DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE
YGP WELCOMES ITS NEW PARTNER

BALL SKILLS
VILLAGE FOOTIE CLUB ON TOP FORM AGAIN

CABINET RESHUFFLE
MEMORIAL HALL’S NEW KITCHEN TEAM SET TO BEGIN. CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PLUMBING?

HADDON
FIND OUT ABOUT THE GREATER HADDON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

RUBBISH!
QUICK! GET YOUR HEAVY RUBBISH OUT!

We’re delighted once again to welcome Pig Dyke Molly to Cheese-Rolling. They’ll be joined by performers of the most varied styles of dance that the High Street has ever witnessed. Don’t miss it!
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**Roll Up!**

**HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT AT CHEESE-ROLLING**

Don't listen to rumours or believe all you read in the papers - Stilton Cheese Rolling is definitely ON as usual on May Day Monday 3rd May. A programme and team entry forms are included in this issue. If you want to book a last-minute stall, print off a form from the website www.stilton.org. Get your team entries or stall bookings in quickly!

**DIRTY DANCING**

Well, probably a bit grubby! This year we are hosting an International Dance Festival which gives lots of opportunities for some outrageous team costumes. As for proper dancing, by special request the popular local Indian folk dance group Bhangra Beat will be with us again, as will our old friends Pig Dyke Molly with their migraine-inducing costumes and anarchic music. We are privileged also to welcome Dance Offensive, a breakdance group from Cambridge, who are fast building up a national reputation.

The Peterborough branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society are also coming, but first to perform will be Holme School's Maypole Dancers with a traditional welcome to the new May Queen, followed by local children from the Wendy Burke School of Dancing.

**BROWSING & SLUICING**

There will be plenty to eat and drink at the Bell, the Talbot, Nigel's Fish & Chips, and a hog roast. Our own attraction, the Café Royale, will be in the Memorial Hall where you can sit down and enjoy tea, coffee, soft drinks, a ploughmans and home grown cakes.

**THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT!**

On the street there are more stalls than ever, fairground rides, inflatables and the flight simulator. Give us time to clear up and then come to The Talbot at 5pm for Adam Vickers’ Concert in the Courtyard. He plans to put on four acts, including his own band, Leon, now signed to Chartwell Records who will issue a single on 9 June. We also hope to welcome back Nicole Lawrence after her great fun on X Factor.

**Rubbish Alert!**

Aaarrghh! We forgot to remind readers last month of the special rubbish collection scheduled for **26-28 April**. Sorry!

We’re trying to get this issue out early in good time for Cheese-Rolling, so with a bit of luck you might receive this in time.

Usual conditions apply: put out your rubbish before 6am on the 26th, on the edge of your property but NOT BLOCKING THE FOOTPATH. Also as usual:

- No builders rubble, engines or hazardous waste
- Nothing that can’t be lifted by two men
- Big branches etc tied in bundles
- Remove the doors from white goods
Not surprisingly, there has been much interest in, and concern about, the proposed Great Haddon development. The Parish Council is actively involved in the consultation process and you will read in SCAN about any important developments in this.

Peterborough City Council gave us the instructions for finding the Great Haddon planning application on its website www.peterborough.gov.uk. It’s a bit complicated to get to the right page, so here’s the way to do it:

- Go to the Planning and Building Section
- Click on the sub-option ‘View, Comment and Committees’
- Click the text below the left-hand picture (View and comment on planning applications)
- Click the ‘public access’ link in the text - this takes you to a page entitled ‘Planning and Building Online Registers’
- Go to the end of this page, tick ‘I agree’ then continue. This brings you to the Public Access area
- Click on ‘Planning’
- Click on ‘Application Search’ in the left-hand side menu
- Type in either of the application references - 09/01369/OUT or 09/01368/OUT - and click Search
- Click to View
- Go to Associated Documents
- View Associated Doc This should bring up the complete document, although SCAN got a 404 when we tried it, so they’ve obviously not actually been posted yet!

If you want to find out about the project, the best place is www.greathaddon.com

The Council is willing to accept further comment/representation on the proposals because, given the scale and complexity of the scheme, a decision will not be made in the immediate future. Peterborough City Council, Hunts DC, Cambs CC, along with the Highways Agency, PCT, surrounding Parishes and many other parties are liaising closely on the proposals and have been consulted.
In support of CARESCO
Come and enjoy an evening out while raising funds for a local charity

Charity Curry Night
at the Angel Spice

High Street, Stilton PE7 3RA
Wednesday 19th May 7:30pm

Tickets £15

Available from the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry
or direct from the Angel Spice

Raffle!

For more details please contact CARESCO on 01487 832105
or email caresco@sawtry.net

Sponsored Skydive!

Stilton resident Sam Whiston and six colleagues from Waitrose, Huntingdon will be frightening themselves silly at the North London Parachute Centre, March, to raise money for Help for Heroes. Why not show your support with some sponsorship?

Jumping out of an aircraft from 13,000 feet into a tandem free fall at 120mph is for many the thrill of a lifetime. Having your leg blown off in Afghanistan will wreck your life. That’s why Help for Heroes is so important a charity.

Every team member is paying for the jump themselves, so all donations will go straight to Help for Heroes.

The event will take place at the North London Parachute Centre, Block Fen Drove, Wimblington, March on 9th May (weather permitting), so go along and give Sam and his intrepid friends some support and encouragement.

You can pay Sam in cash, or donate on www.justgiving.com/sam-whiston. If you do, don't forget to click the Gift Aid box.
Stilton Cheese-Rolling Committee

ROAD CLOSURE

May Day Bank Holiday 3rd May 2010

- North Street will be closed officially from the junction with Norman Drive from 9am to 3pm.
- High Street will be closed up to the junction with Maple Drive.
- The diversion will be via Norman Drive, Manor Road, Church Street and Church Close.
- Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

Residents are requested to ensure that, wherever possible, cars are parked off the road to maintain clear access. Cars left parked in the closed areas will be removed.
If you have friends joining you for Cheese-Rolling, please ask them to arrive early!

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: 11 May and 9 June.

HIRING THE ROOM

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

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

FEES:

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STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2010
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Parental Consent Form

I hereby give permission for .................................................................
to take part in the Junior Cheese-Rolling Championship on May 3rd 2010
Name: .........................................................................................
Address: .........................................................................................
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Signed: .........................................................................................
Date: .........................................................................................

This form must be returned with the Junior Team Entry Form to
Olive Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton. Teams will NOT be allowed
to compete unless a consent form has been received for EVERY member.

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

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

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STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2010
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Stilton & District Twinning Assn

RULES:

1. Competitors must be between 10 and 14 years of age.
2. Teams will be made up of 4 young people and may be all boys, all girls or mixed.
3. All competitors must cover arms and legs.
4. The rules of Cheese Rolling apply.
5. The referee's decision is always final.
6. The competition will be limited to 8 teams, on a “first come, first served” basis.
7. There will be a prize for the best-dressed team and a prize for the winning team.
8. Parental permission for EACH team member must accompany this entry form. (Use form overleaf)

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: ..............................................................................................

Team Members: 1 ..........................................................
2 ..........................................................
3 ..........................................................
4 ..........................................................

Contact Name: ..........................................................

Address: ..........................................................................................

Tel No: ..........................................................................................

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising.

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STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2010

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES:

1. Teams will consist of 4 members including the captain.
2. Teams will be all male or all female.
3. No one under the age of 15 yrs may be included in a team.
4. Cheeses must be rolled by hand; no kicking, throwing or picking up of the cheese is allowed and teams MUST keep to their allotted lanes.
5. Each team member MUST roll the cheese at least once during the race.
6. The first cheese to strike the end boards of the course wins.
7. The referee’s decision is always final.
8. Teams must report to the control tent by 11:00am.

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: .................................................................

Team Members: 1 ..................................................

2 ..................................................

3 ..................................................

4 ..................................................

Contact Name: ..........................................................

Address: ...............................................................

Tel No: .................................................................

Entry form and fee of £5 per team (payable to STILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION) to Race Controller: Mrs O Main, 8 Caldecote Rd, Stilton, Peterborough PE7 3RH. Fees will be refunded to teams in fancy dress.

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Twinning Association Events 2010

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<td>8 - 13 July</td>
<td>Mixed junior football exchange return visit to Stilton</td>
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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

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Stilton Stumblers

Spring Itinerary

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All our regular walks are between 6 - 8 miles and meet at 10:00am at The Pump

For more information about Stumbling, visit http://stumblers.stilton.org or call Jan on 07740 167377 (mobile) - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!

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Contacting our Local Police

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Yaxley Office: 1 Queen Street Yaxley PE7 3JE

Call 0345 456 4564 and ask for the Yaxley office:

Ext: 4162: Yaxley Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt. Karen Ingham
Ext: 4171: Yaxley NPT Community Officers (Voice mail facility)

Stilton and Villages:

PC Sue Walker: 07889 499 066
PCSO Barry Chamberlain: 07921 094 828

email:- any of the community team using this example format: karen.ingham@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Our local police team have recently been patrolling the areas around Farcet, providing a visible police presence during both the day and evening. There has been an increase in reports of persons causing a nuisance by using quad/scrambler bikes in the area of Crown Lakes; police will continue to monitor the area. The varied patrols by the team have seen a decrease in reports of general anti social behaviour in the area of the Church and play park. The team will continue to monitor parking in the area of the High Street where concerns have been raised and will issue parking tickets where necessary.

**Crime in the Area**

**Yaxley**
- Theft of a vehicle from the communal parking area of Lilac Walk.
- Criminal damage caused to a vehicle on Landsdowne Road.

**Farcet**
- Criminal damage caused to a fence on St Mary’s Street.

**Sawtry**
- Criminal damage on two separate occasions to a vehicle parked in Rectory Close.
- Criminal damage to a storage room on Green End Road; electrical cables and guttering damaged.

**Stilton**
- Burglary in North Street. Suspects identified and arrested, various items have been recovered.

**Elton**
- Theft of domestic oil from a tank
- Theft of vehicle index plates

**Old Weston**
- Theft of diesel from a tank

If you would like more information you can contact Kirsty Squires on 01480 388767 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk to look at the forum pages.

Please report any suspicious vehicles or persons on the non-emergency number: 0345 456 456 4. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

*Remember this chap?*
The football season is entering its final stages and both of Stilton United's teams have so far improved on their respective league positions from last season, writes Garry Beaver.

In the last month the Reserve team have recorded impressive victories over Manea United and rivals Warboys Town. Goals from top scorer Sam Curtis, Danny Brooker, Trevor Harrison, Tom West and Perry Drage helped secure the points.

HIGH FIVE
Stilton United 1st team recently went undefeated for five games, which included wins over Ketton, Peterborough Sports and AFC Powerleague. This run of form moved the Stilton lads into promotion contention before a disappointing one goal reverse at the hands of fellow promotion-chasers Long Sutton Athletic dented their hopes. If it proves a bridge too far this term then promotion back to the Peterborough Premier Division will be the main focus for next season.

The Football Club is always on the lookout for new players, especially local youngsters. Details of pre-season training sessions will be advertised here in the coming months.

The date for the AGM is yet to be finalised. As always, this will be advertised around the village in good time, so keep an eye out.

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:
Wed 19th May
Afternoon Tea Event
Church Meeting Room 2-4pm
Raffle, cake stall, plant and book sales

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

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)
The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help with the refurbishment. Ten people from the village responded. However, we still need the help of a qualified plumber. Is there anyone who would like to help? If so, please contact Linda Walford on 241376.

Work will begin on Sunday 17 May and the hall will be closed until Monday 24 May.

DISABLED ACCESS

The Evening Telegraph recently printed an article in which a Stilton resident pointed out that she could not vote in person because the Hall’s access ramp was not suitable for her wheelchair. The Management Committee can assure hirers of the Hall that all arrangements for the benefit of disabled people have been designed and constructed in consultation with HDC and CARESCO to ensure that all legal requirements were met.

At the time, CARESCO ran a weekly lunch club for the housebound. Several members were in wheelchairs, so there was considerable informed discussion before the plans were finally approved.

Scan recently received an appeal from a Mr Mike Abbott, of Chiswick, London, who is trying to get in touch with a Linda Towler who lived at 2 High Street, Stilton, back in the mid-1980s. At the time Linda's number was 0733 240809, and she was studying upholstery so may have set up a business in furniture-making or restoration. Mike knew Linda when she lived in London in the 1960s, working for British Railways at Liverpool Street, and remembers that her parents lived in March, Cambridgeshire.

If Linda reads this, or you know her and can pass the message on, and she would like to get in touch with Mike, Scan will be happy to give her Mike’s details. Just email us at scan@stilton.org.

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!

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

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Joan West Robinson

13th March 2010
aged 80 years

A tribute by Janette Matheson

Joan was a very intelligent and caring person, an avid reader, and a great friend who will be sadly missed. I first met Joan ten years ago through a mutual friend. She was so sweet and friendly and lived for her family and little dog Pixi. She loved living in Stilton.

Joan suffered very much health-wise over the past few years, having a very painful illness, but this never dimmed her wonderful spirit and she bore her illness without complaint. All who knew her will miss her. She will be remembered by many as she walked her little dog through the village. She always had time to chat as she went to collect her morning paper.

Joan was much loved by all her family, who gave her wonderful care and companionship. Stilton will never be quite the same without her.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

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

May 8th

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

Stilton Memorial Hall

Charges from July 1 2009

- Hourly charge £5/hour (minimum 2 hours)
- Child’s party £30
- Adult party £50
- Commercial £10/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!)
I may only be six years old but I am taking part in my fifth Race For Life this year to help raise money for Cancer Research. I will be doing it with my mummy Carol, my big sister Emily and some of my Guiding friends. We will all be dressed as pink fairies (that was my idea). I will be thinking of my Auntie Karen who died of cancer when I was a baby and my great grandma who died of cancer last year as I race.

If you would like to sponsor me you can visit my website which is: www.raceforlifesponsorsme.org/victoria warrenage6 or ring my mummy on 07508 502534

Thank you!

Victoria Warren

Who on Earth...?
...ARE DANCE OFFENSIVE?

As part of Stilton’s Dance Festival this May Day, we welcome a modern dance group, Dance Offensive, to the High Street. We asked Paul Sadot, their Artistic Director to tell us something about them.

Established in 2006, Dance Offensive offers young people from all areas of society regular, FREE, high-level training in a variety of forms. With a reputation for a level of skill rarely seen in Youth Dance, the company are regularly invited to perform their unique brand of dance and hip-hop theatre throughout the UK.

Since its creation, the company has worked with thousands of young people through classes and shows, and engages in an extensive outreach programme with schools and colleges. The company focuses on developing a sense of communal and social responsibility amongst participants. Tackling challenging subject matter through dance, theatre and spoken work, they have collaborated with some of the country's top professional artists to produce sell-out shows, including; GOTTA HAVE PEACE, SUPREME BEINGS & DANCING SOULS and PRESSURE DROP.

They are presently delivering over 15 hours a week of FREE classes to young people in Cambridgeshire and working on their new professional touring show 'OLGA', which deals with the subject of intergenerational conflict. They will be on Sadler's Wells’ main stage on May 1st at this years BREAKIN CONVENTION.

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
May 19th

Break the bread of fellowship with us in tranquil surroundings
2010 is a momentous one for the Girl Guide movement, which celebrates its centenary.

A lot has happened in the last 100 years and Guiding has had to change considerably to keep pace with changes in society and the aspirations of successive generations of Guides, and their younger siblings the Brownies and Rainbows.

Here are just a few of the highlights of 100 years of Guiding:

**GATECRASHING**
1910 - Girl Guides formed a year after they had ‘turned up’ at the first Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace in 1909.

**WAR SERVICE - I**
1914-18 - Guides introduced a War Service Badge. Guides acted as messengers for Marconi WirelessTelegraphs.
1919 - Guides acted as messengers at Versailles for the signing of the Peace Treaty.
1920 - Guide companies started in approved schools, penitentiaries, orphanages and rescue homes.
1937 - Princess Elizabeth became a Guide and Princess Margaret a Brownie. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother became Patron.

**WAR SERVICE - II**
1939-45 - At the request of the Ministry of Food, Guides demonstrated ‘blitz cooking’, and made emergency fireplaces from the bricks of bombed houses.
1945 - Guide International Service sent 13 teams to work with refugees and homeless people in Europe, Egypt and Malaya. One team was with the first people to enter Belsen.
1946 - Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) agreed to the introduction of the Queen’s Guide Award, the highest award a young Guide can achieve.

**BREAKING RECORDS**
1966 - A team of Guides broke the girls’ record in a cross-Channel relay swim.
1981 - Guides launched an environmental campaign called Adopt and Cherish. Girlguiding UK won the Queen Mother’s Birthday Award from the Tidy Britain Campaign.

**STAMP DUTY**
1982 - The first Girl Guide postage stamp was issued by the Post Office.

**REACHING OUT**
1985 - Guiding’s 75th anniversary project was an international primary health care project in Sri Lanka with UNICEF.
1985 - Brownies were challenged to raise money for hungry children in Sri Lanka and raised £179,000 by selling cups of tea for the Save the Children Fund.
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1991 - Launched GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) for members aged 18-30 to work with local Guide units in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.
1997 - Girlguiding UK joined the Body Shop to develop and activity pack called Girls Get Real, which was based around self-esteem and body image.

**WORLD CAMP**
1999 - The third World Camp takes place 75 years after the first one, at the same place, Foxlease. More than 3,500 members from 54 countries attended.
HAUT COUTURE

2000 - New uniforms were designed by Ally Capellino.

2000 - More than 17,000 Guides and Brownies attended a special day at the Dome, making it the largest ever one-day Guiding event in the UK.

2001 - The first BIG GIG, a pop concert held exclusively for Girlguiding UK members, took place at Wembley.

2002 - The launch of a new identity – Girlguiding UK – and the strapline ‘Surprise Yourself’.

2003 - HRH The Countess of Wessex became President of Girlguiding UK.

2003 - The Brownie Adventure programme was launched.

2005 - Guides were delighted by the release of the Gfile personal organiser, containing all the information a Girl Guide needs.

2006 - Preparations begin for the biggest celebrations in Guiding history, the centenary in 2010.

2008-2009 - Girlguiding UK members get together with 18 partner organisations for a year-long project entitled 'Changing the World'.

2009 - Girlguiding UK celebrates the start of its Centenary with special Launch Parties all over the UK.

Did all that surprise you? Never underestimate girl power!

Red Kites Flying
COME AND LEARN ABOUT A WILDLIFE SUCCESS STORY

In 2000 this most spectacular bird of prey was re-introduced into Rockingham Forest. It was almost extinct in Britain, having previously been persecuted as a perceived threat to livestock.

Thirty birds were let loose; now over 400 swoop and soar overhead. They can be seen frequently over Stilton, so Stilton Gardening Club is hosting an open meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room, when a representative from the RSPB team responsible for this project will give an illustrated talk.

All welcome
Entrance £1 adults, Children free.

Image courtesy RSPB
Finally, after 25 years and 300 editions of SCAN, we take a look at all those organizations and, er, village perennials that have stayed with us since the first, single A4 sheet was distributed in March 1985.

- St Mary Magdalene Church (extended 1993) Rev R Longfoot Rector
- Stilton Playgroup - which leaves its 'mobiles' for premises in the school this month
- Stilton Playaway/Coffee Pot
- Stilton United Football Club
- Carpets Bowls teams
- Stilton Cheese-Rolling
- Scouts, Cubs and Brownies
- Memorial Hall
- Over 60’s Club
- Stilton Stores
- Stilton Post Office (moved to its present shop in 1989)
- Yaxley Health Centre Tuesday bus
- Mobile Library (now fortnightly)
- Mrs Worthington’s Almshouses
- Stilton School (Heads Mr Wiggin, Mr Glue, Mrs Rendle, Miss Baughan)
- Stilton Cheese Inn
- Bell Inn
- Talbot
- Stilton Country Club
- Stilton Lodge/Guest House
- Stilton Parish Council (Chairs: Tony Guyatt, Don Darke, John Warner, Olive Main, Clerk: Mary Croll)
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Mac McGuire, Mike Slegg, Keith Walters)
- Huntingdonshire District Council (John Williams, Edna Crossman, Peter Mitchell)
- Bus Service - Viscount/Stagecoach
- Graffiti and vandalism - but far less than in the past
- Dog Fouling
- Walnut Way balancing reservoir
- Litter
- Dangerous parking
- Gala Close paved area
- Ball games in the wrong places

May Traditions

We have two Bank Holidays this month; Monday May 3 and Monday May 31. The first of these represents May Day, celebrating the end of winter and the coming of spring with a host of traditional jollifications.

When England was largely rural, May Day was marked by dancing, music and games. In Stilton we celebrate it with Cheese Rolling and maintain the old traditions by crowning our May Queen and watching our children dance around the Maypole.

The later Bank Holiday is now fixed, but used to be on the Christian feast of Pentecost (or Whitsun) on 23rd May, the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Ten days earlier, Ascension Day marks the ascension of Christ to heaven.

There do not appear to be any notable food traditions linked to these holidays so why not look at seasonal specialities? Spring lamb with asparagus and the first new potatoes, followed by a rhubarb crumble and cream would make a great celebration lunch.
Stilton Guides had a visit from a very special couple, Douglas & Bernadette Leggett, who raise money for several projects in Bulgaria.

The Guides have decided to help them and we hope that some of you may like to help as well. This is what they told us:

‘We have been visiting Bulgarian holiday resorts now for a number of years. We just love the country, the people and their traditions and, most of all, we feel very passionate about the children in the Orphanages.

‘We started off by bringing a few extra items of clothing and giving them to various people, to give to the needy and the orphanages. We got to know about the Dimcho Debelianov Orphanage.

‘We decided that we would bring what we could to the children ourselves. Dougie built a huge trailer with the intention of filling it with goods for the children and driving over. We had lots of help and collected goods from friends, family, work colleagues and Freecycle. The results were wonderful. Before we knew it, we had boxes and boxes to transport to Bulgaria. The trailer was almost finished when, due to sudden illness, all our plans had to be changed, hence the trip was delayed for seven months.

‘We collected more than we could carry in a trailer, so we had to find another way of transporting the goods to Bulgaria. I therefore contacted a Bulgarian transport company and they agreed to transport for just under £2000. We had no option but to pay for the transport of the goods ourselves; we had come this far and we simply could not let the children down now.

‘So finally, the boxes were delivered to the children on 20 October 2008. God willing, our next venture is to send another lorry load out every September. We hope to get help with the products and the transport costs etc.

‘We can do so much to help the children, but naturally we cannot do it alone this time; we need your help please. We are also aware of baby orphanages in the same town and we have collected boxes of goods for them too, as well as some products for the hospital and the home for the elderly. All we need to do now is get the goods out there.’

If you would like to help you can either do this via the Guides, for example by donating unwanted toiletries etc, or by contacting Dougie and Bernie directly at: Bulgarianorphanage@hotmail.co.uk

Carol & Erica
Stilton Guiders 07508 502534
Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
In 1774 George Walpole, Lord Orford, the Godson of George II, had a boating holiday through the Fens. He probably used the flat-bottomed fenland lighters which operated in 'trains' of up to six barges. They were often pulled by horses; Orford’s was called Hippopotamus, but if the wind was in the right direction a sail would be set on the first barge.

As Orford was accompanied by his mistress, Martha Turk, and an ever-changing group of grand friends including Lord Sandwich, it is likely that roomy cabins were added. There was certainly a galley for a cook to provide these aristocrats with better food than the villages they passed through could serve.

The party spent their time fishing (for their supper), and wild fowling. There were races, gentle cruises observing the quaint agricultural people (who were equally intrigued by the line of boats passing by). Several days were spent on Whittlesey Mere; on July 22nd Lord Orford viewed Stilton, Yaxley and Fasset through his telescope. On July 23rd one of the guests, Mr Roberts, walked six miles from Fasset Bay to Stilton to pick up a letter from Lord Sandwich, a compass which had been sent from London, and a Stilton Cheese.

On Tuesday August 2nd, a calm hot day, the party came upon a boatful of boys and girls who had just returned from Stilton Feast ‘where they had been frolicking two or three days. On these occasions, which happen only once a year, the village treats everybody, both neighbours and strangers, as long as there is any liquor or victuals in it. Dancing and country gambols are continued during the festival’.

Surely food and drink were not given away. More likely, as at Cheese Rolling 215 years later, Stilton enjoyed a time of noisy relaxation and attracted people from far and wide to join in the fun. Is there nothing new under the sun?

Happily, you won’t need a compass or a telescope to find Stilton today!
Yaxley Library’s new Adult Social Group continues its programme of activities with "The Fens" on Wednesday 19th May from 2.00pm. Join us for information about the history of the fens, with Eric Day.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Tickets are now available free from Yaxley Library, but hurry - numbers are limited.

NEW ADULT READING GROUP

Our new Adult Reading Group launches on Saturday 8th May at 10:00am. The group will meet once a month in the Library and will read a wide variety of titles. If you are interested in taking part, please come along and join in.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can borrow DVDs from the Library - £2.50 for one week's hire.

We have popular new titles available, such as "UP" and "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs".

STORYTIME & RHYMETIME SESSIONS

Storytime (for children aged 18 months to 5 years) continues on alternate Tuesday mornings from 11:00-11:30am on the following dates:

20th April, 4th & 18th May
8th & 22nd June, 6th July.

We are also holding a Teddy Bears’ Picnic Storytime in the Library on Thursday 3rd June 10:30-11:00am - Don't forget your Teddy! (All ages welcome)

Rhymetime (for children aged 0-18 months) continues on alternate Friday mornings from 10:30-11am on the following dates:

30th April, 14th & 28th May
18th June 2nd & 16th July

Mobile Library
May 5th & 19th, 2nd June

3:15-3:45pm
Outside The Talbot

Yaxley Library
OPENING TIMES

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

Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
The Concert in the Courtyard
Produced by Adam Vickers

Monday May 3rd 2010
5 - 9pm

A family event at The Talbot

An All-Star Line-up featuring LEON

Nicole Lawrence (X Factor) and supporting acts

Entrance £5 per person.
(Entrance by the side gate only)
Children up to KS2 FREE if accompanied by an adult
Middle Nene Archaeological Group

Discover Laxton and Southwell

Laxton in Nottinghamshire is the last working open field strip farming village in England that escaped Enclosure. It still functions using the rules established in the Middle Ages. It now belongs to the Crown Estates and the tenants meet in the Manorial Court, or Court Leet, to maintain the system.

Friday 30th April 2010

8pm in Oundle Methodist Church (After the AGM at 7:30pm)

Stuart Rose: "A History of Laxton and its Farming"

Stuart is a tenant farmer in Laxton and Clerk to the Court. He has studied the area for most of his life and is active in keeping alive the traditional ways.

Saturday 22nd May 2010

Visit to Laxton and Southwell

Leaving Oundle long-stay car park (near the recycling centre off East Road) at 8:30am and returning to Oundle by 6:30pm

The cost of the coach depends on numbers but will not exceed £20. Entrance fees will be around £5 per person (payable on the day). A deposit of £20 per person will secure your place.

In the morning we will meet Stuart Rose at the Visitors' Centre and later will walk round the village and open fields. Please take account of the weather; if wet there will be muddy areas.

You can bring a picnic lunch, or visit a local pub which serves sandwiches, soup, jacket potatoes etc at reasonable prices. If you might want to eat there please indicate on the booking form to give an idea of numbers. (This does not commit you to either option; it is to give the pub some prior warning.)

After lunch we will drive to Southwell, which is an attractive little town with a magnificent cathedral having the only pyramidal spires in the UK. It is a great example of Norman and Early English architecture. It is hoped to organise a tour. There are places to get tea and light refreshments.

To Olive Main 8 Caldecote Road, Stilton PE7 3RH

Please reserve me _____ places on the visit to Laxton & Southwell. I enclose a deposit of £_____(£20 per person). Cheques payable to Middle Nene Archaeological Group.

Name: ........................................................ Tel: ..........................................
Address:..................................................................................................................
I/we would like lunch at Laxton pub. (Please delete if you do not want this.)
Stilton Cheese-Rolling
May Day Bank Holiday 3rd May 2010
A Festival of Dance!

- May King & Queen
- International & Traditional Dance
- Sideshows & Stalls
- Fairground rides, Flight Simulator
- Plenty of food & drink!

Warwick Davis & Adam Vickers as comperes
- The Concert in the Courtyard!
- Cafe Royale in the Village Hall

The fun starts at 10:30!
(Cheese-Rolling starts around 12 noon)

To book a last-minute stall, download an application form from www.stilton.org
The Great British Fish and Chip Supper
Friday 21st May 2010

Want to do something different? Why not hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives?

Hold a Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 21st May 2010 to help raise funds for the Spinal Injuries Association. Raise awareness among your friends and colleagues of spinal cord injury and support the SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work, or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting seven friends and asking them each to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper, but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 80 suppers taking place in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure so that we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed, and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs and for the rest of their lives, by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.

For more information, or to request a fundraising pack, call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.
Stilton School
Charity Fund-Raising Event

21st May 2010
8pm - Midnight

Featuring live entertainment from local band

Suite 69

who perform a range of fun covers from the 60's to the present day

Come sing and dance the night away!

Its bring your own tipples and nibbles, so at £5.00 a ticket
It’s a good cheap fun charity night!

Tickets are available from the school office or by calling Nikki on 0791 4499446
Yaxley Group Practice
(01733) 240478
Dr Peresh Gela

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Peresh to the practice who is joining us as our new partner this month.

He completed his medical training in Nottingham and has been undertaking his General Practice training in Peterborough. Since completing that in August 2009 he has been working as a GP in Stamford and undertaking some project work for Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust.

He has many medical interests and supports Peterborough United FC! We hope he will settle in and be very happy here.

Daphne Hammersley

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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, writes Dr Helen Wilkinson. 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 pollens (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; 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 pollen season.**
- **Avoid mowing lawns and raking leaves, or use a facemask.**
- **Wear wrap-around 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 with 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.

**Who’s who? AND WHAT DO THEY DO?**

We would like to introduce you to other members of our staff and their roles within YGP. This month our Finance Manager, Debbie Milner, explains her role:

For a long time now, GP practices have radically been turned into businesses, with the GPs needing to respond to Government /Primary Care Trusts instructions. YGP’s 'business' is to care for patients, giving them, from the resources and funds available, the best possible care. In a Primary Medical Services (PMS) Practice like YGP the majority of income is performance based; sums are paid for services offered. My role as Finance Manager is to ensure the Practice uses the funds available to it in the best possible way, while still ensuring that the services we can offer are in the best interests of the patients and the Partners.

My role is wide and varied but a small section of my responsibilities are:

- **Keeping full records of all financial transactions in the Practice**
- **Assisting in forward planning of services, preparing reports and attending meetings with various inside and outside agencies**
- **Keeping full records regarding staff holiday, sickness etc.**
- **Preparing staff pay, dealing with maternity and sickness**
- **Administering staff child care voucher and eye care voucher schemes**
- **Dealing with all administrative matters relating to the staff NHS Pension Scheme.**
- **Liaising with insurance companies for the best deals regarding the renewal of the Practice buildings, contents and GP’s Locum cover.**

I work closely with the Practice Manager in many areas when required.

The main qualities required for this role are to be discreet, tactful, conscientious, reliable, and - most importantly - have a good sense of humour! I have an assistant working in the office with me; Charlie is the Finance Assistant-cum-Health & Safety / Building Administrator - now his role is another story!

**New Patient Medical**

We would like to ask that when new patients first register with the surgery that they also book an appointment for a New Patient Medical with one of our Health Care Assistants. This should include all members of your family from the age of five upwards.

This consultation will give us the chance to check your height, weight and blood pressure and also a chance to discuss past medical problems, present medication and prevention of future problems by tests and changes to lifestyle as necessary. As patient records take time to arrive from your previous doctor, this will help us to become more acquainted with your medical history.

Please also bring along a urine sample when you attend for your medical. If for any reason you are unable to attend your appointment can you please contact Reception as soon as possible.
Diary Dates

Bank Holiday Closures
The surgery will be closed on May Day Holiday, 3rd May and Spring Bank Holiday 31st May. The practice will be open on Saturday 1st May and 29th May in the morning only.

Half Day Closing
The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 19th May from 1 - 4pm

Carer Group Meeting
The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 5th May from 2 - 4pm in the Health Education Room.

Traidcraft
In addition to the regular session on May 29th there will also be a special Traidcraft stall in front of The Junction during Cheese-Rolling on Monday 3rd May.
Be sure to visit - you may find some irresistible goodies!

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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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.