonshire! Protest NOW! Full story and questionnaire inside.
Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
Bus Stopped?
IMMINENT REDUCTION OF OUR BUS SERVICE

PETERBOROUGH TO HUNTINGDON - ROUTE 46

It was only by accident that Stilton Parish Council learned that Stagecoach Buses intend to change the bus services in this area.

At the time of writing it appears that, from July 22, the No 46 will run hourly during the day from Stilton to Peterborough, with the present school service also running. To go south (ie to Sawtry or Huntingdon) passengers will change onto a new Service B, an express bus from Peterborough to Cambridge. Apparently, this is to fit in with the extension of the Guided Busway service from Huntingdon to Peterborough.

The Busway buses will stop at Norman Cross and Sawtry, but not Stilton (or Alconbury). There is no timetable to show likely connections and nothing on fares or tickets.

Apparently, this is a commercial decision, not influenced in any way by the transport policies of Cambridgeshire County Council or Huntingdonshire District Council. Indeed, our councillors were as much in the dark as Stilton Parish Council and we are all working together to put Stilton's interests forward.

WE SAY NO!

We object to this proposal for many reasons:

- Not all school students can get on the school coaches; also, some secondary and 6th form students go to Huntingdon and Hinchingbrook,
- Students regularly need to travel outside normal school hours.
- Some Stilton people work in Sawtry, Alconbury and Huntingdon. The development of Alconbury airfield will see increasing numbers of residents working there.
- Stilton residents attend Sawtry GP because it is accessible by bus; YGP has a bus only on a Tuesday. Residents are also regularly referred to Hinchingbrooke Hospital.
- Sawtry and Huntingdon libraries are the only ones accessible by bus.
- It is HDC policy to concentrate sport and leisure activities at a few large centres, such as Sawtry, expecting the villages to use these.
- Stilton residents commute to London via Huntingdon, to take advantage of the cheaper fares.
- Stilton will lose its connection to the area's administrative centre at Huntingdon.

ADD YOUR VOICE

Stilton Parish Council has organised a petition, informed the local media and made as much noise as possible. Shailesh Vara MP has also been kept informed and has contacted Stagecoach's boss, Brian Souter. Fill in and return the questionnaire in this issue and see the Stilton website for how you can add your voice to the protests.
A Diamond Weekend
STILTON’S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The long Jubilee weekend will always be remembered, both for its appalling weather, but more for the remarkable atmosphere of celebration and goodwill.

Stilton flew the flags and started a day early, with a concert in Stilton School hall at which there was standing room only. Pat Maltman and Steve Ambler put together a remarkable programme of music and verse covering the six decades of the queen's reign. The school choir, largely drawn from the younger classes with three older boys, sang with verve and enthusiasm. Emily Holt made the audience gasp with the maturity of her violin playing, Margaret Parsons accompanied virtually every item and also formed part of a brilliant instrumental ensemble. Audrey Springford and Pat Maltman's cat duet and Pat's rendition of a Joyce Grenfell monologue were particularly popular highlights. Over £600 was raised for the school and church.

Friday was drizzly but the children of the school and playgroup enjoyed their parties, which were made possible by grants from Stilton Parish Council. Each child was presented with their special Stilton mug.

Saturday and Sunday saw the Church Flower festival and the Parade service on Sunday morning. With a Jubilee theme, flower arrangements in red, white and blue were inevitable; what was remarkable was the variety of interpretations and the ingenious use of flowers and foliage.

Sunday’s weather obliged some of us to hold our street parties indoors, but we still managed to get to know our neighbours better, eating and drinking together.

Monday was drier, but still cold and dank and our evening event was not well attended. Those young people who braved the weather had a very good time getting even wetter (and possibly cleaner) at the Foam Fest. Adam Vickers raised the temperature with his music and Tony Darke took over from his father as official beacon lighter. At our specified time, 10:15pm, Stilton's beacon joined thousands of others in lighting up the sky right across the Commonwealth as the Queen lit the national beacon in London.

Our name will appear in the book to be compiled listing all the beacons lit that night.

To finish off the weekend, the planes which formed the RAF’s official flypast went home over Stilton; heard, but not seen in the clouds, the unmistakable sounds of Lancaster and Spitfire brought back many memories to the older residents of our village.

Mobile Library
Wed 25th July
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot
The Olympic Torch

The torch began its 8000-mile journey around the UK on 21 May; after 70 days it will arrive at the opening of the Olympic Games in London. Over 8000 people will carry it and it will visit 1019 communities.

It will be in Peterborough on Tuesday 3 July. Starting in Stamford at 4:45pm, it will be carried through Burghley Park, go to Wansford Station, then on the Nene Valley Railway, on a train hauled by the City of Peterborough steam locomotive, to Orton Mere Station. From here, the torch will be carried along Oundle Road to the centre of Peterborough, ending up on the embankment at about 7:20pm for a celebration event.

Next morning at 7am the flame will leave the Cathedral to Market Deeping and Norfolk.

The torch returns to Cambridgeshire on July 7th, arriving in Cambridge at 6pm for an evening celebration on Parker's Piece. Next morning it goes to St. Ives, on a punt for part of the way, and into Huntingdon at 8:20am.

THE PARALYMPIC FLAME

This will be lit in London on the 24th of August. Next day the other three capital cities, Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh, will light a flame. All four will go to Stoke Mandeville, home of the Paralympics movement, and will be combined into one torch that will be relayed to the Olympic Stadium on the 29th of August.

*** STOP PRESS NEWS ***

QUEEN HONOURS STILTON HERO

Stilton man Mark Sutcliffe has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Mark is serving as a sergeant in the Royal Anglian Regiment.

Mark lost a leg in 2006, serving in Iraq, and has shown enormous courage and determination in rebuilding his life and career. Latterly he has been based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, looking after injured service personnel and their families. He will be leaving the Army soon after 15 years and we wish him well for the future.

Stilton Parish Council

Diamond Jubilee Mugs

Free to eligible children who:

- Live in Stilton
- Were born between 1 September 2001 and 5 June 2012

If your child is eligible and you have not yet collected their mug, please ring Olive Main on 241206 to make arrangements.

Mugs are also on sale at £7 each. A perfect gift to send to friends or relatives who miss Stilton!
**New Local Plan**

Huntingdonshire District Council will issue a new local plan to cover the period up to 2036. It will replace all current plans which direct growth up to 2026.

There are no suggestions of further large scale development in Stilton. Growth is suggested in the larger villages (eg Sawtry) and in the towns. The plan also includes consideration of the Alconbury Enterprise Zone and other possible developments on the airfield. There could also be development at Wyton.

**Housing Needs**

The Survey report for Stilton is now with the Parish Council. The return was disappointingly low, a 21% response rate, but this is considered large enough to draw valid conclusions.

The full report can be seen by application to Olive Main (241206).

Stilton is described as prosperous with below average unemployed, and is dominated by owner occupation - only 14% of housing is rented. At the time of the survey 45 properties were for sale, but only 4 were below £120,000. It is estimated that to buy a two-bedroomed house in Stilton requires an income of £30,500; at the same time 44% of households in Stilton have less than £30,000 income.

The conclusion must be that young people wishing to set up home in Stilton will need some kind of support, such as shared ownership rented homes.

Results of the Survey, which mirror those of the Village Appraisal (available on www.stilton.org) show that people favour small developments of affordable housing if it was for local people and would remain restricted to local people. This would help both young people and old stay in their own village. There were comments on ensuring sympathetic, well-designed schemes.

However, some respondents pointed out that there are houses in nearby larger settlements and also the possibility of Greater Haddon.

Parishes are invited to respond to the Local Plan ideas and to list land that could be used for affordable housing where local people take priority even if their housing needs are less than people from outside.

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**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

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

**July 14th**

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 Peter Newman on 241815
Local Joint Committees

For many years Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire Constabulary have held four Neighbourhood Meetings each year in N.W. Huntingdonshire. These have never been well attended, but have been significant because it was these meetings which fixed the policing priorities. From September, local Joint Committees (LJC) will be set up by the District Council.

Stilton will be in Area 1, comprising 13 parishes from Sibson to Holme (at present nearly 40 parishes make up the Forum).

Membership will be County and District Councillors from the area and a representative appointed by each Town and Parish Council. The chair will preferably be a Parish or Town Councillor.

There will be at least two meetings a year, open to the public. Issues of concern to the specific area will be discussed. There will be a budget available to spend on improving local services. Full details can be found on the HDC website.

PROS & CONS

The area covered by each LJC is more compact, making meetings more relevant to all the Parishes. Although the budget available will not be large, it can be used to improve services in a local area. The experience of the Norman Cross Action Group shows that Parish Councils with similar interests can make their voice heard.

However, membership limited to local government could make resolution of problems more difficult. It is hoped that other agencies such as Police, Fire, and the NHS could be involved. The Police have already started to look at other ways of engaging with the public. The Constabulary is also concerned that six monthly meetings will be too few, and that other ways of solving issues will have to be devised.

Pooh Corner

It never seems to make any difference how often we bang on about dog mess around the village, some owners never seem to get the message. The Parish Council recently received a complaint from Fergusons, the contractors who maintain the verges:

I refer to our recent conversation and my e-mail ... regarding the dog fouling on the grass verges at the North end of the village.

It would appear that people with dogs in the houses just before these verges are letting their dogs foul the areas indiscriminately and making no effort to clear up behind their dogs.

A member of staff was covered in dog faeces after cutting this area and obviously this has serious health and safety implications.

I would be grateful if you would ... confirm your intentions as soon as possible.

Dog bins are expensive, but the Parish does provide free poop bags. Heaven knows why it should though; if you can afford to keep a dog you can afford to clean up its mess.

As a responsible employer, Fergusons have a duty not to expose their staff to health & safety hazards. If residents are happy to have dog mess lying around their streets, presumably they’d be equally happy not to have the verges maintained as well, which is what might happen if this selfish attitude persists.

You have been warned.
The children at Stilton school are enjoying their new topics this term.

**BEAR RIGHT**

Owl Class are learning about different types of transport. Their current topic is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children made some maps and went on their very own bear hunt in the playground. Using their writing skills, the children then worked together to make their own class book, describing all the things they did and saw on their bear hunt.

**MAKING A PACKET**

Robin Class are learning about flowers this term. The children have been investigating the school playground and allotments to search for different plants. The children have also been using their IT skills to make their own seed packet, where they had to think of a name for their seeds and give instructions for how to grow them.

**LITTLE GREEN GIANTS**

As part of Otter class' topic 'Keen to be Green', the children have been thinking about ways to take care of the world we live in. A team from McDonalds came into school and helped us with a litter pick around Stilton. There was even a special appearance by Uncle Bulgaria from The Wombles!

**THE OLYMPIC IDEAL**

The topic in Key Stage Two this term is the Olympics. The children have been using their research skills to learn about the Ancient Olympics. In art lessons, we have made our own Ancient Greek clay pots. The children are also learning about the different Olympic sports and have been trying some of them in their PE lessons.

Seen any bears around here?
SAVING THE PLANET

Stilton Primary School is known as an 'eco-school' as the children and staff try to help the environment in lots of different ways.

We have our own Eco Council, which is made up of children from each class. These children have regular meetings throughout the year to discuss how the school can become more eco-friendly. They have created our school’s ‘eco-code’, which is displayed throughout the school. This means that everybody in school knows how they can play their part in helping the environment.

Members of the Eco Council have put up signs next to light switches reminding everyone to turn the lights off when leaving a room. They have also put signs next to taps so we remember to turn taps off and save water whenever we can.

In school we try to recycle materials as much as we can. We use a lot of paper, so each classroom has its own recycling bin where we can dispose of used paper. We also try not to throw anything away from our allotments, by collecting all garden waste in our separate compost bin in the playground. In addition, the Eco Council has recently introduced recycling bins for aluminium cans in school, as part of the 'Every Can Counts' campaign.

YOU CAN HELP TOO!

We are keen to help Stilton residents recycle too. We have a Salvation Army clothes bank at the front of the school, where you can donate any old clothes or shoes. We also collect old mobile phones and used printer cartridges for recycling; these can be left in the school reception.

GOING GLOBAL

The whole school has recently enjoyed global arts week. Using inspiration from countries around the world, the children made Japanese fans, Venetian masks and Egyptian batik. We also had some special visitors in school to teach the children about other cultures, including African drummers and Taekwondo instructors.

PARTY TIME!

Before half term, we celebrated the Queen's diamond jubilee with our own street party. The children came to school dressed in red, white and blue, and wore crowns made in class. They invited family members along too, who were seated at tables decorated with bunting that the children had also made.
This time last year I literally hadn’t got home from completing the Wainwright Coast to Coast walk before people were asking where I was going next. ‘Give us a break’ I thought, but you know how it is when someone sows an idea in your mind. So, after some research into others of Britain’s long-distance trails, Offa’s Dyke looked like a suitable choice.

So who was Offa and what is his Dyke? Once the Romans had abandoned Britain, the country reverted to numerous tribal territories, until Offa - a particularly strong and ruthless 8th Century leader - welded them together into what we can begin to recognise as England. Offa’s silver coins even bore the inscription ‘rex anglorum’ – king of the English. But, like the English before and since, he couldn’t get on with his neighbours, especially the obstreperous Celts to the west. Eventually he fixed that particular problem by ordering the construction of a ditch and rampart barrier that stretched intermittently from the bank of the Severn estuary 170-odd miles to the north coast near where Prestatyn now stands. This barrier was the birth of the English/Welsh cultural and political division. Offa clearly had some astute military advisors; the Dyke follows a line of terrain which made it a formidable obstacle. The result is that the trail offers spectacular scenery along its entire length, albeit at the expense of being hard on the legs.

The modern Offa’s Dyke Path (ODP) is a combination of routes. In places it runs right on top of or alongside the Dyke; in others, either for practical reasons or to show off the Welsh Marches to best advantage, it can be several miles away from the true line. The Dyke is not continuous today - indeed, it never was - and the inevitable processes of man and nature have eroded much of what once existed. But where you are walking along a well-preserved section you see a simple but effective piece of military engineering. Being an official National Trail, the ODP is maintained to a high standard. Waymarking is excellent throughout. I won’t say you don’t need a map, but I rarely needed it to navigate, more to just keep track of progress. There is a continuing programme of improvement, including the replacement of stiles with gates. I actually met the Trail Officer, Rob Dingle, doing one of his regular patrols, clipboard in hand. Unsurprisingly, he told me that budgets are being cut this year, so some planned improvements must be deferred.

So much for the background. As a walk it’s stunning but tougher than I expected, and consistently so. Every day involves a lot of hill climbing; the aggregate height gain is reckoned to be the equivalent of climbing Everest, but I suspect that might be just another trail myth, the same is said of the Coast to Coast, which isn’t as arduous.

But stunning it certainly is. Every day brings at least one ‘Wow!’ moment. Any of the individual days would make an excellent walk on its own and I met many people doing just that. The wear on the trail is clearly created by many more than just the estimated 3000-odd through-hikers every year.

Heading north from Chepstow, the first indication of what to expect comes at the Devil’s Pulpit, a vantage point overlooking Tintern Abbey from where the devil is said to have tried to tempt the Cistercian monks away from their lives of piety.
On day three I made the first big discovery: Hatterall Ridge. This is a long, high trek towards Hay on Wye, offering the most impressive panoramas of the border country. The highest point on the trail, it actually has four trig points along it, including the one at Hay Bluff, making it probably one of the longest survey baselines in the country.

At the other extreme, and completely unexpected, was a tiny metal plaque fixed to an unremarkable rock face alongside the trail, identifying it as the place where the student Darwin did his geology field studies under his Cambridge tutor. The result was a qualification that secured his place on the Beagle expedition. Makes you think, doesn’t it? A few taps of a hammer led to a landslide in our understanding of the natural world.

The ODP certainly isn’t a trail for the faint-hearted, but it is consistently rewarding. The through-hike would make a good charity challenge. Many people tackle it in two goes; Knighton makes a convenient halfway point from which to start or finish either half.

The scenery is an exhilarating cross-section of southern Britain, from pastoral riverside meadows, through bosky woodland rich with bluebells and the overpowering scent of wild garlic, to the challenging high moorland of the Clwyd range of hills. A towpath walk near Llangollen brings you to the spectacular Pontcysyllte aqueduct, which carries the Chester & Llangollen canal 126 feet above the river Dee. You can either cross by the towpath - but don’t look down - or by a lower bridge which gives a good view of what was, in its day, leading-edge civil engineering.

There are plenty of resources for those thinking of tackling the ODP (start with www.nationaltrail.co.uk), so the only tips I would offer are:

1. The Trailblazer guide is the best. The two Harveys strip maps are essential.

2. Go south to north; it keeps the weather (including the sun) at your back.

3. Carry plenty of water. Outside of the larger towns, don’t expect to find a pub or shop open and there are very few taps on the trail. Across the Clwyds there is nothing between Llandegla and Bodfari, about 18 miles; on a hot day you can easily run out of water here, and on other legs as well.

4. Unless you’re seriously fit, don’t attempt more than 20 miles a day. The hills slow you down a lot, and you should take time to enjoy the many points of interest along the trail.

Map from OS OpenSpace
openspace.ordnancesurvey.co.uk
Stilton bids a sad farewell to Sue and Melvin Knickle, who are leaving the village to retire to Portugal. Sue is well known in Stilton as ‘Brown Owl’ for the local Brownie Pack, a role she has fulfilled with energy and commitment since arriving here some 15 years ago. Sue has also been an active member of the Memorial Hall committee.

Sue and Melvin have both been active members of the St Mary’s church community, with Sue helping with the Sunday Adventurers. So on behalf of Brownies, St Mary’s, the Memorial Hall, and all who have benefited from their considerable contribution to village life, we wish Sue and Melvin long life and happiness in their well-earned retirement.

FOLKSWORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAN YOU HELP US?

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work one hour each day (12:30 - 1:30) to help our children with lunchtimes.

The role involves supervising in the dining hall and in the playground. Each day we have a team of three Midday Supervisors who share the different roles equally.

It will be possible to choose the number of lunchtimes that you would like to work each week.

If you are interested in this, please contact the Headteacher, Caroline Adams, to discuss the post: 01733 240562

We are committed to safeguarding children in our care and so the successful person will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.
A Summer Refresher
A LONG, COOL PIMMS - JUST THE THING!

The summer must surely start soon; the Editor, celebrating a significant birthday this month, plans to entertain her friends in the garden with real, old-fashioned Pimms.

**Original Pimms (serves 4/5)**

Fill a jug with ice then add 200ml of Pimms No.1. Top up with chilled lemonade, add mint, cucumber, orange and strawberries.

**Ginger Pimms**

To make it a bit more interesting there will also be a variation, Pimms Ginger.

Use ginger ale in place of the lemonade and add slices of lemon and mint. Cheers!

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Thanks Everyone!
WHAT A FANTASTIC JUBILEE

**THE STILTON JUBILEE SHOW**

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped to organise and those who performed in the show. It was great to see a packed school hall and the atmosphere was terrific so a big 'thank you' to everyone who came. It just goes to show what Stilton can do and what talent there is in the village.

The evening made £600 which was shared equally between Stilton School and Stilton Church.

*Pat Maltman*
Bus Stopped?

(CONTINUED FROM P3)

At the last minute, Olive Main was invited to a public meeting at Alconbury, called by their County Councillors. Stagecoach and about 400 people were there.

It was, as you would expect, bad-tempered. Alconbury is far worse off than Stilton as it loses the bus completely. It emerged that Stagecoach will go ahead on July 22 come what may. When asked privately if they would consider starting the 46 at Sawtry, they said that wasn't commercially sensible.

What is planned is that Route B (Cambridge-Huntingdon-Peterborough) will call at Sawtry hourly. Then up the B1063, stopping at Conington, then at the stop just after the motorway bridge at the top of North Street. From there Route B will call at every stop via Hampton to Peterborough. This sounds no more like an ‘express’ bus than is the 46. (One concern is that in a few years’ time Stagecoach will decide a bus from Stilton to Norman Cross isn’t needed.) Stagecoach couldn't provide a timetable so we still don't know if there will be connections that work. Neither will they put up a bus shelter.

Given that Stagecoach won't budge, the County Council are looking at what can replace the lost services.

To help the Parish Council fight this proposal, please complete the questionnaire opposite and return promptly as shown. If you personally don’t use the bus service, perhaps a member of your household may need to, so please let us have your views.

Depending on the information you provide, the Parish Council may feel it appropriate to hold a public meeting. Certainly it will continue to lobby hard on your behalf.

Meanwhile, of course, our politicians will be exhorting us to leave our cars at home and use the bus in order to meet their self-inflicted targets on carbon emissions...

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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!)
**STILTON BUS SERVICE SURVEY**

Please complete one form per person. A printable copy can be downloaded from www.stilton.org

1. Do you use the 46 Bus Service?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

2. If so, how often?
   - [ ] Twice daily
   - [ ] Twice Weekly
   - [ ] Weekly
   - [ ] Other: ___________________

3. If the current bus service were to be withdrawn, how would you reach your destination?
   - [ ] Walk
   - [ ] Drive
   - [ ] Arrange passenger transport
   - [ ] Would be unable to get there

4. If the service were to be continued, what would your minimum service requirement be?
   __________________________

5. If the service is withdrawn would you like your local Councillors to look into other aspects of Community Transport?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

6. If so, what would your minimum requirement be?
   __________________________

7. What do you use the current service for? Tick all that apply.
   - [ ] Shopping
   - [ ] Work
   - [ ] School/College
   - [ ] Medical visits
   - [ ] Social/Leisure
   - [ ] Other: _________

8. What single place do you travel to most frequently, using the service?
   - [ ] Yaxley
   - [ ] Peterborough
   - [ ] Huntingdon
   - [ ] Hampton
   - [ ] Other: _________

If there are certain times in particular when you need to travel, please tick the relevant box below:

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Completed forms can be dropped off at the village shops, pubs, school, church and hairdressers.
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.

Could You Be a Scout Leader?

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ENTHUSIASM

12th Nene Scout Group are looking for more leaders across all areas of the group, for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to grow the movement.

So are you up to having some fun with the local young people, sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm for a great time?

Please contact David (01487 830303) or Shaun (245094) for more information.

Full training and support is given - as well as the odd cup of tea!

(Any applicant must agree to an enhanced CRB check.)

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

We meet on Thursday from 12:30 - 4:30pm in Folksworth Village Hall to paint/draw in a friendly, informal atmosphere, helping each other when necessary.

NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS ARE VERY WELCOME

Why not join us? Bring your own materials
£3 per session, including refreshments

Contact: Cherry Hadley Tel: 01733 244258
Or just come along and enjoy yourself.
From the Pulpit

Church News

July Services
Growing together in Worship - Reaching out with Christian Love

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OLYMPIC SUMMER

'Oh, to be in England now that summer's here.' What a summer this is, writes Stuart Reed: Diamond Jubilee celebrations; Euro 2012; and now the London 2012 Olympics.

Many thanks to all those who organized, took part in and supported the church activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee - the Jubilee Concert, the Flower Festival and Tea and Cake. Don't forget to try the Summer Quiz. The culmination of the Diamond Jubilee weekend was the Parade Service, packed out with villagers of all ages, at which we joined in pride to celebrate our country.

I am fortunate to have been chosen as a Games Maker at London 2012. I am looking forward to being one of 70,000 people helping to make sure the Olympics run smoothly. But the Games is more than the competitive sports; it is an opportunity to inspire a generation to participate in sport.

How fortunate we are as a village to have many leaders encouraging and inspiring our young people to participate in learning, sports, and other activities; to be active members of our community. If you want to join in the fellowship of our church and take part in its activities, look at the 'Link Church News' or the Church notice boards for full details of the regular services and Church activities.

CHURCH CONTACTS

During the vacancy, the church contacts are:

Peter Lloyd: Baptisms
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peterlloyd2@sky.com

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

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

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

Doug Maltman and Stuart Reed
(Churchwardens)
Dr First

We are now nearing the end of our sixth week of Dr First and we are all adjusting to the massive change and learning how the new system works. The feedback from most patients is very positive.

We would just like to ask for your cooperation again in not rushing to call before 9am, especially on a Monday which is our busiest morning. We will not 'run out' of appointments and by calling later it will ease congestion of our telephone system. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We have added more staff to the team answering calls and have already seen an improvement. If a call back is difficult for you then please let our receptionists know and we will try to put you through to a doctor straight away.

Dr. Alison Graham

UK Doctors’ Day of Action

Although, as patients of Yaxley Group Practice, you will not have noticed any change in service on 21st June, we would like to explain why we are supportive of sending a general message to the government about the imposed changes to the NHS pension scheme. Fundamentally the two main issues are around patient safety and fairness in the public sector.

Firstly, in the new pension scheme doctors will be asked to work until the age of 68 before they can take their pensions. In a modern fast-moving and fast-changing NHS, we do not feel it is desirable for patients to be looked after by doctors in their late 60s. Long gone are the days when GPs could potter on until into their 70s. Medicine is far more complex and we are asked to manage patients who are far more ill, in the community than in the past. It simply isn't possible to stay up to date and work at the current required pace at that age. We would not want to be looked after by elderly GPs ourselves so don't see why our patients should have to be either. In addition, we might not have full confidence in having our own operations performed by surgeons who are nearly 70 years old and don't feel our patients will necessarily be best served by a surgeon of that age.

Secondly, doctors already contribute more to their pensions as a percentage of income than any other public health worker. Civil servants only contribute about a third of the percentage that doctors do. Indeed, doctors already contribute so much that they help support the pensions of other NHS staff. In addition, the NHS pension scheme delivers a profit of £2 billion per year which goes into general government tax income. In 2008 doctors agreed a series of changes to contributions and retirement age that established the current health of the NHS scheme. Now the coalition government has already started the increases which will see doctors contributing a further 6% of their income to the NHS pension pot, combined with a poorer pension and later retirement age. Don't believe that the government needs this money to run the NHS pension scheme. This is purely another tax hike for doctors. We do earn a good wage but work hard for...
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The Partners and Doctors of YGP

Hayfever Management

Hayfever season is coming up again and now is a good time to get prepared if you have been affected by this previously. Different people may be affected by different pollens and so may experience symptoms at various times of the year. Tree pollens tend to be around from March to June, grass pollen (the most common allergen) is released from May to July, and pollens from weeds are released in September and October.

The symptoms of hayfever include sneezing, runny nose, blocked nose, itching of eyes or nose, and watery eyes. Sleep can be disturbed by these symptoms, which can lead to daytime fatigue and impaired concentration.

The main treatment is taking an antihistamine tablet (liquids are available for children). Several types are available and most are taken once a day and do not cause drowsiness. If symptoms persist or are more severe then a steroid nasal spray can be helpful, especially for a blocked nose. Eye symptoms can be treated with sodium cromoglycate eye drops. These treatments are available in pharmacies over-the-counter, and on prescription.

There are several ways to try to avoid or minimize exposure to pollen spores:

- **Keep windows closed when indoors, and overnight in the pollen season.**
- **Avoid mowing lawns and raking leaves, or use a face mask.**
- **Wear wraparound sunglasses outdoors to keep allergens out of your eyes.**
- **Avoid line drying clothes and bedding when pollen counts are high.**
- **Keep car windows closed.**

Desensitization therapy is occasionally used in specialised clinics but only when symptoms are extreme and uncontrolled by medication. Allergy testing is usually not required for hayfever diagnosis.

It is most effective to start taking medication before your symptoms normally begin, and take them regularly. It is more difficult to control symptoms which have become well established already.

Useful Websites

Information from the National Health Service on conditions, treatments, local services and healthy living:

- [www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk)
- [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Health Information and Advice, disease leaflets and patient support organisations:

- [www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk)

Support for carers and their families:

- [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org)
Diary Dates
CARER SUPPORT GROUP
The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 4th July 2012 in the Health Education Room. If you would like to know more about our small but friendly support group please speak to Linda in the Patients’ Library. All carers are welcome to attend.

AGE WELL CLUB
3rd July TBA
10th July Derek Harris "Up the Cut" (An amusing and informative history of the canals of England and Wales)
17th July TBA
24th July Coffee Morning
31st July Outing to Nottingham. Three hour cruise and lunch aboard the Nottingham Prince

For more details and information please see Linda in the Patients’ Library.

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
18th July

@ THE JUNCTION

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...and more!

David Weatherall
Trainee Youth Worker
pypstilton@gmail.com

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As part of Cambs’ police’s summer campaign, a confidential phone number has been set up to report drink drivers and those driving under the influence of drugs. The pilot scheme will initially run for three months.

The hotline number is 0800 032 0845 and is available 24/7, allowing people to supply police, in confidence, with information about drink and drug drivers.

Let’s be honest, we probably all know somebody who drives when they shouldn’t, but don’t like to ‘dob them in’ as they are perhaps relatives or good mates. But think: how would you feel if they killed your child on the road? Or, for that matter, if they are a relative or friend, if they killed themselves?

The confidential line now allows people to do this without having to leave their details. The police will act on the information either immediately or through targeted action.

When calling the hotline, people will be asked to provide as much information as possible about the driver, including:

- Name of the driver
- Make, colour and index number of the vehicle

So be responsible; the life you save could be your own.
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

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

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

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.
**Friends of Norman Cross**

**Programme 2012**

8/9 September

National Heritage Open Weekend at the Norman Cross Gallery

A weekend of talks/tours on the prison depot, plus displays by the 9th Foot.

Membership of the Friends costs £10 per year and is due in April.

Further details from Doug Maltman 242229 or visit:

www.friendsofnormancross.org.uk.

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**Yaxley Flower Club**

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**Contact:** Helen Burton (01733) 242198 or Lesley Young (01733) 240265

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excl. Aug & Dec) at the Yaxley British Legion, Broadway, Yaxley.

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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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### The Stilton Diary

**What to do, where to do it & who to do it with!**

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**TINIES**

- Toddler's Dance: 9am
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- Playgroup

**YOUNGSTERS**

- Cubs: 6:15 - 8pm
- Beavers: 6 - 7:15pm
- 1st Stilton Brownies: 6:15 - 8pm
- Stilton Rainbows: 5:15 - 6:15pm
- Folksworth Brownies: 6:30 - 7:45pm
- Folksworth Rainbows: 5:15 - 6:15pm
- Guides: 6 - 8pm
- Junction: 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Stilton United Colts: KO 10am

**ADULTS**

- Parish Council: 2nd week 7:30pm
- Sewing Group: 2:30 - 5pm
- Over 60's Club: 2:00pm
- Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:00am
- Holy Communion: 2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am
- Family Service: 4th Sun 11:00am
- LinCup (Café style worship): 2nd Sun 11am
- Holy Communion & Lunch: 3rd Wed 12:30pm
- Linking Hands (mums): 9am
- Crossover (Y6): 6 - 7pm in term time
- 7, 8 & 9: 7 - 9pm
- Take a Break (children & carers): 9am in term time
- Men's Prayer Breakfast: 8am 2nd Sat
- Wednesday Worship: 12:30pm 3rd Sat
- Prayer Focus: 8am

**CHURCH**

- Stilton Gardening Club: 3rd Tues 7:30pm
- Iris School of Dance: 8-10pm
- Zumba: 8-10pm
- Stilton Indoor Bowls: 2pm Mon, 7pm
- Band: 8 - 9:35pm
- Judo: 6 - 8pm
- Yoga: 6 - 7pm
- Stilton United FC: 3:00pm kick-off
- Stumblers (walking group): Alternate Sun

**LEISURE**

- Mobile Library: 3:10 - 4:00pm
- Age Well Club: 10 - 11:45am
- Carers' Group: 1st Weds, 2 - 3:30pm

**OTHER**

- Are we up to date? Tell SCAN about your activities!
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New Surgery

A recent article in the local paper referred to a new doctors surgery to be opened in Sawtry. We would like to assure our patients that we are not on the move! The premises referred to will be an additional healthcare facility managed by the local community services provider. The building is being purpose-built to accommodate community clinics, which we currently host here in the practice. Unfortunately, we will be unable to continue to house all of the community services once the housing development is complete and we have additional patients to provide GP and nursing services for. The new healthcare premises will enable the continued provision of important community services within the village.

Mobile Numbers

On occasion it may be necessary for us to contact you via telephone. If you have a mobile phone number it would be very helpful if we had this number on record. If we do not already have your mobile number on file please advise us of your number next time you come to the surgery. Please remember to let us know if your mobile number changes.

Patient Reference Group

Thank you to all those patients who have already signed up to join our Patient Reference Group. The idea is to open a channel of communication which will enable us to consult with patients regarding the range and quality of the services we provide. The group will communicate mostly via email, although alternative arrangements will be made for any patient who wishes to be involved but does not have access to a computer.

We are still actively trying to encourage more people to join in order for the group to be truly representative of our patients. If you would like to be involved please let me know via email (claire.wright2@nhs.net) or use the form available from our Reception Desk and in the waiting room to provide alternative contact details.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Flood

Many of you will remember that we came to work on Monday 23rd April to find that the majority of the ground floor had been flooded over the weekend. This caused some disruption to our services but we would like to thank patients for bearing with us during this difficult period. At the time of writing we are still waiting for the floors to finish drying out. We will work hard to ensure that the remaining work to repair and restore the flooring is as unobtrusive as possible.

‘Flu Clinic 2012

Our ‘Flu Clinic for this year will be held on Saturday 13th October. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. Further details will be made available nearer the time.
Last month we ran an advert - Connecting Cambridgeshire - canvassing support for a campaign to have superfast broadband rolled out across our rural areas. Peter Michell, our District Councillor, writes:

I get a lot of enquiries about faster broadband, particularly for the outlying houses and the Holme area. Connecting Cambridgeshire is an initiative by the County and District Councils to try and attract Government money to this region in order to get better coverage for superfast broadband.

The aim is for 90% of users to be in the superfast region, with download speeds in excess of 20 Mbs, and the rest being at least better than 2 Mbs. As it said in the advert they do need your help so if you are at all interested sign up NOW at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk. If you go to the sign up address you will be able to test your line and see what speed you currently have. If you’re still on snailmail, you can use a Freepost form at the local library instead.

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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First Service!

FUN AND FITNESS FOR ALL AT HUNTINGDON TENNIS CLUB

To celebrate Wimbledon tennis fortnight Huntingdon Tennis Club is offering free 'taster sessions' to readers of SCAN.

The club has been located at its impressive St. Peters Road premises since 2005 and caters for everybody from complete beginners to county level players and teams.

It is one of the very few national centres that boasts three indoor courts as well as four all-weather surfaces outside. You may have wondered what that big bubble was next to the Huntingdon Leisure Centre, especially when lit up at night!

Children are very well catered for, with tennis camps, teams and expert coaching available for all ages. The Lawn Tennis Association is encouraging kids to start as young as 4 years, so it’s never to early to try and become the next Mrs Murray.

Centre Manager Clare Bragg comments, 'We are particularly keen to persuade the parents to start playing. Many are put off because they are worried that they can't play as well as the regulars, but the members are really sociable and always most helpful and welcoming to beginners. We even have 'Rusty Racket' sessions and are starting a new 'Duffers' session for those whose racket arms have actually seized up!'

The club is offering one month’s free 'try out' membership to all interested players who apply before Wimbledon Men’s Final day. You simply have to mention SCAN when you call the club.

And it’s so much more fun than the gym, especially this time of year!

For details of the Wimbledon social tennis offers call Clare on 01480 411412.

Huntingdon Tennis Club is located at:
King George V Playing Fields, St Peters Road, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 7DA

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!

Beginners welcome!

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

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Going On Foot
PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL FOOTPATHS

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
The County Council is proposing to make public path orders under the Highways Act 1980 that will make changes to some public footpaths near Fen Lane, to the east of the A1(M). The affected paths are shown as items 7b and 8 on the map opposite. (OS grid ref. TL 17 88.)

For somewhat obscure historical reasons, Footpath 7b comes to a dead end at the parish boundary, and it is proposed to divert and extend it westward to meet the Denton and Caldecote Footpath 8. It is also proposed to extinguish an orphaned portion of Stilton Footpath 8 (points C-D) on the grounds that it is ‘not needed for public use’ per section 118, Highways Act 1980.

Ever willing to go the extra mile or two for our readers, SCAN went and explored the affected area. Footpath 8 is certainly a mystery; presumably at some time it must have gone via or around something, but today it would simply take you on a meander through a field of beans for no good reason. Joining up Footpath 7b looks like common sense and will establish a pleasant route between Yaxley and Holme.

KEEPING CLEAR
But one thing that does need doing is sorting out missing waymarks and explaining their obligations to some landowners in the area, who clearly don’t feel compelled to keep the paths clear. At one point we encountered a waymark proclaiming ‘Landowners welcome caring walkers’; so they might, but walkers also welcome caring landowners, this waymark led to a path completely obliterated by waist-high weeds.

Because even footpaths are the Queen’s Highway, formal consultation and publication are required in the making of these orders, and objections can be raised. If you have any representations to make on this matter, you should submit them by July 16th to:

The Definitive Map Officer
Box CC1305
Castle Court
Shire Hall
Cambridge
CB3 0AP

Legislation requires a width to be specified for paths in this type of order; this will be subject to further consideration, but County Council policy is that diverted paths should be at least two metres wide.

THE DEFINITE ARTICLE
Most of us will never have seen a Definitive Map before, so it’s interesting to see the extract opposite. These maps are official documents which are the ultimate authority concerning the routes of public rights of way. They provide source information which is used to update Ordnance Survey and other maps, but these will necessarily take some time to reflect actual changes. That’s why they carry a disclaimer that they are not evidence of rights of way; only a Definitive Map provides that.
Proposed changes to Footpaths 7b & 8, STILTON
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

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