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Gladys Wayland performs the honours at
the opening of our new village Post Office
branch within Nisa Local.
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The Post’s Arrived!

POSTAL SERVICES RETURN TO STILTON

After our Post Office closed in June 2010, due to the retirement of the Postmistress, the GPO was persuaded to hold the allocation open whilst we found a new home for it.

The Parish Council worked hard to achieve this and are still working on the location of a new post box. We must also thank Mr Sivaraga for his vision of providing a full-service shop in the village.

Siva wanted someone to perform the official opening of our new Post Office in his shop, so who better than Gladys Wayland? Gladys has lived in Stilton all her life and was the Post Lady for Folksworth and Stilton from 1978 to 1990, delivering letters and parcels on an overloaded GPO standard bicycle.

Gladys is now an independent lady of 85 and gets around Stilton in her buggy. Having had to go to Sawtry for postal services she represents one very good reason why we need our own branch. With a General Store providing Post Office - and shortly chemists - services, Stilton has once again become a more self-sustaining community.

The Post Office explains that this new facility is for a trial period, so be sure to use it to ensure its long-term success!

Bulky Rubbish Collection

October 5th - 7th

The cost of these collections has increased dramatically, while at the same time less rubbish is being left out. Stilton Parish Council has therefore decided to arrange only one collection this year. However, if you need to have any unusually bulky waste removed, Huntingdonshire District Council can provide a pre-paid service: up to six items will be collected for £26. To arrange a collection, ring (01480) 388640 or go onto the website.

You can of course get rid of a lot of unwanted items either at the recycling depot or via the charity shops:

Recycling Centres

The nearest is at Alconbury. Household waste (pre-sorted) is taken free of charge. The facility is open 8am to 5pm every day

Mini Recycling Centres

- The Fox, Folksworth
- Broadway car park, Yaxley
- St Judith’s Field Sawtry
- Village Hall, Holme

Charity Shops

- Barnardo’s, Broadway Shopping Centre, Yaxley
- Sue Ryder Care, 8 Stewartby Ave., Hampton Vale

...and of course using the collection bags that come through your door, but we recommend that you use a recognised charity collection - some are run by commercial concerns and you never know how much - or how little - gets to the charities concerned.
Spring Cleaning
GETTING THE PARISH SPRUCE UP FOR SUMMER

Now that Spring is here repairs and refurbishments of the village infrastructure are beginning to get underway.

In recent weeks the gate to the Garden of Remembrance has been repaired and painted, hedges and trees in Barn Close and Gala Close were cut back before the bird nesting season.

WALKING THE WALK
Parish Councillors have walked all around the village and have submitted a list of repairs needed to Cambridgeshire County Council. Damage to the footpath by contractors building the new houses in Stackyard Close (the proposed name) was reported by the Parish Council and repairs were put in hand. The winter planting of the hanging baskets is still looking good. The summer planting has been ordered for later on.

OPEN DOOR
Why not drop in for coffee or tea before you pick up your children from Stilton School?

Every Wednesday during term time coffee or tea will be available between 2 and 3:30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

Everyone is welcome.
We look forward to seeing you.

Stilton Memorial Hall
Charges from Sept 1st 2010

- Hourly charge £6 / hour (minimum 2 hours)
- Child’s party £35
- Adult party £60
- Commercial £12 / hour

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary:
Jade Smith  15 Woodward Close  (01733) 243691

If leaving a message, please provide a LANDLINE PHONE NUMBER and you will be contacted promptly.
(It’s very expensive having to reply to lots of mobiles!)
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**Ghostbusters! Who ya gonna call?**

**MEP**
Mr Robert Sturdy MEP 01954 211790
153 St Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambs CB3 7QJ

**MP**
Mr Shailesh Vara MP
House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

**Co. Councillor**
Cllr Mac McQuire 01233 717111
Cllr Nick Guyatt
Shire Hall Cambridge

**Dist. Councillor**
Cllr Mr Peter Mitchell 01733 244666
1 Walnut Way, Stilton, Cambs

**Parish Clerk**
Mrs Mary Croll 01733 229130
10 Caldecote Road, Stilton, Cambs

**Cambs Police**
Non-emergency: 0845 456 456 4

**Crimestoppers**
(Freephone) 0800 555111

**Samaritans**
08457 909090

**Childline**
(Freephone) 0800 1111

**NSPCC**
Helpline 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)

**RSPCA**
General enquiries 01733 222188
Cruelty Line 0300 1234 999

**Dairy Crest milk delivery**
0845 606 3606 8am-6pm

**Yaxley Group Practice**
01733 240478
Landsdowne Rd

**Wellside Surg’y Sawtry**
01487 830340

**Peterborough Hospital**
01733 678000

**Walk-in Ctr, Thorpe Rd**
01733 293800

**Walk-in Ctr, Alma Rd**
01733 758388

**Stamford Hospital**
01780 764151

**Hinchingbrooke Hospital**
01480 416416

**NHS Direct**
0845 4647

**Benefits Enquiry Line**
0800 882 200
General advice only

**Street Lighting**
0800 253529

**UK Power Networks**
0845 601 4516
General enquiries
0800 783 8838
Emergencies/blackouts

**Gas**
0800 111999
0845 605 6677

**Anglian Water**
0800 771881
08457 145145
Leakline 24hrs

**Stagecoach Buses**
01733 554575

**Train information**
0345 484950

**Royal Mail**
08457 740740
Cust’r Services

**Hunts Dist Council**
01480 388388
General Enquiries
01480 388368
Environment/Refuse
01480 388640
Recycling
01480 388319
Pest Control

Updated!
May’s elections are for two important aspects of our lives:

**ELECTORAL REFORM**

A referendum (ie a vote by everybody) to decide between the existing ‘first past the post’ method of deciding who our local MP should be, or the ‘alternative vote’ method, by which voters rank candidates in order of preference.

The current method has the merit of being simple to understand and verify - the most votes gets you into Parliament - but the winning candidate may still not represent more than a minority of the voters’ wishes, especially if a large number of candidates stand. An MP could be elected by a minority of the total voters, and by just a single vote. And if you vote for the local Barking Mad Party candidate because you genuinely believe he represents your views, your vote is essentially wasted.

The proposed method is more complex, but aims to ensure that the elected candidate represents more fully the preferences of the voters, by taking into consideration their orders of preferences. In principle, this ensures that every vote counts to some extent. The downside is that it can make vote counting harder and - because even a vote for the Barking Mad Party would count for something - the result may not be what one might intuitively expect.

Either method - indeed probably any practical method - is susceptible to some form of distortion in the outcome. By far the worst of these is voter apathy - if you don’t bother to vote, don’t be surprised if you don’t like the outcome! So go along and make your choices on the 5th.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

22 local council seats are being contested, including Stilton Ward. Stilton’s candidates are:

- Roger Henson UKIP
- Mary Howell Labour
- Peter Mitchell Conservative
- Chris Waites Lib Dem

Peter Mitchell is our current local Councillor.

**STILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

There will not be an election for Parish Councillors this time, as all 11 places have been filled by nomination and no additional candidates have come forward.

For the record, your Parish Councillors are:

- Sue Ayres Apreece Way
- Roy Baines Apreece Way
- Richard Butler Norman Drive
- Tony Carrington Mill Road
- Olive Main Caldecote Road
- Bruce Marks North Street
- Phil Shailer North Street
- Chris Walford Elm Close
- John Warner Church Street
- Alan Warren Barn Grove
- Linda Worsley Elm Close

So, as you can see, representation is well spread around the village.
Short Break care for disabled children
Can you help the Family Link Service?

Caring for disabled children can be hard work, so their parents can really benefit from a few days’ respite now and then. And the children themselves can enjoy meeting new people and new experiences.

The Family Link Service is looking for carers who:

- Can provide short breaks for disabled children; typically two nights/month in your own home
- Are able to support children with:
  - Autism spectrum disorders
  - Challenging behaviour problems
  - Complex health and/or moving & handling needs
- Can provide breaks to more than one child.

The service can provide you with:

- Ongoing training and support
- A sliding scale of payments, depending on your skills and availability.

To find out more, call Cambridgeshire Fostering Service on 0800 052 0078

Cambridgeshire’s Library Service
A Public Meeting

Yaxley library needs you to take part in a review as part of a strategy to protect services in Cambridgeshire while meeting substantial savings. This strategy has four strands:

- Creation of a charitable trust
- Service redesign, including self-service and fewer staff
- Encouragement of community participation
- Changing the infrastructure

So please come along to:
Queen’s Park Pavilion, Yaxley
Thursday 26th May 7:00 - 9:00pm

To ask questions, make suggestions, and help to formulate the strategies that will shape the future of Yaxley Library.

This is one public meeting of a number being held across the county.

For more information, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
Friends of Norman Cross
www.friendsofnormancross.org.uk

Programme of Events 2011

Friday 13th May - AGM at Norman Cross Gallery, 7:30pm.
Followed by:
‘Peterborough Memoirs of a French Privateer Captain’
a talk by Mr John Jenkins

Saturday 11th June - Visit to Nelson Museum, Great Yarmouth,
including a visit to Burnham Market. Watch the website for details.

25/26 June - Heritage Weekend at the Cathedral Precincts
Times to be announced by Peterborough City Council

Saturday 11th Sept - Heritage Open Day, Norman Cross Gallery
Will Fletcher of English Heritage and our resident historian Paul Chamberlain will give guided tours of the Norman Cross PoW camp.
11am and 2pm
Book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Friday 18th November - a talk at the Norman Cross gallery
by Stuart Orme of Peterborough Museum

My name is Victoria Warren.
I am 7 years old and I am taking part in my 6th Race for Life in June. As I run I will be thinking about my Aunty Karen and my Great Grandma who both died of cancer.

If you would like to sponsor me I have an online fundraising page:

www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/victoriawarrenage7

I may only be little but I want to do everything I can to help people fight cancer.

Tilly

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On March 21, after hearing submissions from District and County Councillor Nick Guyatt, Yaxley Parish and District Councillor John Watts and Stilton Parish Councillor Olive Main, Huntingdonshire District Council rejected the latest planning application for the urban extension of Great Haddon.

The main points that were put to the Panel were:

1. Over high density urbanization of an area of productive farming land when brownfield sites are still plentiful and planned areas of Hampton are still undeveloped.

2. Encroachment of urban development to the very edge of Peterborough, particularly its effects on Yaxley, Norman Cross and the Great North Road.

3. Disruption of the existing transport network, particularly the A15, the Norman Cross interchange (Junction 16) and the plans to open up six(!) exits from the new development and from the proposed employment area onto the single-lane Great North Road.

4. New school provision would benefit only Peterborough residents but would prevent much-needed expansion of secondary school provision in the area served by Cambridgeshire County Council.

5. Inadequate protection for the scheduled historic monument at Norman Cross. (The Napoleonic PoW camp)

ABOUT NCAG
The Norman Cross Action Group brings together all the Parish Council and Meetings in N.W. Huntingdonshire under the leadership of County Councillors McGuire and Guyatt, and with the support of local District Councillors. The Group is in constant discussion with Peterborough City Council and is pleased that the City agreed to extend the period of consultation. Stilton Parish Council distributed a leaflet to help residents make their own objections to these plans.

Stilton
Over 60's Club
Friday 13th May
Fuchsia Growing
A talk by Eric Wye
Members will each be given a small Fuchsia plant to grow on.

Friday 20th May
Outing to Springfields
A coach excursion to Springfields Shopping Outlet
Leaves from The Bell at 10:00am
£10 for members, £11 non-members
New members are always welcome. For further details please contact either Sylvia Ward on 242457 or Doreen Clark on 242643.
As a result of extensive consultation over the past few months a Steering Group has started work to plan for the future.

At its first meeting, the Group worked on its Terms of Reference and set a schedule of meetings. To start with, meetings will be every three weeks. The Group will report back monthly to the Parish Council and periodically to the wider Amenities Group. These meetings will be open to all, not only to those who have already signed up.

Stilton Parish Council is grateful to the following people who are giving their time and expertise:

- Steve Ambler (Chair)
- Mark Angus (Deputy Chair)
- John Baldaro (Secretary)
- Tom Carrington
- Phil Shailer, Chris Walford & John Warner (Stilton Parish Council)
- Sue Grey
- Clive Hayward
- Glen Woolner
- Garry Beaver
- Ian Parmenter
- Stuart Mallott

The Amazing Fairtrade Project

In March 2009 Marjorie Spoor and Stuart & Pearl Reed started a Fairtrade stall in Stilton Church Meeting Room. This is now held on the last Saturday of every month; there is a good selection of food to buy and the chance of tea or coffee and biscuits (last month it was light-as-a-feather scones!) Goods can also be ordered from the Traidcraft catalogue.

They have also organised other events; lately Big and Little Brews and a Nearly New sale.

The amazing news is that over the two years they have raised £4846 and been able to donate £2546 to the Parishes Youth Project, which runs The Junction.

An Eggsellent Result

Playgroup would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Fun Day and made it such a successful event, eggspecially to McColls at Stilton for supplying all the chocolate eggs, and to Canon Richard Longfoot for letting us use his garden for the egg hunt.

The sun was shining and a fun day was had by all. We managed to raise over £300 for the Playgroup.

We’re now collecting Tesco Vouchers again!
Roll Them Cheeses!
COME AND HAVE A MAGIC MAY DAY

Don’t be late just because the contest doesn’t start until noon - you’ll miss half the fun!

Come along by 10:30am and you can help to greet Zavier Benoit and Abigail Guest, this year’s May King & Queen. Few villages can transport their May Royalty in such style, thanks to the generosity of Colin and Sue Ayres (Colbrook Rolls Royce Specialists).

The newly crowned May King & Queen will preside over the morning’s entertainment:
- Holme School’s Maypole dancers
- The Wendy Burke School of Dancing
- Pig Dyke Molly - regular favourites!
- Stilton’s own talented Helen Bloomfield and Derek Vickers

...and our star attraction Magic Dave, who will be performing at about 11am.

Of course, Cheese-Rolling wouldn’t be the same without our regular comperes Warwick Davis and Adam Vickers, who will attempt to bring some order out of chaos.

While all this is going on Stilton Guides will be maintaining an old Huntingdonshire May Day tradition, the May Garland charity appeal, so please dig deep and shower your loose change into their decorated laundry basket. You can also help another group of young people by buying draw tickets, on sale to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the skate park.

Sometime around noon the teams will parade and their costumes will be judged by Magic Dave. He will present the Talbot trophy to the adult winners and the Twinning trophy to the best-dressed junior team. Then it’s straight into the Cheese Rolling. Juniors, Ladies, Men’s, with the grand finale of the Champion of Champions.

Of course, you will need a lunch break and a sit-down, so go along to the Memorial Hall where Stilton Church have set up Café Royale, where they will serve you with their popular ploughman’s lunches, home-made cakes, tea, coffee etc. While there, see the winning entries in the children's colouring competition.

All the usual stalls, sideshows and food outlets will be there. New this year, Stamford Cheese Cellar will be selling lots of different cheeses, including Stilton.

After a short afternoon break we move into the Talbot garden, where Adam Vickers has arranged his usual great line-up, including the X factor singer Nicole Lawrence and his band Leon.

Whatever the weather, come along and support Stilton's groups and organizations. You’ll have a great time!
Sawtry Day Care Centre
The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 3:00pm
The Centre provides:

- A day out for the housebound or socially isolated, and a break for those who care for them.
- Transport door to door
- Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- A local shopping trip
- A short session of gentle chair exercises, for those wishing to take part
- A two-course mid-day lunch prepared in the Centre’s own kitchen using fresh ingredients
- A small raffle on both days, with members providing the prizes. Monies raised go into the member's social fund which subsidises occasional trips out.
- Wednesday afternoon Bingo session. For those who do not wish to take part, there is a selection of board games, or you can just chat or relax.
- On some Thursday afternoons a local man (Terry) plays old-style music. On other occasions visiting speakers give talks/slideshows on a wide range of subjects.

Would you be interested in joining?
The Centre currently has some spaces and is looking for new members.

For more information, please contact the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105 or email office@caresco.org.uk

Twinning Association Events 2011

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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
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 18th**

Break the bread of fellowship with us in tranquil surroundings

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**St Mary Magdalene, Stilton**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

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

**May 14th**

We meet at 8am in the Church Meeting Room. After eating, we take time to share and to pray, usually finishing around 9am.

(If you are coming, it helps to let us know a couple of days before if possible.)

Ring Richard 240282 or Doug 242229

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**Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club**

**Tuesday, May 17th**

**Rebecca Rayner**

Glebe Farm, Kings Ripton

Organic wheat farmer and bread maker

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**TRAIDCRAFT**

**Saturday May 28th 10am - 2 pm in the Church Meeting Room**

All proceeds to the Parishes Youth Project and Traidcraft projects

See us at Cheese-Rolling!

Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
There will be a Public Meeting to provide detailed information about the proposals affecting Yaxley Library at:

**Queen's Park Pavilion, Yaxley**
**Thursday 26th May 7-9pm**

Please come along - local communities need local libraries!

**Engage Social Group**

An interesting and informative talk was given last month by Thomas Pugh of the Digital Switchover scheme.

The next meeting, ‘Stories from the Fens and Marshes’ by Alan Lamb, will be on Wednesday 18th May at 2pm. This is a FREE event with a limited number of tickets available from Yaxley Library from 1st May.

**Holiday Closures**

The library will be closed for the Bank Holidays on:
- Monday 2nd May
- Monday 30th May

**Yaxley Library**

**OPENING TIMES**

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**Renewals & enquiries:**

(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club
Programme 2011

Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday in the month in the Church Meeting Room at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated. Cost for members £1, non-members £2 includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

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<td>Rebecca Rayner of Glebe Farm, Kings Ripton, has developed a wide following for her organic wheat, some of which is milled on her farm. She will bring samples of her flour (including gluten-free), bread and cake mixes.</td>
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<td>Visit to Willow Holt Farm at Thorney where two acres of outstanding gardens have been created out of a rubbish dump</td>
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FOSS Diary Dates
PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Date          Event
2nd May       Cheese-Rolling Stall
8th July      Summer Fete

Having Difficulty Getting to the Library?

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

To find out more about getting this amazing free service or becoming a volunteer for it, contact Anne Evans, the coordinator, by phoning (01480) 375023 or by e-mailing anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.
Reiki, pronounced Ray-Key, is an ancient Japanese technique involving the laying on of hands for natural healing. The definition of the word Reiki is ‘universal life force energy’. It’s what’s called Qi in Chinese and Prana in Sanskrit.

It was discovered by Dr Mikao Usui in 1922 in Japan. He lived by five important principles, which Reiki practitioners still use to this day:

- **Just for Today do not worry**
- **Just for Today do not get angry**
- **Just for Today be grateful**
- **Just for Today be kind to all living things**
- **Just for today do your work honestly**

The main focus is the 'just for today'. Life is about living in the now, not worrying about the future or what has happened in the past.

Reiki healing is a safe, non-intrusive healing technique where Reiki, spiritual energy, flows through a person’s hands, which are placed on specific positions around or on the body. There is no pressure, manipulation or massage and as the energy flows into the recipient it helps to balance, heal and harmonise all aspects of the person, body, mind, spirit and emotion.

It is hard to describe exactly what a treatment will feel like as every single person is affected in a different way. Some people feel heat, cold, tingling.

Reiki cannot cure diseases or illness, however it can help in the following ways:

- **Relieve pain, physical and emotional**
- **Accelerate natural healing**
- **Aid the detoxification process of the body**

- **Induce a state of deep relaxation**
- **Dissolve energy blockages in the body**
- **Release stored emotions**
- **Release tension and negative stress**

Reiki is the simplest and easiest holistic healing method available to us. It can't be learned in the conventional sense e.g. reading books or attending a lecture. You have to take part in an attunement where you become initiated into the Reiki energy by a qualified Reiki master who has been taught how to carry out the process, so you then become a channel for Reiki.

There are three degrees of learning. In Reiki 1 self healing is learnt. In Reiki 2 you learn how to practice on clients and are able to practice it at practitioner level. In Reiki 3 you progress to master level. For some this also includes teacher but for others there can be an extra level where you learn to teach.

If you would like any more information on Reiki please look at my website www.nrg-healing.com or contact me at Lindsay@nrg-healing.com.

*Lindsay Coldrick*
**Be a Friend in Need**

Care Network’s *Welcome Home from Hospital* scheme urgently needs new volunteers willing to provide practical help to people for the first weeks after discharge.

Care Network launched its service to Fenland last year and it’s been so successful that it already needs more volunteers. You don’t need any special qualifications, just a willingness to act as a good neighbour, perhaps shopping, calling in to check people are OK, or picking up prescriptions. Care Network provides training and pays expenses. Current volunteers enjoy the work as it can be fitted around their other commitments. Most people need 2-4 visits over a fortnight and you are usually linked with someone for 2-3 weeks at a time.

To find out more, ring Hilary Johnys on 01354 694413
Any More Bric-a-Brac?

As many of you will be aware, Patients’ Association Committee Member Ann Copeman does car boot sales with all proceeds coming to the Patients’ Association. Ann is now getting very low on ‘stock’.

If you have anything you would like to donate please contact Ann on (01733) 704754 or see Linda in the Patients’ Library

Cradle Club

The cradle club will resume after the Easter Holidays on Thursday 5th May 2011 at 10.30 in the Health Education Room. The cradle club is open to parents/carers and babies up to the age of 8 months.

Staff News

Practice Nurse Assistant Angela Stride left us on 25th March. Angela had been with us for nine years; but is now moving on to a new challenge at a surgery in Ramsey. We all send our best wishes to Angela for the future.

We would like to say a warm welcome to Health Care Assistant Sarah Devereaux. Sarah started on Monday 11th April. We hope she will be very happy with us all at YGP.

YGP Telephones

We are aware from patient satisfaction surveys and individual comments that access to us by telephone is much more difficult that we want it to be. This results in frustration for our patients and concerns about safety should a true medical emergency arise. With this in mind we have commissioned a BT survey of our telephone usage to identify clearly where the problems lie so that we can find effective solutions.

The first survey took place in a four-week period from 22 December. The results were very interesting!

- We received a total of 24,640 calls.
- 11,831 (52%) were not completed (i.e. did not get through). Of these 11,698 got the engaged tone and the rest hung up before they were answered.
- We get 500 calls on a Monday morning between 8am and 9am and of these 70% get the engaged tone.
- We get double the number of calls on a Monday as we do for any other day of the week.

Clearly this is unacceptable and we have put a number of measures in place immediately to improve the situation:

1. We have doubled the number of staff available to take calls for the peak hours on a Monday morning.
2. We have increased the number of telephone lines into the building.
3. We have allowed calls to stay in the queues for longer before the call is terminated. (Not ideal, but being in a queue is better than not getting through at all.)

The survey will be repeated after four weeks of the new changes and we hope that not only will our figures improve but your experience of contacting us will be noticeably better. We have other ideas to make further improvements once we have
analysed the impact of these measures. An update will be published in the next newsletter.

Dr Alison Graham

Carer Group Outing
Cruise on the Rutland Belle

As arranged, we will have our outing to Rutland Water on Wednesday 4th May. We will leave YGP at 11:30am, arriving Rutland at approximately 12:15pm, which will give us time for lunch before our sail at 2pm.

Are You a Carer?

This surgery is actively raising awareness of the role of the unpaid, or informal, family carer to help improve its support for them. Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to Yaxley Group Practice, for the attention of Linda Smith:

Do you help a family member, friend or neighbour who:

- is frail or aged;
- has a disability;
- has a chronic illness and/or has a mental illness;
- has a substance misuse problem with drugs or alcohol

...and this is not your paid job?

If you answer YES to any of these questions you may be a carer. Your doctor and surgery staff would like to know and give you information about what assistance is available. Please tick as many of the following statements that apply to you:

☐ Is this help regular and ongoing?  ☐ Does this help involve emotional and practical guidance?
☐ Does this help involve showering, toileting, dressing or other personal care?
☐ Does this help involve cleaning, cooking, shopping, transport and/or assistance with bills or other paperwork?
☐ Does this help involve medication or other health care?
☐ Would this person have difficulty managing on their own if you could not provide the regular and ongoing support?
☐ Do you receive a Carers' Payment and/or Carers' Allowance, or no payment at all for the support you provide?

Name: .................................................................
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YGP Patients' Association

Annual General Meeting

Monday 9th May 2011 at 7pm, in the Health Education Room
Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm

Guest speakers:

Diane Hankins and Keith Chambers
North Hunts Community Car Scheme

If you would like to know more about the Patients' Association, what it stands for and achieves on behalf of you, our patients, how we raise our funds and how the money is spent to benefit different groups of patients, doctors and nurses, then come along to the AGM.

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Yaxley Flower Club

19th May  Tim Meakin ‘A Fresh Approach’
21st July  Jackie o’Hare ‘Summertime’
21st Oct   Floral Challenge
16th June  Practical Evening
15th Sept  Ann Purt ‘My Season of Mists & Mellow Fruitfulness’
17th Nov   Pat Billing ‘Inspirations for Christmas’

December - Watch out for details of our charity evening

2012

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

Contact: Helen Burton - (01733) 242198

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

PRIZE BINGO

• May 20th  • June 17th

EYES DOWN 7:30pm
Ticket cost includes refreshments and raffle
Bring your own drinks (Alcoholic or non alcoholic)
Open to children

Pilates & Bodytone Classes

KIM WEBSTER RETIRES WITH HONOUR

It is with great regret that I have decided to retire from teaching my Pilates and Bodytone classes, as of May 11th. Unfortunately a knee injury sustained 35 years ago has finally caught up with me and I feel unable to continue teaching to an acceptable standard. Believe me, having taught dance and exercise for 30 years (27 years in Stilton) it wasn't a decision made lightly!

I want to thank everyone who has come and supported my classes over this time. I have loved every minute and know I'm really going to miss it.

Kim Webster
Time Wasters' Corner
SOME DIVERSIONS FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY

Medium

Across
1. Prank (5)
4. Small community (7)
8. Everlasting (7)
9. Accolade (5)
10. Wear away (5)
12. Voter (7)
13. Alter or regulate (6)
14. Refuge (6)
17. Repossess (7)
19. Travel lodge (5)
21. Pile of stones used as a marker (5)
22. Sincere (7)
24. Latticework (7)
25. Herd or flock of animals (5)

Down
1. Subject (5)
2. Frozen water (3)
3. Dog houses (7)
4. Smooth fabric (6)
5. Letting contract (5)
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Call 0345 456 456 4 and ask for the Yaxley office:

Yaxley Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt. Keren Pope

Stilton and Villages:
PC Paul Sykes: 07889 499 066
PCSO Barry Chamberlain: 07921 094 828

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

Keep this somewhere safe!

Contacting our Local Police

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...

Improve Your Piano Skills and Enjoy Your Playing!
Beginners welcome!
Margaret Parsons Tel: (01733) 243352 pianable@aol.com

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

£1.50 per family (including refreshments)

For more information please call Linsey on (01733) 245981, or just come along

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

PLAYAWAY
STILTON MUMS & TODDLER GROUP

STILTON MEMORIAL HALL
THURSDAY 9:15AM - 11:15AM
(Term time only)
Stilton Cheese-Rolling
May Day Bank Holiday 2nd May 2010

Come along and help us celebrate!
Fun and games for all the family:

- May King & Queen
- Magic Dave!
- Maypole Dancing
- Sideshows & Stalls
- Fairground rides, Flight Simulator
- Plenty of food & drink!

- Warwick Davis & Adam Vickers as compères
- Concert at The Talbot! (5-9pm)
- Cafe Royale in the Village Hall

THE MAGIC STARTS AT 10:30!
(Cheese-Rolling starts around 12 noon)

To book a stall, download an application form from www.stilton.org

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Event Horizon  What’s on in & around Stilton!

Car Boot Sale
Saturday 7th May '11 9 - 12 noon
By the CARESCO Centre
Green End Road, Sawtry

£5 per car (£8 on the day)
To book call (01487) 832105

Refreshments will be served in the CARESCO Centre

All funds raised will go towards the work of CARESCO

Reg. Charity No. 1140728  Reg. Company No. 7513432

BABY & TODDLER NEARLY NEW & GIFT FAIR
STILTON MEMORIAL HALL
Saturday May 14th 1-3pm

- Gift stands
- New and used clothes, toys, books and equipment
- Coffee & Cupcakes

Or try taking tea, with your feet relaxing in a Fishy Spa, as seen on TV

Contact Sadie to book a stall on 07904 896132

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Parish Meeting Room

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

HIRING THE ROOM

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

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

FEES:

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A deposit of £50 is required when booking.
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 or by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nîmes

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

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

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.