Now we can prove that Stilton Cheese really does belong here so we’re jolly well going to celebrate it! Mover & shaker of the campaign to bring Stilton within the Stilton Cheese PDO, Rick Landy, poses with pupils from Stilton School at the unveiling of the new plaque on the village sign. Full story on p7.
Grey Bin Days:
Wed 2nd, 16th, 30th May

Garden Bin Days:
Thurs 10th, Wed 23rd May, Thur 7th June

Recycling Days:
Wed 9th, Tue 22nd May, Wed 6th June

For up-to-date collections information, visit www.huntsdc.gov.uk

Now Recycling Bottles!

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Cheese Rolling!
COME AND CELEBRATE A GLORIOUS YEAR

Come and have a great time and support local groups - particularly our young people - by buying draw tickets, throwing your loose change into the Guides’ May Garland basket charity collection, and by visiting the Cafe Royal in the Memorial Hall.

The Stamford Cheese Cellar will be back again, so there will be somewhere to buy cheese on North Street.

There will be a variety of entertainment, including dancing, Twirling and Magic Dave, back by popular request. So too are our own treasures, Helen and Derek.

ROLL UP!
Get your team applications in NOW and have the chance of winning a whole Stilton Cheese and beer. Come in fancy dress and your entry fee will be refunded!

This year the Junior championship is open to 8 to 13 year olds, sponsored again by the Stilton and District Twinning Association.

In the evening there will be a choice of entertainments at the Angel Spice, The Talbot and Stilton Country Club.

No excuses! See you there on Monday 7th!

Road Closure
PLEASE TELL YOUR VISITORS
Cambs County Council has approved Stilton Community Association’s application for a temporary road closure for the annual Stilton Cheese Rolling on Monday 7th May.

The closure will be from 9am to 3:30pm, and will extend from the North Street junction with Manor Road to the High Street junction with Maple Grove and Oak Road. Diversions will be signposted.

Residents in the affected area are requested to move any vehicles they normally park on the road, in good time to allow our volunteers to begin setting up for the event. If you are expecting visitors that day, please warn them of the closure.

The Community Association greatly appreciates the support and forbearance of residents in the village centre during our annual festivity - you help to make it all possible!

SASG Needs You!
Stilton Amenities Steering Group needs three enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate:
- Detail planning & procurement for the sports field / pavilion development programme
- Development of the playing field surface
- Fund raising

So come forward and help make Stilton even better! Contact the SASG Chairman, Mark Angus, on 244006, or email to: mark.angus@fsmail.net
Queen of Diamonds

STILTON’S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

To mark the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession in 1952 there will be celebrations all over the country and Commonwealth. The late May bank holiday has been moved to June 4 and an extra Jubilee bank holiday declared for Tuesday June 5th.

Stilton's Plans

Thursday 31 May
Jubilee concert in Stilton School Hall.

Friday 1 June
Stilton School and Playgroup will hold parties for their pupils.
The Stilton Jubilee mugs will be presented.

Sat 2 and Sun 3 June
St Mary Magdalene Stilton Flower Festival.

Sunday 3 June
11am  Special Jubilee Parade Service
12:30pm Street parties.

Monday 4 June
From 5pm Launch of fund-raising for the Playing Field development on the field. Music, food and entertainments.
10pm Lighting Stilton's beacon.

Getting Off the Mark

Stilton Amenities Steering Group Fund Raising

The funding campaign for the Playing Field project will be launched on June 4th at the family event to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Help will be needed! So please volunteer your time by contacting Olive Main 241206 or olive.main@tiscali.co.uk

Can you:

• Be part of the working party?
• Help on the evening with Security?
• Be our qualified FIRST AIDER?
• Organise an activity for the young people?
• Run a food stall or a sideshow?

This is not the definitive list - so please come up with your ideas.

Are you a

PHOTOCOPIER ENGINEER?

Stilton Church needs your help!

Please contact Doug Maltman on 242229
Three years of intensive research has proved that the world’s most famous blue cheese did indeed originate here in Stilton.

The Stilton Cheese Makers' Association promoted the week of the 15th - 21st of April as National Stilton Week. Sadly, Stilton was not invited to take part, so we decided to mark the occasion with our own initiatives.

First, we unveiled a new hand-carved village sign, proclaiming Stilton as ‘The Original Home Of Stilton Cheese’.

Second, we put an amendment application to Defra to have the village included in the area legally entitled to make Stilton cheese. This is currently restricted to Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire; Stilton is excluded because it was previously believed that, although the cheese was first sold here, it was never actually made here. This has now been convincingly disproved with documentary evidence.

Village businesses have enthusiastically embraced the idea and all our pubs and restaurants featured the new locally made cheese on their menus during National Stilton Week.

Liam McGivern, owner of The Bell, said: ‘Finally we have indisputable evidence that our village first produced the cheese called Stilton. It is time our heritage is recognised and we should once again be allowed to call the cheese we produce Stilton!’

Roy Baines of the Stilton Country Club endorsed this view. ‘Stilton cheese is a national institution but very much a local treasure. I wholeheartedly support the efforts to re-establish production and sale of Stilton in our village. All village businesses and individuals must pull together and support this historic bid to ”bring the cheese home”.

The submission to redefine the PDO is actively supported by both Stilton Parish Council and our local MP, Mr Shailesh Vara. Readers will remember Mr Vara’s announcement of his support for this initiative at last year’s Cheese Rolling.

Local historian Richard Landy, who had carried out most of the painstaking research, explained that Stilton has fulfilled Defra's requirements that we must be making the cheese (which we have been, since 2011) and that it must be for commercial sale, before applying for an amendment to the PDO.

Once confirming that the application is valid, Defra must put the matter out to public consultation for 12 weeks before deciding whether to submit the proposal to the European Court in Brussels. We await developments with interest!

Richard also plans to publish a book later this year charting his extensive research into the true historical origins and development of Britain's most famous cheese. Provisionally entitled The Curious and Diverting History of Stilton's Cheese it should make fascinating reading. Watch for the first review of it in SCAN!
Early in the term we had our Investigations Week, writes Shelley Cook. Children in Robin class investigated the different creatures living in their allotment, while Otter class had a visit from two Police Community Support Officers, when the children helped to measure the speed of cars travelling past the school. Children in Badger class became detectives for a day to solve a murder!

1666 AND ALL THAT
Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. The children made some model houses and we even had our own fire in the playground to discover how the fire spread. The following day, the children dressed up and learnt about what it was like to live in 1666. The children became apprentices for the day, taking part in a range of activities, such as baking, candle-making and sewing.

FEASTING AND JOUSTING
Children in Key Stage Two have been learning about the Tudors, so we rounded off the term with a Tudor Day, when the children and teachers dressed up. The children took part in traditional Tudor activities, including baking, crafts and sports. We even had our own banquet, with traditional Tudor food and entertainment, such as dancing, singing and jousting.

SUPERSTARS - SUPER WORK
We finished the term with our Easter service in the church, at which children from each class presented their work to the rest of the school. We also had a special assembly for our new 'School Superstars'. These are children who have shown outstanding behaviour and progress in their learning throughout the term, and who participated in an extra-curricular activity.

Thank you from the Easter Bunny!
A big thank you to everyone who braved the elements and joined the Playgroup for our egg-citing Easter Fun Trail, stalls and cafe on 31st March.

Following the clues left by the Easter Bunny, led our little egg hunters all around the village and everyone received a well-earned prize!

Lots of fun was had by children and parents alike; completing the trail, sampling the goodies on offer at our cafe, browsing the book and toy stalls, trying their luck at the lucky dip and teddy tombola, having faces painted or a temporary tattoo, guessing the eggs in the jar, and doing some free Easter colouring.

Thank you to everyone who came along to make it an egg-sta special day and helped to raise £250 for the Playgroup! This will go towards the resurfacing of and new equipment for the outside play area.

Congratulations to Chloe Nickolay whose guess was the closest and who won the entire jar of Easter eggs! And to Max Smith who won the trail prize and Sam Evans for winning the colouring competition!
Many years ago it was decided to move Stilton Cheese Rolling to the May Day Bank Holiday, largely because we had suffered two very cold, snowy Easter Mondays. Unintentionally, we were carrying on a very ancient tradition of celebrating the coming of spring and the time when the crops begin to sprout. We now incorporate traditional spring celebrations, including crowning our May King and Queen, children dancing round maypoles and the antics of the Molly dancers. In recent years, Stilton Guides have also brought back the May Garland; this year they ask you to contribute generously in support of their charity 'Race for Life'.

There are many old sayings and superstitions attached to May. It was considered unlucky to marry in May ('Marry in May and you'll rue the day') but, if you want a healthy spot-free complexion, wash your face in the magical May dew.

Oddly enough, there are no particular traditional foods associated with May Day. Perhaps a good thing, because Cheese Rolling does provide opportunities to enjoy many varieties of food, from the traditional home-made fare provided in the Memorial Hall by members of our Church community, to burgers and hot dogs, hog roast, jacket potatoes, fish & chips and milk shakes.

However, the recent visit by the Duchess of Cambridge to a children's hospice was a reminder prompted the recollection that a group of Stilton ladies produced a Stilton cookery book, which was sold as part of the fund raising to build a hospice in Cambridge. Here is a recipe from this booklet which can be made in advance and be there once Cheese Rolling is over.

Stilton Pizza

Buy two ready-made pizza bases. Chop and soften in good vegetable oil two large onions and a green pepper. Add two crushed cloves of garlic, salt and pepper, and spread over the pizza bases. Arrange on the top 8oz of peeled and sliced tomatoes and 4oz of sliced mushrooms. Then sprinkle 8oz Stilton cheese on top. Bake in a moderate oven (180C, Mark 4) for about 20 minutes, or until the cheese is brown and sizzling.

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
16th May
Michael, Joe, Gabriella and Ellie, a team of Year 11 students at Sawtry Community College, are planning an expedition to Honduras, organized and in conjunction with Operation Wallacea (www.opwall.com).

The expedition is run in the rich cloud forests of the Cusuco National Park. The team will spend the first week in a forest camp on site with an international team of academics collecting data on the carbon, biodiversity and community benefits of the forest.

Data gathered is being used as part of a submission under the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+ scheme) for funding the protection of the Cusuco forests.

The second week will be spent at Operation Wallacea’s marine research site on Utila. This site carries out annual monitoring of the coral and reef fish communities.

Both these areas are very valuable eco-systems, as they are extremely rare and support a variety of animal and plant species found only in very specific conditions.

The Sawtry CC students are incredibly keen to go to Honduras to help at first-hand to combat the effects of deforestation. They plan to do this not only by planting trees but also by tackling the reasons that cause the people of Honduras to cut down the trees, whether it be for fuel, through poverty, or to create new grazing land for farms and pasture.

However, to experience and play a part in this important project they require funding, and need to raise £2,500 each. They have already started this, carrying out fund-raising initiatives such as supermarket bag packing, washing cars and windows, cake and tombola stalls, car boot sales and a sponsored triathlon.

So look out for the Honduras Four and support their fund-raising! If you can offer any opportunities to help them, just contact SCAN and we’ll pass your details on. (Or presumably you can also contact them through Sawtry Community College.

Cycling Safety

The warmer weather has brought out the cyclists! But please alert your cycling youngsters to the dangers they both face and cause on their bikes. Cycling on the pavement may seem a sensible precaution, but not if the cyclist is heedless of other people. Particular concern has been raised about cyclists passing gates at speed just as residents are coming out onto the pavement, and careless cycling at road junctions. The Editor is concerned about children flying down Caldecote Road, and cutting the corner as they turn into St Mary’s Road.

Rodent Invasion?

Reports are coming in of appearances of small blue mice around the village. Local tradespeople have been puzzled to find the little knitted rodents on their premises.

The mice are believed to originate from the blue cheese mines around Melton Mowbray, but have been lured here by the rumours of a superior supply of ‘Stilton’ cheese now to be found in the village.

If you find one, show your support for the PDO campaign by displaying it in your window. Can you find one of these hiding among the adverts?
Dear Parents and Carers

The safety of our children is one of the top priorities at Stilton School and I know that you all share this concern. I am writing to you because a number of adults are choosing to ignore some of our safety measures when children are arriving or leaving and we are worried about the possibility of a serious accident. Motor cars and young children do not mix. A number of alarming near misses have prompted me to write to you on behalf of the governors and the Head Teacher.

I am sure you will not object if I remind you of our safety measures:

- **No children should enter the school car park, even if they are accompanied by adults.** The space for vehicles to manoeuvre is very tight, and children are not always visible.
- **The car park is for school staff and official visitors only.** Parents should not drive into the school car park in order to drop off or collect children. This can cause congestion at the entrance, which is dangerous in itself, and children in the car park are at serious risk of injury.
- **Cars should be parked well clear of the school gates and the yellow zigzag lines.** Obstructing entrances is an offence; more importantly, it increases the risk of injury to a child. We also ask you to be considerate to our neighbours and avoid blocking their entrances.

- **Children who arrive by car must always get out on the pavement side and never step directly into the roadway.** Church Street is always busy with vehicles large and small; please do not assume that a driver can stop in time if your child steps into the road, especially when so many cars are parked outside the school and obscure the driver's view.

If it should be necessary for a member of our staff to speak to you about any of these measures, please be courteous in return. A small minority of people appear to think a rude response is acceptable when we point out that their vehicle is in the wrong place.

We understand that many parents and carers are under time pressure, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. The measures I have outlined really are a matter of common sense, and the great majority of our children live within walking or cycling distance.

Our children are precious. If their journey to school has to start five minutes earlier to avoid driving to school or parking directly outside, you will agree that this is a small inconvenience compared to the dreadful prospect of a serious accident harming any of them.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

With best wishes

Paul Springford
Chair of Governors
Our adult Reading Group ‘Seven Plus’ have moved venues! They will now be meeting in Sophie's Tea Room - Main Street Yaxley on the last Friday of every month from 2pm. Why not come along and join in on Friday 25th May? New members are very welcome.

Get Engaged

The next Engage Social Group event will be on Tuesday 16th May at 2pm; this will be based on ‘Childhood Memories’. Free tickets are available now in Yaxley Library.

Rhymetime & Storytime

Rhymetime is aimed at children up to 18 months, and will be held every Friday from 10:30 to 11am (term time only). Storytime is for children aged 18 months to 5 years and will be held from 10:30 to 11am on the following Tuesdays: 1st May - 15th May - 29th May

Storylab Volunteers

- Are you aged 12-16?
- Do you have spare time this summer?
- Would you like to have fun helping in the library with our Summer Reading Challenge?

Volunteers are needed for Yaxley and Sawtry Libraries to help with the Storylab Reading Challenge.

D of E Volunteers

Are you participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme? Did you realise that you may be able to complete the Service element by helping out in the library?

FIND OUT MORE

Please call in to the library for more information about any of these activities.

Having Difficulty Getting to the Library?

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

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

Mobile Library
Wed 23rd May
3:10 - 4:00pm
Outside The Talbot

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

May 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 Peter Newman on 241815

Yaxley Library
NEW OPENING TIMES
Mon 3:00 - 7:00
Tue 9:30 - 5:00
Wed CLOSED
Thu 9:30 - 5:00
Fri 9:30 - 1:30
Sat 9:30 - 1:30

Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
By kind invitation of St Christol Twinning Association

Group Visit to St Christol

27th October - 4th November 2012
(Dates to be confirmed - watch for more details in \textit{SCAN})

- wonderful hospitality!
- a great programme of visits and events!
- excellent food and wine!

Members of the St Christol Twinning Association invite a group of up to 30 - adults and young people - to stay in their homes and enjoy traditional French hospitality.

Your only cost will be the return travel by Ryanair to Nîmes. (Up to 50% travel grant available for young people in full-time education.)

Interested? Contact Chris and Linda on 241376 or email: clstilton@btinternet.com

St Christol les Alès is on the edge of the beautiful hills of the Cevennes. It is 30 km from the Roman town of Nîmes and 4km from Alès, the capital of the Cevennes region.

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Twinning Diary Dates

- 7 May: Cheese Rolling. Association sponsors the Junior Championship
- 12 May: Hog Roast & Barn Dance to Dennis Cuddles
- 29 June - 1 July: Weekend visit to Reims (see advert opposite)
- 13 October: Race Night, Stilton School Hall
- W/c 27 October: Group visit to St Christol
- 14 November: ‘Time for Me’ evening. Watch for details!

If you are interested in any of these events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.
STILTON and DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A Weekend in France
29 June - 1 July 2012
Join us in the historic Champagne city of Reims

- Executive coach via the Channel Tunnel
- 2 nights B+B
- Quality hotel in the city centre
- Sunday lunch at a gourmet restaurant

Only £195 per person
Pick-up from Stilton or Folksworth at 9.30 am on Friday
Arrive Reims approx 7 pm
Return Stilton/Folksworth approx 9 pm on Sunday
Contact Audrey and Paul for details:
01733 241739 paul.springford@gmail.com

Back by popular demand!

Village Barn Dance & Hog Roast
With The Dennis Cuddles Band

Saturday 12th May, 7 - 11pm, Stilton School Hall
Salads and puddings provided - just bring your own drinks
Tickets £5 (under-12) £10 (adult) £25 (family of 4) from:

Chris & Linda Walford 01733 241376
Ian & Hazel Parmenter 01733 243056
Stilton United Football Club are approaching the end of an extraordinary season, writes Garry Beaver. The local lads have completed a county cup double with wins in the Hunts Scott Gatty Cup and a superb victory in the Hunts Benevolent Cup in mid-April.

**EMPHATIC WIN**

The Scott Gatty Cup was secured by an emphatic 5-2 win over Stanground-based Powerleague in front of 250+ supporters at Yaxley FC. But it wasn’t as comfortable a win as the score suggests. Stilton fell behind midway through the first half after a defensive mix up, but battled back with a headed goal from Richard Baines on 30 minutes, and then hit the front after a sharp finish from Simon Denning on 40 minutes.

The beginning of the second half was frantic, but a neat finish from Richard Baines gave Stilton a two-goal cushion, and a scrambled fourth from Simon Denning put us in control. Powerleague scored again after 85 minutes, but Craig Hill put in a quick counter-attack in the final minute to secure the game.

**A GRADE ‘A’ GREY DAY**

The ‘Benevolent Cup Final’ against Huntingdon Town Reserves was played at St Ives on a miserable Wednesday evening. The local lads have completed a county cup double with wins in the Hunts Scott Gatty Cup and a superb victory in the Hunts Benevolent Cup in mid-April.

The second half was tense, with neither side wanting to make a mistake. It looked as though it was heading for extra time before a curling shot into the side of the net from Craig Hill put Stilton 2-1 ahead. The game remained tense as Huntingdon pushed for an equaliser, however the best chance fell to Stilton front man Nick ‘Figo’ Lee, who narrowly missed the target in the last minute, which would have given Stilton an even more comfortable end to the game.

**MAKING HISTORY**

It is the first time in SUFC’s 92-year history that two cups have been won in the same season! Unfortunately, things have not gone as smoothly in the league in recent weeks. Two draws and two defeats in the last seven matches have ended all hope of adding a league title to the cups. Promotion is still on the cards though, but a strong finish to the season is required to meet this target.

Keep an eye out at Cheese Rolling for the various stalls and games being run by SUFC.

**MAY FIXTURES**

- Saturday May 5th – FC Inter (Home, 3pm KO)
- Saturday May 12th – Holbeach Res (Away, 3pm KO)
Celebrate God's Blessings

What a month for celebration, writes Stuart Reed. Even if your team does not win the FA Cup, we still have a lot to celebrate here in Stilton. I am so heartened to tell visitors at our Cheese Rolling about what a great place Stilton is to live in. Join in the celebrations by supporting our local stalls, including the bric-a-brac, Fairtrade and clothing accessories stalls being run in aid of the Parishes Youth Project and Church Funds. When you need refreshment, drop into 'Cafe Royale' in the Village Hall.

All through the month we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection - his victory over death. Our celebrations culminate in the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Peter and the Apostles: the birth of the Christian Church.

Join us at St Mary Magdalene Church in our worship celebrating our Christian faith. All are welcome, whether you are a regular member, thinking about coming back or just starting to search for the truth.

CHURCH CONTACTS

During the vacancy, the church contacts are:

Peter Lloyd: Baptisms
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peterlloyd2@sky.com

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

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

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

Doug Maltman and Stuart Reed
(Churchwardens)
The Big Switch
DIAL 101 TO CONTACT THE POLICE

A while ago, we reported the planned change to the use of 101 for all non-emergency calls to Cambridgeshire police. This has now taken effect; the old 0345 number will be switched off and a recorded message will tell people to call 101.

The number change is part of a national scheme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales. It provides a single, easy-to-remember way to contact local police, wherever you are.

It’s especially handy if you’re away from home and wouldn’t otherwise know the right number. The system can recognise where the caller is dialling from and connect them with the local police service. However, if a caller does not want to speak to the local force they will be given the option to be connected to a different one. So, for example, if you were concerned for the welfare of a relative who might have been involved in a serious incident on the other side of the country, you can ask to be put through to the appropriate local police force.

Another benefit is that you will know what the call costs and it remains the same no matter what the time of day or the duration of the call.

The number change does not affect the way that calls are handled. Non-emergency calls will continue to be handled 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So too will the 999 emergency service, which should be used when an immediate response is needed, for example if a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

To raise awareness of the new 101 number, officers and staff from Cambridgeshire police recently volunteered to run, skip or hop 101 miles to raise money for Sport Relief.
Huntingdonshire’s new local policing model became operational during April. It aims to help the force reduce its budget while enhancing operational policing, with a focus on local needs.

The force is divided into six areas, in line with local authority boundaries, and will have uniformed officers, detectives, PCSOs and Specials working as one unit.

The number of frontline officers will remain the same, so the public shouldn’t see any difference. However, the new structure centralises a number of functions that were previously delivered at a local level. This means that the local officers will be dedicated to dealing with local problems while specialist teams can focus their efforts on issues such as domestic violence, missing persons, and integrated offender management.

Each district will be run by an area commander, responsible for:

- **Initial response to incidents**
- **Investigation of crimes and incidents**
- **Neighbourhood policing**
- **Engagement and partnership arrangements**
- **Satisfaction**
- **Anti-social behaviour**
- **Crime reduction**

Huntingdonshire will be run by Area Commander Chief Inspector Chris Mead.

Inspector Mark Greenhalgh remains in charge of community policing, as does Detective Inspector Jon McAdam as dedicated crime manager. They will be joined by Inspector Terri Griffin, in charge of response policing.

They will be supported by a team of sergeants, PCs and PCSOs, many of whom already work in the area and have good local knowledge and lengthy experience in their areas of policing.

**Our Bobby Says**

Our own bobby on the beat, PCSO Barry Chamberlain, wrote to confirm that we can expect to see no adverse effect on local policing, but his own shift pattern will be changing from 7th May.

Barry continues to work with closely with the local community and can always be contacted on the number shown opposite. However, he emphasises that normal non-emergency police enquiries and reports should be made on the new 101 number in the first instance, as this will ensure that the call is properly logged and followed up by the appropriate officers. You can request that a matter be allocated specifically to Barry if necessary; just mention his number 7025 and his call sign HN141. He is, for example, happy to continue dealing personally with ongoing local Anti-social Behaviour issues.
Crimestoppers is an independent charity helping to find criminals and solve crimes. It enables people to report information about crime anonymously, either by calling 0800 555 111 or via a secure online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**IT’S ANONYMOUS…**

Anonymity makes it easier to come forward and, without fear, break the silence around criminal activity, knowing that your name is not known or made public. Anonymous means:

- You will never be asked for your name
- Your call will not be recorded
- Your call or online form will not be traced
- You will not have to make a statement to the police
- You will not appear in court

Crimestoppers create a report from the information received. Their call handlers check that this report contains no information that might identify you. They don’t trace or record calls and can not use 1471 to find your phone number. Online forms are sent using a secure internet connection which keeps you, and your computer, anonymous.

**…AND IT’S FREE**

Because Crimestoppers is an 0800 number, calls are free, including from phone boxes and most mobile networks, including 3, BT Mobile, Fresh, O2, Orange, T-Mobile, Virgin and Vodafone. They also don't appear on a BT or cable phone bill, and mobile operators confirm that Crimestopper calls do not appear on any of their bills.

**WHAT TO USE IT FOR**

You can contact Crimestoppers about any criminal activity that you know about. It is NOT a replacement for 999 because it's not an emergency service. A full list of the kinds of issues reported can be found on the Crimestoppers website, but these include drug dealing, sexual assault, possession of weapons, robbery, criminal damage, wanted individuals, immigration offences, theft, burglary, murder, arson, and fraud.

Cash rewards of up to £1,000 are offered if your information leads to people being arrested and charged. (Find out more about this at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.)

**HOW IT’S USED**

Crimestopper’s reports are sent for action to the relevant authority, such as the local police or agencies such as Customs or Immigration. The police cannot act solely on anonymous information - there needs to be other intelligence - and they thoroughly research the information to ensure that it is correct and not given maliciously.

**YOU CAN HELP THEM TOO**

Volunteers are integral to the success of Crimestoppers. The hard work and talent of over 450 volunteers is helping to take criminals out of communities up and down the country. If you would like to get involved, or to learn more, contact Ann Scott on ann.scott@crimestoppers-uk.org
Cambridgeshire Trading Standards have just introduced a new approved trader scheme, called 'Buy with Confidence'. The scheme is designed to provide residents with a choice of traders, all of whom have demonstrated a commitment to providing a high quality service and have been thoroughly checked by Trading Standards.

It works two ways. First, it gives buyers confidence when selecting an unfamiliar trader. Second, it helps traders themselves to promote their business by displaying the scheme’s accreditation logo, pictured here.

A careful checking procedure ensures the quality of scheme members but does not provide a price guarantee. Trading Standards recommend that you still get three quotes to ensure you are happy with the price.

**HOW TO JOIN THE SCHEME**

Trading Standards are currently undertaking a recruitment drive to add more traders to the scheme. If you are, or know of, a reliable trader in Cambridgeshire they want to hear from you!

**FOR TRADERS**

You can find information and application forms at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk. Or you can ring Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 0455206 to be sent an information pack.

**FOR RECOMMENDERS**

If you know a trader that you would recommend, you can nominate them by emailing bwc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by calling Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 0455206. They will do the rest.

**FIND OUT MORE**

To find out more about the scheme, visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or contact Cambridgeshire Direct.
Friends of Norman Cross Programme 2012

May 25
AGM at the Norman Cross Gallery at 7:30pm followed by a talk from Paul Chamberlain on life in the camp.

23/24 June
Heritage weekend in Peterborough Cathedral Precincts

8/9 September
National Heritage Open Weekend at the Norman Cross Gallery

Membership of the Friends costs £10 per year and is due in April. Further details from Doug Maltman 242229 or visit: www.friendsofnormancross.org.uk.

Could You Be a Scout Leader?
SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ENTHUSIASM

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

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

Please contact David (01487 830303) or Shaun (245094) for more information. Full training and support is given - as well as the odd cup of tea!

(Any applicant must agree to an enhanced CRB check.)
Planning your summer holiday?

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

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

Fly to Nîmes from Stansted / Luton / East Midlands airports or travel in style by Eurostar/TGV train all the way to Nîmes

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

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

Find out about St Christol online: www.saintchristollezales.fr

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

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SHOPPING EVENING

In aid of the Playgroup's outside area

Thursday 10th May  7 - 9:30 pm Stilton School Hall

Come along and treat yourself to something special, for you, your home, the children or that special gift.

From beauty to bling...

...canvases to cakes...

....fashion to flowers...

...toys to trinkets...

...and lots more!

Tickets £2.50 in advance, £3 on the door, (includes a glass of wine & nibbles!)

Tickets available from Playgroup

Book early!
The Stilton Jubilee Show

Thursday, May 31st 2012
7:30pm Stilton School Hall

A light entertainment to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, featuring Stilton’s very own ‘Last Night of the Proms’

Interval Refreshments

Tickets from Stilton School, Hi-Lite and Stilton Country Club
Adults £5 Under-14 £2
Family £12 (2 adults + up to 4 children)

More information from Pat Maltman 242229
Proceeds to Stilton School and St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

Middle Nene Archaeological Group
Coach Trip - Saturday 14 May

Visit Snibston Discovery Museum, one of only five places in the UK where coal mining buildings have been preserved. After a tour of the old colliery area there will be time to visit other attractions which cover the social history of Leicestershire.

In the afternoon to the Harborough Museum and the Hallaton Museum to see the famous Hallaton hoard of Iron Age and Roman silver, including the decorated Roman silver-gilt helmet.

Itinerary and Cost
8am leave Stilton | 8:30am leave Oundle | 5pm return Oundle | 5:30pm return Stilton
£28 (£27 senior citizens and children) includes coach, entry fees and gratuities
Please contact Olive Main (241206) or olivemain@tiscali.co.uk
### The Stilton Diary

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

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**Where to do it & who to do it with!**

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Stilton Gardening & Natural History Club

Summer Visits Programme

Coach to Wrest Park Gardens
Saturday May 19th
Following a very interesting talk in April we are arranging a visit to see the newly restored gardens.
Leave Stilton School at 10:30am and arrive home about 4:30pm.
Cost around £25. (Members of English Heritage £18)

Visit to Manor Farm, Abbots Ripton
Tuesday, June 19th
This visit follows Rebecca Rayner's interesting talk on organic farming and the production of flour, beer and now cider. The produce of the farm will be on sale.
Leaving Stilton School at 6pm and returning around 9pm.
Members £4, non-members £5, to include light refreshments.

Visit to Vine Farm
Tuesday July 17th
Nick Watts spoke to the Club earlier in the year about growing crops for bird food.
Leave Stilton School at 6pm and return about 9pm.
Members £4, non-members £5, to include light refreshments.
The farm shop will be open
Tell advertisers you found them in SCAN!
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2012
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Stilton & District Twinning Assn

RULES:

1. Competitors must be between 8 and 13 years of age
2. The age difference between team members must not exceed 3 years
3. Teams will be made up of 4 young people and may be all boys, all girls, or mixed.
4. All competitors MUST cover arms and legs; suitable protective gloves must also be worn.
5. The rules of Cheese Rolling apply
6. The referee’s decision is always final
7. The competition will be limited to 8 teams, on a “first come, first served” basis.
8. There will be a prize for the best-dressed team and a prize for the winning team.
9. 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: .................................................................................................

Parental permission

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising
STILTON CHEESE ROLLING 2012

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 14 yrs may be included in a team; participants under the age of 16 yrs MUST provide a completed Parental Consent form
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 ...................................................................................
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4 ...................................................................................
Contact Name: ............................................................................
Address: ......................................................................................
Tel No: .........................................................................................

Under-16 permission?

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.

All participants in Cheese Rolling do so at their own risk and Stilton Community Association accepts no liability for any accidental injury arising.
Yaxley Group Practice
YGP
(01733) 240478

Doctor First
YGP’S NEW APPOINTMENTS SYSTEM

We are excited about our new appointment system that started on 30th April and is the culmination of months of work and preparation.

Over the preceding weeks we were providing extra appointments, so that everyone who wants to see a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner can be seen. This is the process of dealing with the backlog or waiting lists that have built up. This allowed us to meet patient demand from 30th April much more effectively than we had been doing.

WHAT IS THE NEW SYSTEM?

There is now no need to book an appointment with a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner in advance, unless it is a Minor Operation or a Private Medical.

The new way to book an appointment is simply to ring on the day you wish to speak to a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner. Ring any time during our opening hours, as there will always be telephone appointments available, whether your problem is urgent or routine.

We guarantee that you will speak to a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner that day. This will usually be within an hour and often much quicker than that. It may even be possible to put your telephone call straight through to a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner. If you need or want to be seen you will be offered an appointment the same day if you wish.

This should make it much easier to get through on the telephone and means that both urgent and routine problems are dealt with at your convenience. It should feel much easier to get advice about your health and the new system will make more efficient use of our Doctors’ and Nurse Practitioners' time.

Treatment room appointments for dressings, injections, blood tests etc will continue to be booked in the old way and appointments will continue to be available in advance. We will also continue to offer a minor injuries service throughout the day, to avoid Accident & Emergency attendances.

Patients who use the Community Car Service or Village Bus on a Tuesday can be reassured that their needs will be met. They simply need to let the Doctor/Nurse Practitioner know that this is how they will be coming to the surgery. If they need a surgery appointment the Doctor/Nurse Practitioner will make the necessary arrangements.

We are optimistic that this will result in a much better experience for patients, both on the telephone and in the surgery and we will be carefully evaluating the impact.

Thank you for your patience during this period of change.

Congratulations

We send our warmest congratulations to Health Care Assistant Kirstie Jarvis and her partner Chris on the birth of their baby daughter, Halle. Halle was born on Good Friday, 6th April, and weighed 5lb 14½oz. Mum and baby are doing well.
Carer Services Prescription

This is free and is available in this practice from your doctor.

ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEONE?

'A carer spends a significant proportion of their life providing unpaid support to family or, potentially, friends. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled, or has mental health or substance misuse problems'.

Would you like to know:

- Your rights?
- About benefits?
- What's available to support you?
- What's available to support the person you care for?

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

The prescription will give you access to a specialist worker at Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire, who will discuss options available to you, support you to access them and give you an information pack. Crossroads Care is the largest provider of respite care for carers in the UK. Their aim is to help relieve the stresses of caring by providing quality help and support for family, unpaid, or informal carers.

HOW TO GET A PRESCRIPTION

Please speak to your doctor, or for more information please speak to Linda Smith in the Patients' Library.

CARER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 2nd May in the Health Education Room. All carers are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The surgery will be closed for the Early Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 7th May, the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 4th June and also Tuesday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The practice will be open on Saturday's 5th May and 2nd June 2012 in the morning only.

Age Well Club

MAY DIARY

1st May Torchon Lace Making
        Jean Moss

8th May NO MEETING

15th May Coffee Morning

22nd May ‘The Yanks are coming’
        Linda Scoles

29th May Diamond Jubilee Party

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

TRAIDCRAFT

Coffee Morning
Saturday May 26th
10:00 - 12:00
Church Meeting Room

All proceeds to the Parishes Youth Project
Sawtry Day Care Centre
The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 3:00pm
The Centre provides:

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

The Centre currently has some spaces and is looking for new members.
For more information, please contact the CARESCO Centre on 01487 832105 or email office@caresco.org.uk

Short Break care for disabled children
Can you help the Family Link Service?
Caring for disabled children can be hard work, so the Family Link Service is looking for carers who:

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

The service can provide you with:

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

To find out more, call Cambridgeshire Fostering Service on 0800 052 0078
Did you know there is a Lunch Club in Sawtry?

Ladies, gentlemen or couples
We are a self-help group that meets every Monday & Tuesday 10:30am - 1:30pm at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry

We prepare freshly cooked two-course meals each day (including tea & coffee) for only £3.70

Come in for a drink and a chat, you will get a warm welcome! You can make new friends and you may know some of the people who already attend the club.

For more information about Lunch Club and its activities

Call Lyn at CARESCO on 01487 832105

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:**

- All Day (9am - 6pm) £50
- Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm) £25
- Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm) £25

A deposit of £50 is required when booking.