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The Parish Council heard late in April that Mrs. Gill King is to retire from the Post Office in June. This means that Post Office services will not be available in Stilton, at least for some time.

It took time to track down the department dealing with Stilton, but once contact was made it became clear that **there is no intention to close our post office permanently**; indeed, there is a genuine interest in maintaining a service, although most probably not at the present level. The major problem is the availability of suitable premises.

At the time of writing there seem to be two possibilities: a dedicated counter in Stilton Stores or (as happened 20 years ago) someone offers to provide shop-style premises and act as Postmaster. Whatever is arranged in the long run there will be a period of time when we do not have a Post Office. The Parish Council is pressing for some alternative provision and District Councillor Peter Mitchell is also working to find a way forward.

**Another Goodbye**

Nicky and Richard are leaving the Talbot at the end of May. They have made many friends and supervised the excellent refurbishment. They also made the Talbot into a pub that served good beer and excellent food. We wish them well in their new life.

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**2010 Election Results**

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**S Vara Majority:** 16,677

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**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

**Wednesday Worship at Lunchtime**

Holy Communion followed by a soup & bread lunch

*Every 3rd Wednesday in the month*

12:30 - 1:30pm

June 16th

Break the bread of fellowship with us in tranquil surroundings
Looking back over the past 12 months, Stilton Parish Council has had a busy and sometimes contentious year. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Councillors much has been achieved and a number of new projects are in the pipeline. The varied expertise and interests of its members complement each other and all members make their own particular contributions.

ON TIME, ON BUDGET

Chris Walford, John Warner and Douglas Maltman as ‘Lead' members in different areas have been particularly busy this year and a constant support to the Chairman. Doug Maltman, supported by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, has continued to scrutinize our expenditure. Together with our invaluable Financial Officer, Kathy Ray, our financial standards have remained high and the risk assessment made by our Internal Auditor was highly satisfactory. Douglas also took a large part in the management of the Parish Room project. This was completed in July 2009, on time and on budget. An open day in July allowed residents to admire the building. It is already well used by the Council and has been hired on a number of occasions. In the past few weeks a notice board and post box have been provided.

FLORAL TRIBUTE

Chris Walford, as Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, was largely responsible for the Stilton in Bloom programme which has proved very popular and has greatly improved the village centre.

HALL IN HAND

Another on-going project is the Memorial Hall. Chris has spent a lot of time on the legal aspects of ownership, not helped by a change of solicitors. In the next few weeks he is refurbishing the Hall kitchen and coordinating the work of volunteers and specialists. He also had to help the Committee when the Hall boiler unexpectedly needed replacing. The Parish Council agreed to pay half the cost as its contribution to the refurbishment of the Hall. Three Parish Council representatives are on the Hall’s Management Committee.

TIDY

John Warner, together with Chris Walford, liaise with Fergusons who carry out much of our maintenance. Thanks to John the Cemetery and the Church yard have been comprehensively tidied. He represents the Parish Council on the skate park committee and oversees maintenance of the playing field. The skate park has been open about a year and is well used. CCTV is installed and the lease was signed in September. Lighting along the bridleway and on the field is nearly completed, with the Parish Council bearing half the cost. We hope that CCTV will be extended very soon to North St/High St.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Village maintenance has been criticized, which led the Council to examine its own workings and to formalise its practices. Chris Walford, Alan Warren, Jason Shelley and Bruce Marks put together job descriptions
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for the Clerk, Caretaker and Financial Officer. Health and Safety policies were tightened. Disposal of rubbish was solved by HDC who provide and empty a wheelie bin. Fergusons are contracted to empty some of the litter bins. Jason Shelley has acquired bags for dog walkers and is currently looking for dispensers.

Each Councillor 'walked' a section of the village and relevant councils were appraised of necessary repairs, some of which have now been made. In general the village is well maintained and tidy. The Gardening Competition, which judges front gardens, had over 50 nominations. The four pubs also put on good displays. Unfortunately, the very centre of the village still lets us down. The telephone box is finally repaired, but even a visit from English Heritage has not stirred HDC to enforce its own rules.

PLAY FACILITIES

Away from the centre, the seat in Barn Close was re-sited at the request of residents, and trees were trimmed. Manor Road/Apreece Way is not currently a problem. It is monitored by several Councillors who report little trouble. Several young men were subject to ASB orders (not all linked with behaviour on this green) and the police keep an eye on it. As a result, the hedge along the south side was completed, but no other planting has been organised and CCTV has not been installed. Young people are encouraged to play on the playing field and there have been a number of outside play projects. The most successful was organized by the Church Youth Project and discussion on plans for the summer holiday has been initiated by Olive Main.

CUNNING PLANS

There have been relatively few planning applications, but two were opposed by the Parish Council. The Chairman appeared at HDC's Planning panel but was unsuccessful on both occasions. A small estate of nine houses at 20 Church Street was approved, but only after a reduction of one and some adjustments to the layout. An application for 4 Church Street (formerly Browns') changing its use to a fast food outlet was approved, but later the applicant withdrew.

WORK IN PROGRESS

This Council has another year in office and still has a number of projects; new village signs, partly financed by RMS, are still not approved. Now the village field infrastructure is nearly completed, decisions on future development and finance are becoming urgent.

The demand for allotments and new burial spaces will not be easily satisfied. Externally, joining with other Councils in opposition to the present plans for Great Haddon is in its early stages. More urgently, we must ensure we get a new Post Office when Mrs. King retires in June.

Olive Main,
Chairman, Stilton Parish Council
The precept for 2009 / 2010 was set at £52,600, an increase of 2.5%, after remaining static for four years.

Obviously, the major item of expenditure in the year was the refurbishment and fitting out of the new Parish Meeting Room. Now we have the long task of repaying the £120,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board! The final cost, including furniture, fixtures and fittings, was around £136,500.

Of the other planned spending of Special Project Reserve money, the following was spent in 2010 - 2010:

Christmas tree lighting - £364.
Playing field - £2,000 on the entrance.
Bus shelter base - £2,500.
Stilton in Bloom - £3,500.

We also spent almost £10,000 on tree and hedge work in the cemetery and around the village, and £2,050 on a boiler for the Memorial Hall. Under Section 137, we made our usual donation to SCAN plus £250 to the Stilton Community Archive Network.

Thanks again to Richard Grant for continuing as internal auditor.

For yet another year, thank you all very much for your help and support, particularly Mary, Olive and Doug.

Kathy Ray,
Treasurer, Stilton Parish Council

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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. Upcoming open days will be: 9 June and 14 July.

**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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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
Alms Houses Report
FROM CHRIS WALFORD, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to meet regularly and to work to ensure that the Alms Houses 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. During the last year the Trustees arranged for the Victorian garden fence to be renovated and for the garden area to the east of the property to be cleared and gravelled. One boiler had to be replaced and another repaired.

The next projects are to have the wet room floors resurfaced following problems with the way the surfaces were laid at the time of the refurbishment. A fence to the gravelled area is to be erected. The chimney stacks will also be re-pointed 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 Alms Houses’ finances held by the Trustees are just sufficient to meet unexpected contingencies, while running costs are covered by income.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their continuing hard work, Yvonne Warner for her commitment and diligence as Secretary to the Trustees, and the Trustees Treasurer, Doug Maltman.

Chris Walford, Chairman

Fair Trade Breakfast

Marjorie and Pearl invite you to join them for breakfast at 8:30am on Saturday 26th June in the Church Meeting Room.

Why not let us prepare and serve your breakfast?

- Orange Juice
- Muesli
- Geobar
- Toast with Marmalade or Jam
- Tea and Coffee

Suggested donation £2 for the Parishes Youth Project

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton
Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Try to join us for this monthly breakfast get-together.

June 12th

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
The past year has been a good one for the Memorial Hall. It is in daily use by regular user groups and casual lettings continue to bring in much-needed income. The hall is a popular venue for a variety of functions.

The overall level of use of the hall has remained consistently high this year. The majority of the lettings are for local community groups and activities. As in previous years, most users take good care of the hall and are considerate to those living in the vicinity.

The Committee appreciates the patience and commitment of the Booking Clerk.

The Hall continues to operate just within the income level generated from letting fees. At the last meeting of the Management Committee the following bank balances were reported:

- Deposit account: £410
- Current account: £438.51

The Committee rigorously scrutinises income against expenditure and has concluded that, regrettably, letting fees will have to increase in the near future.

A major unexpected expense during the year was to replace the central heating boiler. The old one failed during our Arctic conditions just before Christmas! As a consequence, temporary heaters were installed and the hall was inspected daily for the month prior to the installation of the new boiler, which has a high efficiency rating. Thankfully, the Parish Council paid for the boiler and this was much appreciated by the Management Committee.

The Committee introduced new cleaning arrangements and we would like to pay tribute to the hall cleaner for her diligence and commitment.

Janet Greenfield has been appointed as Treasurer and the Committee welcomed her warmly. Sincere thanks were given to Brenda Whaley for her long service. The Management Committee membership remained unchanged.

The Committee has had a busy year. Apart from the regular issues relating to general running of the hall, the major issue has been to begin the programme of upgrading and refurbishment. To this end, the Committee is pleased to report that a completely new kitchen will be fitted by a team of volunteers in May 2010.

The installation of the new kitchen will be a huge bonus to everyone using the hall. A major priority is to secure the ownership of the hall; the Parish Council and a solicitor are currently progressing this. Once done, the Management Committee together with the Parish Council, following consultation, will decide on the next phase of upgrading and refurbishment. This will of course depend on grant aid and possible loans.

The Committee received a few complaints from neighbours about late night and weekend noise. All the complaints were acted upon. The Committee would like to thank neighbours for their understanding.

Thankyou to all the members of the Memorial Hall Management Committee who have freely given their time and expertise during the past year and to the Parish Council for its continued support.

Susan Grey
On behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee.
With 166 children on roll (expected to be 162 in September) Stilton School continues to exceed the statutory targets, e.g. Attendance is around 98%, with almost no unauthorized absences. No child has been excluded, there have not been any racist incidents and the single bullying incident was dealt with by the Bullying Busters.

Governors continue to monitor the teaching and are happy that it is good, and that all the different groups of children are being catered for effectively. The quality of leadership and management was recognized with the re-accreditation of Investors in People. Professional Development is planned to provide training in areas that will directly benefit the children's learning.

In a time of financial stringency the Governors' Resources Committee has had the advantage of the expertise of the Finance and Data Secretary in the battle to manage the available resources prudently. As a result, the 2010/11 budget balances in a way that allows for the present structure of classes to be unchanged and there is no need to reduce staff numbers.

The school continues to develop its external links with other public bodies such as NHS, Social Care and Parent Support Advisor. All staff are trained in Safeguarding procedures.

After building work was completed in March the pre-school and out of school clubs are now located on the school premises. Both sets of mobile buildings will soon be removed. The spaces will be useful as the school wants to develop its outdoor play and learning. This includes development of an allotment. This is one area where community involvement is needed and it is hoped to build on the experience of French week when the Twinning Association was very actively involved.

The Governors meet six times a year, and also work in Committees to monitor the performance of the school in all aspects.

Olive Main,
Community/Parish Council Governor
Kimbolton Fireworks provided a very spectacular display in November but, unfortunately, bad weather reduced attendance and the event lost money. We have, however, booked the same Kimbolton team for 2010 and hope for a drier night. We have discussed raising the entrance price but feel this would negate the original reason for the event, which was to reduce the number of back-garden displays which are so disturbing to neighbours and cause distress to pets.

Stilton Cheese Rolling was held on 3rd May 2010. Attendance kept up well despite the disappointing weather and stalls reported good takings. Indeed, several have already booked for next year. This year’s arrangements fell heavily on Carol Warren while Olive Main was stranded in America, just before the event. However, everything came together satisfactorily.

Publicity for Stilton and the Cheese was good this year, with the E.T. the Guardian, The Times, and an American in-flight magazine all carrying full articles. A TV documentary maker was also present.

SCAN reached two milestones - its 25th Anniversary and its 300th edition. The Community Association’s regular income comes from SCAN advertising. This has held up well during the recession and a number of new businesses have had their start-up considerably helped. Many organisations, including the Parish Council, now automatically think of SCAN when they need to communicate with the village.

The Community Association is a member of the Community Transport Scheme so that village groups can hire a minibus, and also holds a Lottery Licence which can be used by local groups.

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

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376 or clstilton@btinternet.com
The Twinning Association has had a very successful year with new interest following the ‘Twinning Matters’ event last July. Five new members have joined the committee to become active members of the Association. The committee currently consists of 23 members who work remarkably hard.

During the year the Association has held three Quiz Nights, a Race Night, the Twinning Matters information evening, (which over 40 people attended) and a Hog Roast. The annual visit, in May, was to Valencienne. This was a fantastic weekend which ended in us all having Sunday lunch in a favourite restaurant in St. Omer. This year's long weekend is in June, to the European Culture City of Lille.

The Association’s funds are now in a strong state following the expenses incurred as a result of the 10th Anniversary Celebrations in St Christol in 2007 and here in 2008. The funds raised are devoted to travel grants for young people in full-time education who take part in twinning exchanges to St Christol and to programmes of activities and visits when guests from St Christol visit us on exchange events. The Association also sponsors the Cheese Rolling Junior Championship, the SK8s fundraising events and tournaments, and the Folksworth Fete Boules Competition.

Five members of the Twinning Association supported Stilton School in their special French Week in March and a French teacher from St Christol flew here specially to take part. We all really appreciated this. The programme for the week consisted of learning about France, French cooking, building Eiffel Towers and of course the language and famous songs!

The Association is in the process of arranging a two-month work placement at the St Christol Mairie for a university student who lives in Folksworth.

The most recent exchange has been for 16 young people and 18 adults taking part in a football tournament in St Christol in April. (See full report elsewhere in this issue.) The Association gave a £50 travel grant to each young person in full time education. The hosting arrangement and hospitality given by people in St Christol was just excellent. Strong and lasting friendships are being formed between our two communities with over 400 people involved in exchanges over the past twelve years.

I would like to thank members of the Stilton and District Twinning Committee who work so hard, the Parish Council and St Christol Mairie for their ongoing support, the Twinning Association in St Christol and to everyone in this area who supports the activities and events that the Association arranges.

Traidcraft

Last Saturday in the month in the Church Meeting Room.

26th June

Special Fairtrade breakfast event!

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Mr S Ingram, Head of Planning Services of Huntingdonshire District Council, explained that the planning application for the Great Haddon development would be determined by Peterborough City Council. The District Council’s Development Management Panel had raised a number of concerns about the impact of the development on communities in Huntingdonshire and these had been passed to the City Council.

The City Council has received over 500 representations and petitions and has raised with the developers some 18 issues that needed to be addressed, including the proposals for the A15, the impact on neighbouring communities, cross-boundary education issues and the buffer zone between Great Haddon and its neighbouring communities. There would be a further round of consultation once the responses to the issues had been received.

Peter Brett Associates, the engineering consultants acting for the developers, advised that in conjunction with other agents, a number of exhibitions had been held during the public consultation process explaining the proposed development. This development comprises 15,350 dwellings, 65 hectares of employment land, a secondary school, three primary schools, health and welfare facilities and retail provision in a district centre.

The traffic plans include a proposed bus gate which is intended to reduce the volume of traffic flow on the A15. Proposals for a park and ride facility had already been dropped in response to public opinion expressed at the exhibitions. Traffic modelling forecasts showed increases in peak traffic flows from the current 600 and 1,000 per hour to 1,100 and 1,600 per hour respectively. To keep traffic out of Yaxley, a bypass would be required. The proposed bus gate was intended to encourage use of public transport by making car journeys to Peterborough longer. Combined footways and cycleways would be provided alongside each carriageway of the proposed road.

Although an outline planning application has been submitted, various topic group meetings will be held which were likely to lead to further changes to the scheme. Further consultation would take place after the topic meetings had ended.

Local residents have raised concerns about the development generally, its scale, and its unpopularity in neighbouring villages. However, the Great Haddon development has been scheduled for a number of years and would proceed, but with room for discussion about the detail.

Concerns have been raised by residents about traffic flows through Yaxley, the accuracy of the traffic predictions and the unacceptably longer journey times which were projected.

Other concerns have been raised about the proximity of the proposed development to existing villages/neighbourhoods. 40% of...
the development site is being designed to include green spaces and its configuration takes into account current boundaries.

Concerns have been raised by residents of nearby smaller villages with poor bus links, such as Holme. While these could not be addressed as part of the Great Haddon development, residents of those villages could either use the new facilities at Haddon centre, or park there and benefit from the improved public transport links from Haddon to Peterborough.

Our Representatives
SPEAKING WITH OUR VOICE

Following the General Election, we thought it would be opportune to publish details of our various political representatives:

European Parliament

East of England Constituency
Geoffrey van Orden, Robert Sturdy, Vicky Ford (Cons)
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Andrew Duff (Lib Dem)
Richard Howitt (Lab)

House of Commons

NW Cambridgeshire Constituency
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Norman Cross Division
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Huntingdon District Council
Stilton Ward
Peter Mitchell (Cons) 1 Walnut Way, Stilton, (01733) 244666

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Deputy Chairman: John Warner
Sue Ayres Tom Carrington
Doug Maltman Bruce Marks
Phil Shailer Jason Shelley
Chris Walford Alan Warren
Linda Worsley
Clerk: Mary Croll
Parish Room, Church Street, Stilton (01733) 228130
Local Councillor’s Report
PETER MITCHELL’S REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

During the past year I have had the honour and pleasure to represent the Stilton & Holme Ward in the District Council. My main Panel occupations have been on:

The Planning Management Committee
On which I’ve continued to serve as Chairman. We deal with, on average, 20 applications per month and have introduced Public Speaking which, I believe, has had a considerable effect on our deliberations.

Planning Policies
These are changing, bringing more emphasis to sustainable development.

The Core Strategy was adopted in September and the Development DPD is out for final consultation. This will go for adoption in a few months’ time and will be our main policy document for some years.

Three Strategic Housing Land Assessments (SHLAs) have been issued for Market Housing / Gypsies and Travellers / and Rural Exception sites. These are going through examination and will be issued later this year.

The Overview and Scrutiny (Social Well Being) Panel
In addition to being a member of the Panel, I lead a Working Party on the subject of Youth Facilities for the Smaller Settlements and Rural areas. Huntingdonshire District Council has been very helpful in the development of the Skate Park, which is now fully operational.

The Full Council Meetings
These have seen a lot of changes in procedures, with:

Evening meetings
These are now scheduled for 7:00 pm to allow the public better access. We have also introduced a 1 hour debate and so far we have debated Anti-social Behaviour, The A14, Dec 09 Climate Change, Occupational Therapy and The Rural Economy.

Neighbourhood Forums
Five have been introduced to serve the four Towns plus one for N W Cambs at Yaxley. They have each had two meetings and attendance is rising. The development at Haddon has been high on the agenda.

Local 1 on 1 problem solving
This continues to provide a steady stream of work and, as I am sure you know, I’m happy to take up any problems associated with the District Council and see if I can help.

The Recession
Our Budget shows a deficit of £4.7m, which is being funded out of reserves. We have a target to reduce this by £2.0m over the next two years.

We have already identified £700,000-worth of savings for this year, with staff reductions of about 31 posts through natural wastage and re-deployment.

We are looking at shared services with other Councils in order to reduce costs and will shortly be putting forward schemes for voluntary redundancy.

Although we are amongst the lowest charging Councils in the country, we have to make savings because we are capped. This, along with inflation and added mandatory services, gives us no choice but to make efficiency savings or reduce services.
You’ve Done It Again!
STILTON’S GENEROSITY SETS ANOTHER RECORD

Dear Editor

I have recently heard from our Poppy Appeal Organiser with the final figures for last year’s Appeal. I am delighted to inform you and your readers that last year was an all-time record for Yaxley and District with a total of £11,067. I would like to extend our grateful thanks to all who helped with the collecting and all those who donated towards this wonderful total.

Thankfully yours

Tom Cochrane
Chairman, Yaxley and District Branch
The Royal British Legion

Dear Editor

On the 9th May, I and 17 other partners from Waitrose Huntingdon completed a sky dive in aid of Help For Heroes. The weather was fantastic, with clear blue skies. Plenty of bravado was in evidence as we gathered at the North London Parachute Centre near March. After a short training session and a desperate wait, six of us were strapped into a plane and thrown out at 13,000 ft, I have to say it was an amazing experience that I would recommend to anyone.

In total I raised £320 and the team raised almost £3,000 for Help for Heroes. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Sam Whiston

Coming soon to Sawtry Children’s Centre!

- Dads’ group
- Bumps & babies
- First Steps
- Safety sessions (First Aid etc)
- Messy play
- Toddler Yoga
- Baby massage

- Toddler drama
- Make-up sessions for Mums
- Melody Makers
- Toddlers do lunch
- Grandparents’ group
- Stay and Play – Stilton, Sawtry, Elton & Great Gidding

SureStart
Children’s Centre
Cambridgeshire

Look out for the new timetable!

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Sue on tel: 07767 770518 or email: sue.day@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
An Away Match

16 young people and 18 adults took part in a football tournament in St Christol in April. This was a great success, although we lost the matches!

Whilst there, the group visited the historic town of Uzes and its colourful Saturday market, the Haribo sweet factory, the 2000 year old Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, a bull farm on the Camargue and the seaside town of Les St Maries de la Mer.

The young people who participated were a joy to be with and excellent ambassadors for our community and their families. The Association gave a £50 travel grant to each young person in full-time education. The hosting arrangements and hospitality given by people in St Christol were excellent. The Mairie presented local wine to the adults in the group, Stilton Parish Council received a large Anduze urn and the young people received commemorative medals and trophies. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to a return visit by St Christoliens in the New Year.

The French Trip!

12 year-old Olivia Gracey writes about her experiences on the trip:

This is my third trip to Saint Christol and we had a great time. My favourite part was seeing our family, "The Bonnets", who live in a small village called Saint Hilaire. We first met them four years ago when we hosted Ludo and Nicolas when the Sawtry Colts had a football tournament with Saint Christol.

We now know Pascale, Thomas and Pauline. Both Thomas and Pauline will be staying with us in August for two weeks to help improve their English. We love them very much and it was great to see them again.

We were very busy for the whole weekend; one of the best trips was to the forest where we all went on a very high tree assault course. I have never had so much energy in my life! The friends we made were wonderful, but the French friends you make remain your friends for life. We always email and text each other our news so we're never short of talking to each other when we meet up again.

The evenings were great, as it was very good to meet up at the end of the day and have a nice dinner together and share our best moments. I remember having a boogie on the last night with Ludo, our French host. I did have one bad moment when I stubbed my toe at our French friends’ house, but luckily the French doctor had a look at it and said I didn't need a stitch. But every time I see my toe it reminds me of St Christol!

I enjoyed going to the bull farm in the Camargue. It was a very cold, wet day and I have never been so cold in my life, sitting on the back of the trailer! But to see the bulls out in the fields and then eating them was a bit gruesome!

I hope to go on the next twinning trip to France and have a good time once again. I really hope that all of our French friends come over soon so we can have fun together. I will be thrilled to see them again.

Overall, I would definitely recommend anyone to go to France or get involved with the association and come and have a great time!
PC? PCSO?
CAMBS POLICE EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE

PCSOs are uniformed staff whose role is to support the work of police officers within the community in Neighbourhood Policing Teams. They are a vital part of these teams and a large part of their role is to patrol in communities and work with organisations such as local councils to tackle the menace of anti-social behaviour.

PCSOs do not have the same powers of arrest as police officers, although they do have the right to detain suspected offenders for up to thirty minutes until a police officer arrives. They also are able to give tickets for certain offences such as parking and littering. You can find out more about the role of a PCSO on our website: www.cambs.police.uk.

Neighbourhood Forum

At the conclusion of the last Forum meeting, the Panel agreed the following policing priorities for the three months to June 2010:

- Youth related anti-social behaviour in Maltings Square and recreation ground, Yaxley
- Youth related anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Sawtry Leisure Centre.
- Speeding in rural villages, including Main Street, Yaxley; Broadway, Yaxley/Farcet; Great Gidding; Spaldwick and Catworth.

The next Forum will be at Folksworth Village Hall on 28 July, 7pm-9pm. Meetings are open to all residents. Stilton Parish Council is usually represented.

PCSOs
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We are offering you the chance to have your say on PCSOs, to give us your views, or to ask us any questions you might have about their policing role and powers. If you would like to take part in the discussion, simply submit your question or comment to us at: www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/pcso/questions.asp.

The closing date for this discussion is the 3rd of June 2010. The answers to all your questions as well as any comments we have received will be posted on the site from the 26th of June 2010.
Cheese-Rolling Results
ANOTHER GREAT DAY OUT

The Winners
Junior Championship
Best dressed team: The Royals
Cheese Rolling winners: The Dolly Dancers
Sponsored by Stilton and District Twinning Association. Prizes presented by Katie Barbusse, from St. Christol.

Ladies’ Championship
(W.I. Cup)
Winners: the Yorkshire Belles
Second: the Honolulu Honeys
Sponsored by the Stilton Cheesemakers Association, The Stilton Cheese and the Stilton Country Club.

Men’s Championship
(Bell Cup)
Winners: Stilton Sombreros
Second: The Lovejoys
Best Dressed Team: Bell Bottoms
Sponsored by the Stilton Cheesemakers Association and the Talbot Inn (Charles Wells Brewery)

Each member of a winning team also receives an individual cup to keep, generously presented by Liam McGivern of the Bell Inn.

Went Well
In spite of the disappointing weather, attendance was well up to expectations; most stall holders were pleased at their takings and have booked for next year. The Café Royale (Stilton Church) had a particularly good day as people fled from the hail and cold wind in search of a hot drink!

There were some nerve-racking moments with the organization, not least Olive Main finding herself a victim of the volcanic ash disruption just days before the event. Carol Warren quietly took over and no-one knew about the panicky e-mails coming from America! On the day, the break-dance group Dance Offensive pulled out but happily Nicole Lawrence and Helen Bloomfield stepped into their slot with magnificent performances. The Bell saved the day by loaning us attractively wrapped Stilton cheeses when the donated cheese prizes failed to arrive. In the end it all went well, everyone behaved themselves and St John’s Ambulance had a quiet day - to the disappointment of a TV crew who thought they were at a Gloucester-style event!

Walter’s Cake
This year's cake was donated in memory of Walter Shaw (1918-2009). The weight was 4lb 11½ oz (including container)

Outright winner: Mrs L Brown (Stilton) with 4lb 11 3/4oz
Joint runners-up: Andy Dann 4lb 11oz and Carl Peppercorn/Chris Stokes 4lb 12oz The competition raised £96.04 for Church Funds.
As always, a long list of acknowledgements:

The Physical work is done by Carol Warren, Peter Warren, Emily Warren, and Keith Gipson with Kate, Ruth and Grace, Ian and Erica Constable, Stilton Scouts. They start at 6am and expect to finish at 10pm with some more to be done the next day.

Bunting: Bruce and Elaine Marks
Road Closure: Ringway, Mark Farmer, Tim Alban
Stalls and street plan: Carol Warren
May Queen: Gemma Kirk
May King: Morgan Turner
Princesses: Megan Stone, Chloe Pratt, Emily Osbourne
Judged by Linda Mitchell, Crowns made by Libby Henson, flowers donated by Lamshade Warehouse. Crowned by 2009's May King & Queen Abby Connor and Peter Warren. Rolls Royce thanks to Colbrook (Colin Ayres)
May Pole Dancing - children of Holme School, trained by Carol Warren. Music from Pig Dyke Molly
May Garland: Stilton Guides collected £116 for their charity in Bulgaria.
Dance Festival:
Pig Dyke Molly
Peterborough & District Scottish Country Dancers
Wendy Burke School of Dancing
Peterborough Bhangra Dancers
Singers:
Nicole Lawrence (fresh from her X Factor appearance)
Helen Bloomfield
Derek Vickers
Stilton Cheese Rolling:
Race Control: Chris and Linda Walford
Referees: Martin Pearce and Tom Carrington

Comperes:
Adam Vickers - who is responsible for the P.A. as well. He holds the day together for nearly 12 hours, as he also organises the evening concert held at the Talbot. He persuaded Nicole Lawrence to give a virtuoso performance and his band, Leon, then played for a very long stretch. Helen Bloomfield also sang to an enthusiastic audience. Thanks to the Talbot for hosting the event.
Warwick Davis:
Mere thanks are inadequate; Warwick gives his time and a professional performance and says he enjoys himself. At the end he posed for photos and signed copies of his book. The only reward he will take is a donation to a charity of his choice.

Colouring Competition:
Keystage 2: Ben
Keystage 1: 1 Victoria 2 Emma 3 Charlotte
Preschool: 1 Millie 2 Erin 3 Amber
Judged by Jenny Simpson and prizes by Stilton Community Association.

Thanks also to:
Cambridgeshire Constabulary,
Cambridgeshire County Council,
Huntingdon District Council,
Stilton Parish Council,
Ian Croll for road cleaning and removal of rubbish,
St John's Ambulance,
Peterborough Evening Telegraph,
The Guardian.
No English village Spring festival would be complete without the traditional May Queen and King and their delightful attendants. And the sandbag to stop the marquee blowing away in the equally traditional May Day hurricane.

Nor of course without the traditional fund-raising efforts of local worthy causes, including Playgroup (left) and two enterprising village ladies selling cupcakes for charity.
Music and dance of every type this year, from the traditional maypole to Bangra (above and bottom) Fenland Molly Dance (top right) and of course the stunning Nicole Lawrence.
It’s not so much the winning as the competing with style that matters! But if you’re the Royals or the Stilton Sombreros you can do both!
Celebrate June!
PLENTY OF GOOD REASONS!

How many reasons do you need to celebrate June in England? Any of these anniversaries will do:

2 June The Coronation
6 June D-Day
15 June Signing of Magna Carta
18 June Battle of Waterloo
24 June Midsummer Day

Let’s plump for:

**Midsummer Day**

Celebrated for centuries, an occasion for rejoicing that the sun really had come back. It is a magical time with many superstitions attached to it; for example, any woman who washes her face in midsummer dew will make herself look younger! *(But you can’t buy it in Body Shop!)*

This month we can look to enjoy a great variety of fresh food but, of course, the best is the strawberry. Not the tasteless supermarket variety; but freshly picked from Lutton or Chesterton. Eaten with sugar and cream, or with a dusting of black pepper, or a few drops of balsamic vinegar; they make the perfect dessert.

When you are bored with strawberries *au naturel*, there are many excellent recipes such as:

**Eton Mess**

20 fl oz double cream, whipped
1lb strawberries cut into bite-sized pieces sprinkled with 2 tablespoons sugar
Meringues broken up (bought ones will do)
Dash of port (optional)

Mix all together and serve in sundae dishes. Simples!

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**Stilton Over-60s Club**

The Club meets every Friday afternoon from 2-4 for whist, dominoes and bingo.

New members are always welcome.

**Forthcoming events:**

**Tuesday 1st June**

Market Harborough & Foxton Locks
A coach outing -
£8 members, £9 non-members

**Wed 16th June**

Waterside Garden Centre & Springfields
A coach outing -
£10, Depart Stilton Post Office 9:30am

**Wed 4th August**

Outing to Hunstanton

**Tues 14th September**

Outing to Melton Mowbray

Details of all meetings and outings can be obtained from Sylvia Ward (242457) or Doreen Clarke. (242643)

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More than thirty adults and children enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon with the fantastic story-teller Andy Hawkins on 17th April. The weather was glorious and we ventured outside to make the most of the sunshine.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic**

There will be a special Teddy Bear's picnic storytime on Thursday 3rd June from 10.30-11.00am. Come and enjoy stories, rhymes and activities, don't forget to bring your bear!

**New Stock**

A large number of new books have just arrived. Come along and have a browse for something different!

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**Engage in The Afternoon**

We launched our new "Engage in the afternoon" session with a fascinating talk by champion fisherman Rob Edmunds. The session was very well attended and enjoyed by all from complete novices to competent fishermen alike!

Our next session will be on Wednesday 16th June at 2pm, this will be a reminiscence session based on the theme "First Home".

As these new sessions are proving so popular, we are now issuing free tickets in advance, for each event.

Tickets for the June session will be available to collect in Yaxley Library from 1st June onwards.

Numbers are limited so please collect your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

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**Yaxley Library**

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**Renewals & enquiries:**

(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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**Mobile Library**

June 2nd, 16th, 30th

3:15-3:45pm

Outside The Talbot

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For the third year, Caldecote Lake (the one on the golf course at the bottom end of High Street) will be home to an annual fishing championship in support of Stilton United Football Club.

A team from SUFC will challenge a team of experienced Stilton anglers, including Glen Woolner and Joe Porteous, to be crowned Fishomania Champions 2010.

The match will take place on Saturday 10th July, from 10:30-3:30. Spectators are welcomed; there’s no admission charge and there will be barbecue refreshments on sale all day, with all proceeds going to support SUFC. Sounds like a great way to spend a summer’s day!

You might think the outcome will be a foregone conclusion, but it seems the footballers have already carried off the prize in both the previous championships, which suggests either a certain lack of attention on the part of the anglers or SUFC have discovered some magic bait!

S.U.F.C will be holding their annual Presentation Day at the Angel club on Saturday 22nd from 12:30 pm. Both their Minis (junior) and seniors teams will be involved in the presentations.

SUFC is a very successful club, thanks to its popularity among villagers and the excellent support it receives from the community. If you are involved in any of club’s activities, or parent of one of players, or just interested in football, why not go along and enjoy the atmosphere of a bunch of enthusiasts celebrating their success?

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

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!
Beginners welcome!
Stilton School Summer Fete

Saturday July 3rd 11am-1pm

Come and enjoy:

• Face painting
• Sports activities
• Refreshments
• Craft activities
• Balloon racing
...and much more!
Sawtry History Society
Open Day

High Street Sawtry 1910

- Photo Gallery - See Sawtry 100 years ago
- The Village Sign - Learn about the origins
- See the old Oddfellows Feast Parade Banner
- Learn about your street name
- Fire service: Wonderful models on display
...and much more to see!

Sunday 6th June, 2010
11:00am - 4:00pm
Old School Hall, Sawtry

Free Admission!

Refreshments available       All details: (01487) 832996
St Mary Magdalene Church brings you

Summertime

July 10 - 11

A celebration of all that Summer means to us

SATURDAY
open 11am to 7pm

Cream Teas from 2pm

Family BBQ 6:30pm
(Adults £5, Children £3, Family £14
Tickets from The Rectory)

SUNDAY
open 12 to 6pm

Cream Teas from 2pm

On both days Music with Margaret Parsons & friends 2pm

Sunday Services:
  8am Holy Communion
  11am Parade Service
  6pm Songs of Praise
  (make your choices over the weekend)

Visit the Church
  (use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can)

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Swine ‘Flu Vaccinations

As requested by the Department of Health, we will be continuing to offer the swine ‘flu vaccination throughout the forthcoming Spring and Summer months to patients who fall within any of the following risk groups:

- All patients aged 6 months and above with a long term health condition including:
  - Chronic lung disease
  - Chronic heart disease
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic liver disease
  - Chronic neurological disease
  - Diabetes
- Any patient who is pregnant
- Any patient who is immunocompromised due to either disease or a treatment they are receiving
- Household contacts of an immunocompromised individual

If you, or your child, fall into any of the above categories and you would like to attend for a vaccination, please contact our reception team on (01487) 830340 to book an appointment.

Access Targets

Each quarter a number of our patients are selected to take part in the national GP Patient Survey which is run by IPSOS Mori on behalf of the government. One of the areas this survey covers is access to GP appointments. We are scored on the provision of both on-the-day, and pre-bookable appointments. We strive very hard to meet both of these targets, and review our appointment system every three months in the hope of being able to meet both criteria.

Over the last few months, since we stopped guaranteeing all patients an appointment on the day they call, we have been able to increase the number of pre-bookable appointments, but whilst our figures have improved we have not yet met the target level. Unfortunately, it would be difficult to further increase the number of pre-bookable appointments if we are still going to be able to meet current demand for an on-the-day appointment.

When you call for an appointment we will always try our best to offer what you request - be that an appointment for later that day, or an appointment some time within the next couple of weeks. We will also do our best to provide you with an appointment with a specific GP, but please appreciate that this will not always be possible and we may need to offer you an appointment on an alternative day or with an alternative GP.

Please rest assured that you will always be offered an appointment that day if you are calling in a medical emergency.
Online Appointments

I am very pleased to announce that we are now able to offer our patients the option of booking GP appointments online. If you have attended or contacted the surgery in the last few weeks you have most probably already been invited to sign up to use this service. If you have any queries about the service, or you would like to register, please contact our reception team. I would also like to thank those patients who have already taken the time and trouble to let us know how pleased they are with the introduction of the online service.

2010 Practice Closure Afternoons

We have a number of afternoons throughout the year when we are permitted to close to facilitate staff training. Please be aware that we may be closed from 1pm on the dates listed below. During afternoon closures emergency cover will be provided by the Out-of-Hours service.

- Thursday 10th June
- Wednesday 21st July
- Thursday 16th September
- Wednesday 20th October
- Thursday 18th November

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

THE LABRADOR RESCUE TRUST NEEDS YOU!

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GIVE A LABRADOR A HOME PERHAPS YOU ARE ABLE TO FOSTER A LABRADOR FOR A WHILE?

The Labrador Rescue Trust has been helping Labradors in need for over 20 years and currently helps between 600-700 dogs a year in the South West & Northamptonshire, Rutland and South Lincs areas. Everyone involved with The Trust is a volunteer and between us there is a wealth of knowledge and experience with Labradors. We all love the breed and we need other people to love them too!

If you would like to have an informal chat, need advice with your Labrador problems, or can offer to re-home/help/foster/fund-raise, then please contact your local volunteer:-

Shirley Smith
Telephone: (01780) 450820

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Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 Diabetes is a serious, non-reversible condition which causes the amount of glucose in the blood to rise. This is due to either the pancreas not producing enough insulin, or that the insulin that is produced is not working properly.

You are at risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes if:

- A close family member (parent or sibling) has Type 2 Diabetes
- You are overweight
- You are a female with a waist measurement of 31.5 inches or more
- You are a male with a waist measurement of 37 inches or more (35 inches in Asian men)
- You have high blood pressure or you have had a heart attack or stroke
- You already have impaired Glucose Tolerance or Impaired Fasting Glycaemia
- You have had Gestational Diabetes or given birth to a large baby
- You are a female with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)

To reduce the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes you should:

- Aim to lose excess weight, once reduced, keep weight under control
- Follow a healthy diet
- Limit fried and fatty foods
- Limit salt intake
- Take regular exercise, aim for half an hour, five times a week
- Quit smoking.

For further information, visit: www.diabetes.org.uk

Julie Martin, Practice Nurse
To All Men
DON’T DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT

There are about 200 new cases of Testicular Cancer in the UK every year. It is most common in the 15-35 year age group. 95% are cured with early diagnosis.

Most men find a lump in the testicle, or blood in their semen. However, most lumps are harmless but a clinical check by your GP is needed to be sure, and occasionally an ultrasound exam. All this can now take place here in the Surgery - in most cases without the need for referral to hospital.

If in doubt - get a check. Don't die of embarrassment.

Dr. Phil Hartropp

Cradle Club

Open to parents/carers and babies up to the age of 8 months

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CELEBRATION OF THE 50’s

AN EVENING OF HUMOUR AND SONG FROM THE FANTASTIC 50’s
(All local musicians and entertainers)

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 7:30PM
BACK LANE VILLAGE HALL, YAXLEY

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS (PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS)

TICKETS £5.00
Ticket only please - available from Linda in the Patients' Library
All proceeds to Yaxley Health Centre Patients’ Association
Trying to get your business off the ground?
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Contact Jan Woodward on (01733) 243278
Planning your summer holiday?

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

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

Flights to Nîmes are easy from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports

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

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

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

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