In a fit of unrestrained Christmas frivolity we decided that a wild splash of colour would raise readers’ spirits in these trying times. Merry Christmas!
Christmas Fair at Stilton

Saturday 7th December 2019
Stilton Pavilion
10am – 4pm

• Craft and gift stalls
• Grand Christmas Draw
• Mulled wine and mince pies
• Fun for the children

Admission
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(includes a drink)
Children free

Raising funds for a new children’s play area for Stilton

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POLLING DAY ON 12TH DECEMBER

We go to the polls on Thursday 12th December to elect an MP for the North West Cambridgeshire Constituency.

Stilton’s Polling Station is Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, and will be open between 7am - 10pm.

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Nicola Day. Green Party. She leads the Green Group on Peterborough City Council.

Bridget Smith. Lib. Dem. Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council

Shailesh Vara, Conservative, MP for this constituency since 2005.

The Big Switch-On
6PM DECEMBER 1ST

Once again, Phil Shailer will be lighting up North Street with his amazing display of Christmas lights for charity.

He’s been doing this for three years to raise funds for MAGPAS Air Ambulance. Last year he raised £467 on the night and a grand total of just over £700. Let’s help him set a new record!

If you can get there on Sunday 1st December, you can not only witness Phil trying to black out the entire grid with his 66 individual displays, but you can enjoy hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits, buy a raffle ticket and even get some MAGPAS branded merchandise. The display will be up between 5-10pm until 29th December, so plenty of time to drop by to admire it and donate generously to the honesty box.

Upcoming Events

If you have a one-off event fixed in the next few months please contact the Editor - 241206 or olivekmain@gmail.com

DECEMBER

1st Phil Shailer’s Xmas Lights
6th Folksworth Bingo Night
7th Stilton Christmas Fair
7th - 8th Folksworth Xmas Wreath making
12th Stilton Playgroup Santa visit
16th Polling Day
21st Mobile Library
21st Folksworth Santa visit

FEBRUARY

1st Twinning Race Night
2nd Stilton in Tune concert
8th Twinning RAF Band Concert

MARCH

1st Stilton in Tune concert
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**Recycling Bins:**  
Mon 9th, Sat 21st Dec; Mon 6th Jan

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GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

in aid of a new children’s play area for Stilton

1st prize  £500 cash

2nd prize  Luxury hamper worth £80

Many more prizes including generous donations from:

- The Talbot, Stilton (dinner for two)
- The Angel Spice, Stilton (dinner for two)
- Mulberry Café, Elton (Christmas dinner for two)
- Colbrook Specialists, Stilton
  (a chauffeur driven spin in a Bentley)
- Stilton Cheese Makers Association
- David Hartley Associates

The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair
at Stilton Pavilion on Saturday 7th December at 3:30 pm

Draw tickets £1 each, available from:

The Talbot, Stilton | Hi-Lite Hairdressing, Stilton
Angel Spice, Stilton | The Bell Inn, Stilton
Dee Darnell, tel: 07806 833555
Linda Angus, tel: 07709 216426
On a mournful grey November morning a respectful crowd gathered by St Mary’s churchyard to witness the re-dedication of our relocated War Memorial. The result of dedicated work by volunteers and generous support, this striking memorial does ample justice to the memory of fallen villagers.

As Revd Richard Gibbs remarked during his blessing, the creation of a new war memorial is an unusual event and reflects the commitment by our community that these individuals should not be forgotten.

Perhaps equally valuable is the outcome of lengthy research by Tony Edwards and Barry Gilden into the details of those commemorated, because it identified several who had not previously been known. Hardly surprising when you reflect on the chaos and confusion of WW1, so it’s good that we can now make amends and recognise their sacrifice. It is not practical to alter the memorial plaques, but the names and details of all our war dead have been recorded in the Book of Remembrance that accompanied last month’s SCAN and a corresponding page has been added to the village website; see www.stilton.org/about-stilton/history/stiltons-war-dead/.

Additional copies of the paper booklet can be obtained from Stilton Parish Council and a pdf version can be downloaded from the above web page. The online material will be updated as any additional information becomes available.

The movers & shakers of the War Memorial project, Tony Edwards (r) and Barry Gilden (ctr), stand with Tom Cochrane of the Royal British Legion at the rededication ceremony.
Lest We Forget

After eight months of hard work the new War Memorial is up!

Several local companies were instrumental in ensuring the memorial was up in time for the dedication on November 2nd. They donated their time freely and even surprised us by making the bench and the railings without telling us.

Grateful thanks go to many people but we want to mention the following, without whose help the plaques would still be in storage:

Tony Darke and all his staff at Darke Steel, especially Chris who, with Rob from Roan Fabrication, engineered the memorial.

Paul Farrance and all the guys at Darke Engineering who worked in the pouring rain to complete the foundations and all the groundwork.

Milton Estates and Stilton Parish Council who provided some money which went towards the cost of the flagpole and the printing costs of the Remembrance booklet, which looks so professional thanks to the input of Kelvin Davis.

Thanks must also go to the people who helped with the Dedication Service: Revd Richard Gibbs, Mark Angus, Chris Walford, Mollie and Tom, both from Yaxley Royal British Legion, Steve Ambler and all in the GB Home Guard Band for the music during the service and in the Church Meeting Room afterwards. Not forgetting the ladies who made the tea and coffee.

Finally thanks to all the residents who attended and stood in the ever-increasing rain during the service.

Thank you all.

Tony Edwards and Barry Gilden

Post Office Closure

BUT DON’T WORRY, IT’S ONLY TEMPORARY!

Refurbishment work at Nisa on Church Street is taking longer than originally planned. As a result, Stilton Post Office will be temporarily closed from 12 noon on Saturday 30th November and is expected to re-open at 12 noon Saturday 7th December.

During the refit alternative local Post Offices include:

Yaxley Post Office, SPAR, 9-11 Broadway Shopping Centre, Malting Square, Yaxley, PE7 3JJ.

Hampton Vale Post Office, 12 Stewartby Post Office, Hampton Vale, PE7 8NJ

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There has been so much going on over the last few months it’s difficult to know where to start, writes Cllr Tim Alban. So in no particular order, here are some of the key issues I have been involved with.

**DENTON BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS**

Openreach have advised they are expecting to have the structure in place (to deliver an improved broadband service) by the end of December 2019. It will then take up to six weeks to go through a commissioning process. This is all assuming there are no delays. Having worked with local residents on this I will continue to monitor the situation and apply pressure when necessary.

**O₂ COVERAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Like a number of O₂ users, I was surprised to see a noticeable improvement in my level of service. Concerned that this may be a temporary improvement I contacted Connecting Cambridgeshire, who in turn contacted O₂, who stated that they ‘expect the improvements to be permanent’.

Connecting Cambridgeshire have also asked that residents send them details about locations that have been affected by poor mobile phone reception and whether this limited phone, messaging or data services or all three? Any further insight we are able to share will be very much appreciated as it will help inform their continuing discussions with mobile network operators about improving their services. Please send comments to:

Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**WEEDS IN STILTON AND FOLKSWORTH**

It’s taken work by me and County Councillor Bywater but the end is in sight of the unsightly weeds on the B1043 near the Stilton/Folksworth boundary. It seems that during the changeover in the County Council taking over direct responsibility from the District Council for weed spraying, the road north of the depot was missed. Simon and I lobbied to get things sorted and the weeds blocking the drain were removed and others sprayed, which are now starting to die off. We have had confirmation that all the roads in Stilton and Folksworth are now on the list for weed spraying.

**Planning Issues**

**NORTH STREET, STILTON**

I exercised my right as a local ward District Councillor to "Call In" the application for 31 dwellings on land off North Street so that it was decided by the Development Management Committee. I continue to believe that a development of this size, especially with the location of the proposed junction with North Street, is inappropriate for the site and for the village so I was particularly disappointed to see it approved. However, now that it has I will work to get the best possible outcome for the village from the detailed application at such time as one is submitted.
PLANNING APPEAL, NORTH STREET, STILTON

The start date for this has been set for 15th January 2020. It will take place at the District Council Offices in Huntingdon. This is open to the public and, at the discretion of the Inspector, people who have already been consulted may also take part.

HIGH STREET, STILTON

A detailed application hasn't been submitted yet but at some point one will need to be submitted for the former golf course site. This isn't about whether the site should be developed (that decision has been made) this about things like what the road layout will be and what the houses will look like. Residents and local councillors will be able to make comments on the plans. If we want to have an influence we need to write in and I’ll provide more information on this when I have it.

DENTON CHURCH RUIN

An application has been submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council to convert the ruin to a ‘dwelling house’. To view and comment on the plans please visit the Planning Section of the HDC website www.Huntingdonshire.gov.uk and search for Application Number 19/01843/FUL

THE CHEESE AND THE LODGE

I have liaised with the agents marketing the Stilton Cheese about securing the site whilst the pub is shut and they have been sensitive to the concerns I have raised on behalf of residents. Cross Keys Homes, who have bought the Stilton Lodge, had already been contacted by a local resident and had taken measures to secure their site by the time I had contacted them. They have also told me that they are committed to engaging with the local community about the long-term future of the site.

FREE CHRISTMAS PARKING

Huntingdonshire District Council is pleased to announce the return of free parking after 3pm in the run up to Christmas. From Monday to Friday (1st - 24th December), parking in all council-run car parks will be free after 3pm to support local town centre shopping throughout the festive period.

AND FINALLY...

I am very grateful for all the good wishes and offers of help I have received during my recent treatment for cancer. Thankfully the prognosis is good and I look forward getting back to full fitness in the new year.

Contact Tim on: 07913 101145 or at: www.facebook.com/TimAlbanForStiltonWard

Your Community Needs You!

If you own a car, enjoy driving and helping people, and have a few hours to spare a week then why not become a volunteer driver for the North Hunts Community Car Scheme? Volunteers provide door to door transport for those who are unable to drive or use public transport. Mileage is paid; you just donate your time.

Call 07795 542084 to find out more.
Christmas Openings

The following dates and times are those published in mid-November, so always check before setting out. Landline telephone numbers are given where possible because these appear to be the reliable contacts. Websites are often outdated.

**Shopping**

**FOOD**

Nisa, Church Street, Stilton, will be open every day, with limited hours on Christmas Day. Look for the notices in the windows.

**SUPERMARKETS**

All the big stores will close on Christmas Day, other days will vary.

- Co-operative Yaxley (01733) 245329
- Tesco Serpentine Green 0345 266 6613
- Aldi Hampton - Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve.

**QUEENSGATE**

5 - 23 December free parking every day after 5:30pm. Centre opening hours:

- Christmas Eve 8am - 4:30 pm
- Christmas Day Closed
- Boxing Day 9am - 5:30pm
- 31st December 9am - 4:30pm
- 1st January Closed

**SERPENTINE GREEN**

- Christmas Eve Closes 5pm
- Christmas Day Closed
- Boxing Day 9am - 6pm
- 31st December 9am - 6pm
- 1st January 9am - 5pm

Individual shops fix their own opening hours so check before you set out.

NHS Services

Local surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. If you need urgent medical treatment call NHS 111 where trained advisors will assess your condition and point you to appropriate treatment. This service is always available and calls are free.

**Minor Illness and Injury Units (MIIU)**

Thorpe Road, Peterborough open 8am - 8pm on the three Bank Holidays.

**Mental Health Crises**

Ring 111 option 2. This service is always open. Calls are free.

**Dental Care**

Ring your dentist who will have a recorded message. Also 111 can help.

**PHARMACIES**

Millfield Pharmacy opens 7 days a week.

- 387 Lincoln Road PE1 2PF
- (01733) 312933

The Christmas hours are:

- 25th December 10am to 6pm
- 26th December 3pm to 8pm
- 1st January 3pm to 8pm.

Boots - all are closed on Christmas Day, most are open on Boxing Day from 11am.

Boots Serpentine Green 893528

Halls the Chemist - are closed on the Bank Holidays.
Last Posting Dates

2nd Class mail Wednesday December 18th
1st Class mail Friday December 20th
Special delivery Monday December 23rd

No delivery or collection - Christmas Day, Boxing Day and January 1st (Also January 2nd in Scotland)

Abroad (Airmail)

Australia and New Zealand
Thursday December 12th

USA and Canada
Saturday December 14th

Eastern Europe
Wednesday December 11th

Western Europe
Monday December 16th

France, Belgium and Ireland
Wednesday December 18th

Letters to Father Christmas go free if posted by December 6th if you want a reply. His address is Santa / Father Christmas, Santa's Grotto, Reindeer Land, XM4 5HQ. He can only reply if you include your full name and address.

Public Transport

National Rail Enquiries 0871 244 1545

At the time of writing all was doom and gloom. The longest train strike in history is planned to take place in the area covered by South Western Railways. There are also engineering works planned in many parts of the rail network. In general terms there will be no trains on Christmas Day and very few on Boxing Day. If you intend to travel over the holiday period you need to enquire and book your tickets well in advance. In the editor's experience National Rail Enquiries are as good as any. Transport for London have a good website.

Buses

Stagecoach - 207860

No services on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Special timetables on Boxing Day and January 2nd. Services start to wind down early evening.

Coaches

National Express 0871 781 8181

Coaches run all through the holiday period, including Christmas Day. The nearest 'stop' is Queensgate Bus Station.

Petrol

BP Little Hampton Petrol Station
23-25 London Road Yaxley PE7 3NQ

244233, opens 24 hours all over the holidays.

Merry Xmas !
The SCAN production and distribution team wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.
What’s in a Name
WHO WAS OUR CHURCH DEDICATED TO?

Just when you think you’ve got a handle on life, you find things aren’t what they seem. And so we found when compiling the new guide book to St Mary Magdalene church.

From a cryptic remark by Leonard Hutton, son of former Rector Thomas Hutton (incumbent 1859-1892), we learn that ‘It was supposed in my early years to be dedicated to St James’. This could just be a faulty impression from childhood; our church is listed as St Mary Magdalene in a survey by Browne Willis in 1742. But there are grounds for believing Leonard Hutton. It appears as St James not only on early Ordnance Survey maps, but also on three successive census returns: 1881, 1891 and 1901. Such sources can be notoriously inaccurate in such matters, but the agreement between several independent references seems more than coincidental. And church dedications do seem to have been rather volatile over the centuries; see for example: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dedications_in_the_Church_of_England.

From ancient records, it seems likely that the old vestry (now subsumed into the Church Meeting Room) was originally a chapel to St Guthlac up to at least around 1200. It appears to have been rebuilt in 1338 by John de Stilton and dedicated to St Mary Magdalene, although our first Rector, William le Canteis, pre-dates this, being incumbent from 1218-1221, and Pevsner dates the nave as being C13th, ie in the 1200s.

Why St Guthlac was forsaken in favour of St Mary Magdalene we may never know; perhaps she just seemed a bit more ‘posh’ than a mere hermit from Crowland. It has even been suggested that the dedication was changed to St James so as to appear less ‘popish’, but not only do the dates not support this, St Mary Magdalene was emphatically not the St Mary, mother of our Lord, so important in the Catholic faith.

And when and why did it revert to St Mary Magdalene? Another sacred mystery, no doubt.

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

For more information about Stumbling, just Google ‘Stilton Stumblers’ or call Shirley on (01733) 246209 - or just turn up on the day with your boots on!

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Twinning News

FOOTBALLERS FROM ST CHRISTOL VISIT STILTON

Stilton Twinning Association and Stilton Junior Footballers were delighted to host 15 young people and 16 adults from our twin village of St Christol les Alès. This visit re-established our sporting links.

Match Day was Sunday 27th October. There were three junior matches involving the St Christol team and teams from Stilton and Brampton. Brampton won on goal difference, followed by Stilton and St Christol. St Christol won the senior team match.

This was a memorable sporting event; good competition was had, together with much fun. The five-day visit had a full programme, including a table tennis tournament by Stilton Table Tennis Club, Family Fun Night at Stilton Pavilion, a tour and match at POSH, a visit to the Arsenal Stadium with a tour of London highlights, a day at the GoApe centre at Coventry and an evening at the Play2day centre at Guyhirn.

Asked what they enjoyed most, the St Christol visitors agreed it was the visit to Arsenal and the kindness and hospitality of their host families.

The Stilton team and families have been invited to St Christol, provisionally for a long weekend on 29/30 August 2020.

The Twinning Association wish to thank all those involved in the organisation and hosting of what was a most enjoyable time.

Stilton & District Twinning Association

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 1st February at Stilton Pavilion  Starts 7pm – first race 7:30pm

£7.50 per ticket
Includes evening supper and homemade desserts
Please bring own drink and glasses

Tickets from Ian & Hazel 243056  Chris Walford 241376
or email stilton.twinning@gmail.com

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MEMORIAL WALL

What a pleasure it was to unveil the splendid new memorial wall at a dedication service on 2nd November. Many attended despite the poor weather. At its recent meeting the Parish Council gave votes of thanks, on behalf of the village, to Tony Darke of Darke Steel, Paul Farrance of Darke Engineering and Rob Roan of Roan Fabrications for designing, creating and setting up the wall, to Cllr Barry Gilden and Mr Tony Edwards for their sterling efforts in organizing the project and to Milton Estates for their kind contribution. The wall is a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for us in both World Wars. We have already noticed the positive impacts on the village: people using the bench, mothers explaining to children, parties of schoolchildren visiting, cars stopping to look and people stopping to read the names on the wall.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

The second Stilton Christmas Fair is on Saturday 7th December at Stilton Pavilion from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Over 35 stalls will pack the hall selling festive gifts etc., as well as stalls and activities for children. A Christmas Cafe will provide hot drinks, snacks and cakes all day. In the afternoon the Grand Christmas Draw will take place with a first prize of £500, with many other fabulous prizes being donated by local businesses and villagers. All profits will go towards providing a new play area for the children in Stilton.

RECRUITING PARISH COUNCILLORS

Resignations this year have left the Parish Council two members short of its complement of 11. Permission has now been given for the Parish Council to co-opt two replacements. Please see the official announcement opposite to find out more.

THE STILTON LODGE

Cross Keys, the housing association that has bought the Lodge, have yet to plan what to do with it in the longer term. They have looked at short-term use, for example as temporary accommodation for the homeless, but have found that much work is needed before this could be done. It will therefore not be used until longer term plans are complete.

VILLAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR STILTON

Parish Councillors have agreed that it is timely to prepare a Village Plan for Stilton. This will be a considerable undertaking, often taking two years to complete, so it needs careful preparation. The first step will be to organize a meeting for all those interested in the project. Speakers will be invited from other villages with experience in preparing village plans. The meeting will be in the new year, so watch out for more news in the next issue of SCAN.

DEAD TREE

To the relief of local residents the very large dead tree in Apreece way has now been removed.
HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT AND SPEEDWATCH

The Council has recognized the widespread concern in the village over parking and speeding. It agreed to set up a working party to gather information on the various concerns and consider ways that we might make a case for improvements. If you are interested in joining the working group, or wish to provide information to it, please contact the Parish Clerk (Stilton Parish Council, The Parish Room, Church Street, Stilton or via email to clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org).

Speedwatch continues to demonstrate that too many vehicles are speeding in the village. Road users, especially pedestrians, are at risk from severe injury or death. There is no doubt, speed kills. The World Health Organisation notes that pedestrians have a 90% chance of surviving an impact of 20 mph but less than a 50% chance of surviving one at 28 mph. At 50 mph pedestrians have almost no chance of survival. Unfortunately such high speeds are not uncommon on some roads in Stilton. If you are concerned about speeding vehicles, the Speedwatch team is always on the lookout for fresh recruits who can spare an hour or so a month to join a Speedwatch session. The data we collect is vital for making the case for highways improvements. Please contact Keith Bull, Stilton's Speedwatch Coordinator (keith.bull@stiltonparishcouncil.org).

Notice of Vacancy
Stilton Parish Council

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that, due to the resignation of Councillor Steward and Councillor Beale, there are two vacancies on Stilton Parish Council.

As no request for an election was received within the 14 statutory days after the date of the original notice the Parish Council will fill the vacancies by co-option at its meeting on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

If you would like to be considered for co-option please contact the Parish Clerk by no later than Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Dated: 14/11/19

Address: The Parish Room
         Church Street
         Stilton PE7 3RF

Signed: Julianne Lawrence
        Parish Clerk

Email: clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org
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### Come to Coffee, Mince Pies and a Book Launch!

**Saturday 14th December 10:30-12:00**

**Church Meeting Room**

This month’s Church Coffee Morning will be a special occasion - the official launch of the new Visitor’s Guide to St Mary Magdalene church.

Created as part of the Church Heritage Project and drawing on a wide variety of sources and contributions, this book makes a fascinating read. So come along and be among the first to have a coveted First Edition!
**YEAR FIVE MATHS CHALLENGE**

Children from Year Five took part in a Maths challenge at Laxton Junior School. They were joined by about 20 schools who were all challenged on some very tricky number, problem-solving and reasoning skills. Our children worked really well as a team and, although they didn't win, they did themselves and our school proud.

**VISIT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Our School Council had a visit from Mrs Darnell from Stilton Parish Council. She talked to them about the fundraising the Parish Council were doing in the village to raise money for a new playground. The School Councillors shared lots of great ideas and came up with things the grown-ups hadn't even thought of! Well done School Council.

**REMEMBRANCE**

We welcomed Barry Gilden into school as part of our remembrance activities this year. He talked about the new memorial by the church during our Collective Worship. All the children and teachers took some reflection time at the memorial as we remembered those who lost their lives in the World Wars. Thank you Barry. Children also joined members of the community at the church on Armistice Day to represent the school and lay wreaths.

We will remember them.

**YEAR SIX ENGLISH CHALLENGE**

We are very proud of our Year Sixes as four of them represented the school at Fourfields in the English Challenge recently. They had some really thought-provoking questions to answer and worked well as a team to defeat many other teams, coming an overall third. A huge well done to those who took part.

**FRENCH CAFÉ**

Year Six worked really hard to plan, prepare and take part in their French Café. After learning and practising all the vocabulary needed, they set up a café in the classroom. Café Vert opened its doors and the children ordered and served French delights such as croissants, crêpes and pain au chocolat. Everyone had great fun and lots of learning.

**GREAT FIRE OF LONDON**

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this term. After making and learning all about houses in London, they watched them all burn to show how the fire started all those years ago.
YAXLEY RUNNERS COMING TO FOLKSWORTH

The 19th Yaxley Runners ‘Folksworth 15’ race will be on 19th January, starting at 11am. As always, they will ensure disruption is minimal. As in previous years, Elm Road will be partially closed to traffic between approximately 11am - 2:15pm.

The club raises funds from the Folksworth 15 and the invitation race taking place on 29th December. Over £1000 has been donated to local causes, in particular towards the refurbishment of Folksworth Village Hall, to which they have contributed for many years. Yaxley Runners would like to thank residents for their continued support of this very popular annual event.

FOLKSWORTH SCHOOL - 30 YEARS YOUNG

On 6th November 1989 our current school building was formally opened, marking a new chapter for Folksworth. To celebrate this milestone, on 6th November this year we had a 30th Birthday Party for the school, and the children got to experience life in the 80s!

Everyone came into school for the day dressed as if it was the 1980s - from Baywatch to Ghostbusters the outfits looked fantastic. I am not sure the school has ever before encouraged so many neon clothes and crimped hair on one day! It was also terrific to see one of the original school jumpers being worn, from when the building first opened.

In our dedicated assembly we looked at photos and plans of when the school was being built, and tried to recognise people from the first school photos. Over lunch we played music from the 1980s and watched TV programmes which would have been shown at the time.

It was a very nostalgic day for everyone associated with our school, and it made us think about where we might be, and what life might be like, in another 30 years...

FOLKSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL - SANTA’S COMING!

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the year already. It's gone so quickly, the long walks in the wheat fields are now a distant memory. The children are busy learning all about Christmas here and the festivals celebrated all around the world. Our Santa float has had a facelift thanks to the hard work of our committee. This raises vital funds to support the development of our wonderful village preschool. So please keep an eye open for us as we visit the homes of Folksworth. Fingers crossed it stays dry.

We have a few sessions available in January, so if your child turns two please pop by for a visit.
**THE ART GROUP**

Our paintings have now been changed for different ones in Lakeside Healthcare in Yaxley, so do have a look when you next visit there - or pop in and look anyway!

Don't forget to visit Stilton's Christmas Fair in the Pavilion on Saturday 7th December where our Club has booked several tables which will have lots of paintings for sale. They make lovely Christmas presents (or treat yourself) - all are original one-offs. We'd love you to come, see some of our work, and have a chat to some of our members who will be manning the tables.

We wish all **SCAN** readers a lovely Christmas and a peaceful, happy New Year.

**LADIES CIRCLE**

In November we all made a Christmas cracker, following Yvonne Wagstaff's instructions. The results were impressive and will hopefully be displayed on the dinner table on Christmas Day. Instead of a meeting in December we will be having a Christmas meal at the Addison Arms at Glatton. We meet again on Tuesday 28th January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Do come and join us. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

Despite the weather, Andy Knott Construction have made a lot of progress with our extension and hope to have the roof on by Christmas. You can just about make out from the photograph below where the new community room and toilets will be. Thank you to all village hall users for being patient whilst building work is going on.

A polite reminder to all parents to be even more vigilant at this time when dropping off/collecting children, as construction vehicles may be entering or leaving the site.

Lots of things are happening in the village hall in December AND we have started to plan for the Burns Night quiz and supper on Saturday 25th January. (See adverts).

**Family Christmas Bingo**

**Friday 6th December**

**Eyes down at 7:30pm**

Six books for £7; includes raffle tickets as well as tea and coffee. You're welcome to bring your own refreshments and drink.

To book the hall, please call Joy Blythe on (01733) 241938.
**Around the Parish**

**FOLKSWORTH & WASHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

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**PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

The Parish Council has been in touch with Cambs County about problems regarding footpaths. A definitive map of all the paths is on its way and will be reproduced for the website and eventually for interpretation boards. Council is working with the landowners and Cambs County Council to reach a solution which will enable the footpath from Manor Road to the School to be opened again.

**HGV ISSUES**

The new Highways Officer in charge of our scheme attended the Parish Council meeting on November 19th to put forward her proposals.

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**COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

Cllrs Brown and Goodfellow and others are working hard on the newly developing Community Orchard next to the pond and have recently received some fruit trees for planting. If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch with them or me.

**MEETINGS**

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. However, the December meeting has been changed to 7pm on Tuesday December 3rd. If I can help with anything at all, please contact me.

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO
07724 171158

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**Come and make your own Christmas Wreath!**

7th December 2019 2-4pm
Folksworth Village Hall

£15.00 including festive refreshments
20 places available

Contact: Alison Brown 07801507336 / alibrown66@hotmail.com
Yvonne Wagstaff 01733243370 / yvonne_wags8@yahoo.co.uk
by 23rd November 2019

Any profit will go towards Folksworth Village Hall
FOLKSWORTH, WASHINGLEY AND MORBORNE VILLAGE HALL

BURNS NIGHT QUIZ AND SUPPER

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY
7:00 FOR 7:30PM (PROMPT) START

Join us for a quiz and
Haggis (*) & Neaps Supper

Fully licensed bar

Tickets £8.50 per person. Teams of up to 6

To book a table contact Annie Blair on 01733 243463 or email annie.blair1@btopenworld.com

All profits will go towards further improvements to the Village Hall

(*) Vegetarian option available

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Saturday 21st December

Santa’s coming to Folksworth!

Sleigh leaves Folksworth Church 4pm
Arriving at Folksworth Primary School 6pm

Join him and his helpers to celebrate Christmas from 6pm – 9pm

BBQ - Tombola - Bar - Christmas cake raffle
Candy Floss - Elfie Selfie - Christmas crafts
and more...

Raising funds for Folksworth Pre-School / Charity No. 1013835
Our esteemed Editor-in-Chief Olive Main sends her best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all her many friends and acquaintances in and around Stilton.

As in previous years, a generous donation to charity is being made in lieu of sending Christmas cards. This year, the beneficiary will be the Children In Need appeal.

Prior to taking on our new printers, December’s SCAN used to include a supplement of seasonal nonsense as a sort of Christmas card to our readers. But now we have new capabilities, we thought a splash of colour would brighten the season.

We hope you like it!

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

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

NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS ARE VERY WELCOME

Why not join us? Bring your own materials.

£3 per session, including refreshments.

Contact Cherry Hadley Tel: 01733 244258
or just come along and enjoy yourself!

Twinning Diary Dates

1 February 2020       Race Night
8 February 2020       RAF Band Concert

If you are interested in any Twinning events or in becoming involved in the Association please contact Chris Walford on 241376.

Funds raised by the Association provide for travel grants for young people on exchange visits to St Christol and activities here when groups visit from St Christol.
Sawtry Chorale Presents
Chorale at Christmas
St Mary Magdalene Church,
Church Street, Stilton
PE7 3RF
Friday 6th December 2019 at 8pm
Tickets £10
From (01733) 244666
Under 12's free
Refreshments & Raffle available at the interval

Proceeds to Sawtry Chorale and Stilton Church

Merry Christmas
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| O | < Parish Council (Stilton) | 7:30pm 2nd Tuesday in month |
| O | < Parish Council (Folksworth) | 7:30 - 9:30pm 3rd Tuesday in month |
| O | < Sewing Group | 2:30 - 5pm |
| O | < Friday Social Group | 2 - 4pm |

| CHURCH | O | < Holy Communion | 1st & 3rd Sun 11:15am |
| O | < Holy Communion (BCP) | 2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am |
| O | < LinCup (Café style worship) | 2nd & 4th Sun 11:15am |
| O | < Stilton Group Service | 5th Sunday in month |
| O | < Linking Hands (mums) | 9am |
| O | < Crossover (Y6) | 6 - 7pm in term time |
| O | < Men's Prayer Breakfast | 8am 2nd Saturday in month |
| O | < Holy Communion (soup lunch) | 1st Wednesday 12:30-1:30 |
| O | < Prayer Focus | 8am |
| O | < Christian Congregation in UK | 6 - 8pm |

| SPORT & LEISURE | O | < Stilton Gardening Club | 3rd Tues 7:30pm |
| O | < Pilates (Stilton) - over-50s | 11:30am-12:30 |
| O | < Pilates (Stilton) | 10:00 - 11:00am |
| O | < Pilates (Folksworth) | 7:30 - 8:30pm |
| O | < Clubbercise | 7:15 - 8:15pm |
| O | < Stilton Table Tennis Club | Mon (adults) 2-4pm; Tue 7:00-9:30pm |
| O | < Stilton Carpet Bowls Club | 2pm Mon, 7:30pm Thu |
| O | < Folksworth Carpet Bowls Club | 7 - 9pm |
| O | < Peterborough Opera Group | 7:30 - 9:30pm Friday |
| O | < Band | 8 - 9:35pm |
| O | < Yoga | 5:30 - 7pm |
| O | < Mat Pilates | M 6:45-7:45pm, 8-9pm; T 6-7pm; W 9:15-10: |
| O | < Chairobsics | Tue 11am-12:30pm; Thu 10:30am-12noon |
| O | < Chairobsics | Tue 2-3pm |
| O | < Stilton United FC | 3:00pm kick-off |
| O | < Taoist Tai Chi | 7:30pm |
| O | < Folksworth Art Club | 12:30-4:30pm |
| O | < Folksworth Ladies' Circle | 7:30-9:30pm 4th Tuesday in month |
| O | < Yaxley Flower Club | 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm |
| O | < Stilton Stumblers (walking group) | Alternate Sundays 10:00am See info in this is |
| O | < Indoor Bootcamp | 5:30 - 6:30pm |
| O | < Dance lessons | 3:00 - 6:00pm |

| OTHER | O | < Mobile Library (Stilton and Folksworth) | 4th Wednesday in month |
| O | < Age Well Club | 9:30 - 11:45am |
| O | < 'Chatterbox' Carers' Support Group | 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2-4pm |
| O | < Music & Spoken Word Social Group | 2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:30-3pm |
| O | < Sawtry Vintage Club | 10am - 2:30pm |
| O | < Sawtry Friendship Club | 10:30am - 1:30pm |

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YOU’D BETTER WATCH OUT...
SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO TOWN!
Father Christmas will be in Stilton

Sat 7th and Sun 8th December 4-7pm*

Route to be confirmed | In aid of Stilton Playgroup
(*Or the following weekend in the event of bad weather)

YAXLEY SINGERS

A Celebration of Christmas
Carols, Christmas music, Poetry

Yaxley Methodist Church
7:30pm Friday 13th December 2019

Adults £5 | Children up to 12 years free
(Includes light refreshments and lucky ticket)

Tickets available from Mary Croll (241042) and Yaxley Pet Shop or on the door
Peterborough Museum is one of the city’s best-kept secrets, offering lots of interesting and entertaining activities for all ages.

**A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th December
10 am - 3 pm (last entry 2pm)

£4 adults, £3 conc/child, £12 families
(2 adults, 3 children), under 5s free

Take a step back into Christmas past! Discover Victorian Christmas traditions of the wealthy and the not so fortunate. Make some traditional Victorian decorations and a Victorian Christmas card to take home. So come along and enjoy the magic of Christmas gone by!

**PETERBOROUGH GHOST WALK**

Tuesday 17th December - 7:30pm
Meet outside Peterborough Museum

£5 adults; £3 children

Explore the city's spooky side! Be spellbound by our haunted heritage with this ever-popular Ghost Walk.

Pre-booking is advisable for this highly popular tour which is not recommended for under-8's. All children must be accompanied.

**PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM CANDLELIT TOUR**

Tuesday 10th December - 7:30pm
Peterborough Museum

£5 adults; £3 children

Explore Peterborough's most haunted building by candlelight... if you dare!

Due to limited availability pre-booking is essential. Access is limited so please call in advance for more information. Not recommended for under-14’s and all children must be accompanied.

Book now online at vivacity.org or call 01733 864663.
The SCAN Xmas Quiz
ANOTHER CHRISTMAS TRADITION!

Two dozen random brainteasers, some even with a Christmas connection!

Answers somewhere in this issue.

1. Which actor played Frodo Baggins?
2. On which Italian island is Palermo?
3. Who was 'the father of the atomic bomb'?
4. Which planet was discovered by Frederik Herschel in 1781?
5. QANTAS is the national airline of Australia. What does QANTAS stand for?
6. In which year was Google launched?
7. Which two months are named after Roman emperors?
8. In which year did Princess Diana die?
9. Who was 'The Queen of Soul'?
10. In which novel did Sherlock Holmes first appear?
11. Who in 1450 invented movable type, thus revolutionising printing?
12. How many syllables in a Haiku?
13. Which celebrity made the first ever UK mobile phone call, New Year's Day, 1985?
14. What is the birth sign of people born on 25th December?
15. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas day 1950?
16. Christmas Island is a territory of which country?
17. Who composed The Nutcracker Suite?
18. The North Pole is located in which ocean?
19. The Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is given by which country?
20. In A Christmas Carol, who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
21. What is the name of Tintin's dog?
22. In which year did the demolition of the Berlin Wall begin?
23. In 1954, who became the first person to run an official four-minute mile?
24. The statue of Justice on the Old Bailey holds what in her right hand?
Obituaries
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

BERYL ANN BATES

Beryl settled in Church Close, Stilton in 1997 and soon became involved in village activities, working initially with D & B Darke. Always a willing helper, she undertook census duties and also delivered SCAN for 15 years. She was also well known as a keen and successful bowls player, both lawn and indoors, playing for Peterborough Hospital, Longthorpe and Oundle. She was Stilton Carpet Bowls Champion on one occasion.

Beryl died peacefully on 14th September 2019, aged 80 years, after a long illness.

Beryl's husband Colin and family wish to express their gratitude to friends and neighbours for their support and kind messages at this sad time. With special thanks to Jane and Patrick Egan.

A private funeral has taken place but anyone wishing to remember Beryl may do so by making a donation in her name to Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice, Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 6LW (tel. 01733 225900).

KATH COWLING

Kath Cowling passed away peacefully on 3rd October 2019 at the age of 95. Kath was the landlady at the Stilton Cheese for 25 years, up to 1987. Since then she had lived with her daughter in Alconbury Weston and spent the last 12 months in a residential home in the village. She always had very fond memories of her time at 'The Cheese' and considered Stilton to be her home village for her adult life. Her funeral took place on 31st October in Nottingham, where she grew up, as it was her final wish to be reunited with her mother, who passed away when Kath was only 12 years old.

LORD MAWHINNEY
1940-2019

Brian Mawhinney was MP for Peterborough from 1979 and, after boundary changes in 1997, for our constituency of N.W. Huntingdonshire. He held office under Mrs Thatcher and John Major and was Secretary of State for Transport while the A1(M) was being built. He retired in 2005 and became a life peer. In 2003 he became Chair of the Football League.

An Ulsterman, he was a committed Christian and a rare scientist in the Cabinet. (He had a Ph.D. in Physics.) He was an assiduous Constituency M.P. and always supportive of local events such as Stilton Cheese Rolling and advised on our Village Appraisal. He remained a loyal patron of Peterborough United.

Brian died on November 9th after a long illness. Our sympathy goes to his wife Audrey and her sons.
Did you know that 70% of Stilton Cheese sales are at Christmas? Port and Stilton is a traditional pairing for a gentleman; ceramic jars of Stilton or a ‘truckle’ (half a cheese) all make very acceptable gifts. You can even buy it from Amazon.

Carefully treated, Stilton will keep well for two weeks. Advice from the Long Clawson dairy is to keep it in the fridge, well wrapped in foil or waxed paper, not in cling film, in an airtight container so that it does not taint other food, nor is tainted itself. Take it out of the fridge two hours before serving to bring it up to room temperature. Stilton freezes very well; defrost for about four hours. It is best cut with a wire, never scooped out, nor should you pour port into the middle!

As the last course of a dinner party, serve the cheese with crackers or plum bread, a fruity chutney, grapes or figs. Traditionally the drink of choice is port or a full-bodied red wine.

Stilton is versatile and perfect for everyday meals. There are many recipes for Stilton soup; it can also be crumbled over soup as a topping. The ultimate baked bean toastie is fast food par excellence - just splash some Worcester sauce over the beans on a slice of toast, top with a generous helping of crumbled Stilton and brown under the grill.

With Stilton cheese as a filling the humble jacket potato takes on a new dimension. Stilton is excellent in cooking; it makes delicious cheese scones and adds well to pasta bake, particularly if paired with leeks.

No excuse for not using up the very last sliver! And you can eat the rind, but if that doesn’t appeal to you just add the grated rind in with whatever dish you’re cooking.
In Tune for Christmas
YOUR KIND OF MUSIC AT THE PAVILION

Our November music event, featuring the duet show played by Andrew Nix and Tony Stace, was an outstanding success with 90 people attending and having a wonderful time, writes Tony Oliver. Just over two hours of superb music and humour by these two clever musicians had our audience calling for more. They work so well together to give such a crisp performance.

Due to my music commitments elsewhere, this month's show will be on Sunday 15th, starting at the usual time. We are featuring another great multi-keyboard player named David Harrild; yet more contrast from those seen throughout the past year. No doubt we will have some seasonal music interspersed through his two-hour concert.

In January we have a break and will return on the first Sunday in February (2nd) when Jon Smith makes a welcome return to the Pavilion. Jon lost his playing partner, Chihoho Sunamoto, to cancer last November and I am sure he will dedicate some of his programme to her, whom we all miss.

2020 DATES AND ARTISTES

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You may not know the names but they are all top keyboard players with a mixture of Pavilion first-timers and returnees and we can guarantee that the music will be thoroughly enjoyable. If you haven't been to a Keyboard Showtime why not come along and hear music played on wonderful instruments that are seldom heard on radio or television because of the orchestral or big band sounds for example. It is a fun afternoon in very pleasant surroundings and we promise to look after you!

All concerts start at 2:30pm (doors open 1:45pm) and, with an interval for free refreshments and raffle, finish around 5pm. Do come and join our music-loving group; you will be welcomed by our friendly team of helpers. We look forward to seeing you at the Pavilion.

We now 'sponsor' Magpas Air Ambulance and donations will be made whenever possible. If you would like further details please contact Tony Oliver in one of the following ways:

telephone 01480 474282 or 07918 602600, email tony.oliver5@btinternet.com

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, with especial thanks to our patrons both local and from far and wide. Thanks and best wishes to all my wonderful team of volunteers.
New A14 Opens!

The new A14 between Ellington and Swavesey will open to traffic on Monday 9th December, a full year ahead of schedule.

Eastbound traffic on the new bypass will still have to join a section of 40mph narrow lanes road works from the Swavesey junction, so drivers should look out for the signs when they approach the area.

Slow-moving vehicles will be prohibited from the new bypass and will be directed to use alternative local access roads. Each junction has specific possible vehicle movements and it is not always possible to join or leave the new road in all directions, to ensure that A14 traffic uses the most appropriate junction for its destination, avoiding roads through local communities.

Work on the rest of the project, between Swavesey and Milton, continues and is on schedule to be completed by December 2020.
Wildlife in Winter

WHAT CAN I FEED TO SWANS?

One of the pleasures of walking out with small children is to go and feed the ducks and swans. But is bread good for them? SCAN contacted the Swan Sanctuary to find out. We are told that fresh bread (not mouldy - that is poisonous to them) is not dangerous as long as it is thrown onto the water so that the bird swallows water with the food. Even better is a variety of food, particularly grain or fresh greens such as lettuce or spinach.

The same advice applies to geese and ducks.

Much the same advice comes from the RSPB with regard to garden birds. Again, no mouldy bread; only put out a small quantity so it is eaten quickly before it has time to go mouldy. You should put out a variety of scraps to ensure the birds get all the nutrition they need. Fat, including suet, mild grated cheese, cold cooked potatoes (they don't much like chips), dried fruits, apples and pears cut up, pastry.

Please note that birds cannot metabolise salt so avoid salted foods.

**SWAN SPECTACULAR**

One of the UK's most spectacular wildlife experiences happens almost on our doorstep. At 3:30pm each day until March, staff at the Welney Wetland Centre near Wisbech feed hundreds of wintering swans which fly in at dusk to roost.

Visitors watch from a heated hide and can get a warm drink and refreshments from the café. There is a shop and lots of other activities. Find the Wetland Centre at PE14 9TN. Their excellent website is at: www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney/ email: info.welney@wwt.org.uk Phone 01353 860711.

It is wise to book as tickets go fast.

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**Stilton Gardening and Natural History Group**

**Tuesday December 17**

7:30pm

Church Meeting Room

Annual Christmas Party

*All past and present members are warmly invited*

Entrance £1 and a contribution of party food or drink.

Raffle

Further details from Olive Main 241206
You should use the NHS 111 service if you urgently need medical help or advice outside our normal operating hours, but it is not a life-threatening situation.

Call 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For emergency situations, you should still dial 999.

**Patient Participation Group**

One of the main aims of a PPG is to act as a ‘critical friend’ to come up with ideas and suggestions on how we can improve things for all our patients. The Patient Group should be representative of the whole practice population.

If you would like to be involved with the PPG then you would be welcome to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 10th December at 6:00pm here at Lakeside Healthcare Yaxley.

**Staff**

We are pleased to announce a new Receptionist to our team, Belinda Evans, and to our Clinical Administration team, Claire Adams.

**Citizens Advice Peterborough (CAP)**

We're here to help, whatever the problem!

If you need advice with your Benefits, Debts, Loss of Job, have Housing issues or any other problem then Citizens Advice Peterborough can offer free, independent, confidential and impartial advice available by appointment only.

Appointments are now available at Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley on Wednesday mornings 9:30 am - 12:00pm and Greater Peterborough GP Hub (Boroughbury Medical Centre) on Monday mornings 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Ask at Reception for an appointment in the Citizens Advice Clinic.

**Friends & Family Test**

Thank you very much to all of you who provided feedback last month for FFT. 96% of our patients who completed the survey in October 2019 would recommend Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley to their friends and family.
Monthly Closure

The Practice will be closed on the following Wednesday 25th December and Thursday 26th December due to Christmas holidays.

In event of an emergency call 999, or for anything less urgent call 111.

Please make sure you have sufficient medication to cover the festive period.

The Doctors and Staff wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Festive Season!

Don’t Burn the House Down!

ONLY THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN FLAMES

Half of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking.

To ensure your festive cheer doesn’t go up in smoke this Christmas follow Cambs Fire & Rescue’s tips below for safe cooking:

- Never leave anything cooking unattended
- Do not cook when tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy
- Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built-up fat can easily catch fire
- Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob – tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire
- Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long.
- Oven chips or temperature-controlled deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking.
- Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers. Never leave them on if you go out or go to bed and register your appliances online to ensure you are made aware of any faults or recalls.
- Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm.
- Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.
Flu Vaccination

All patients falling within the following at-risk categories are entitled to the vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above (including those becoming age 65 by 31/03/19)

- Long-term respiratory disease (such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis)

- Long-term heart disease (such as heart failure)

- Long-term renal disease at stages 3, 4 or 5

- Long-term liver disease

- Long-term neurological disease (such as Parkinson's or motor neurone disease, or learning disability)

- Diabetes

- Splenic dysfunction or asplenia

- Weakened immune system due to disease or treatment. Consideration will also be given to the immunisation of household contacts of these patients.

- Morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 or above)

- All pregnant women (including those who become pregnant during the flu season)

- People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities

- Carers: patients who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, those who are the main carer for an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill, patients employed as carers in a care home or working in the community.

If you haven't had your vaccination yet please call our Reception Team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Minor Illness Appointments

Our Lead Practice Nurse, Sister Anita Willis, is now providing Minor Illness appointments. Our Reception Team will book you into a Minor Illness appointment if you ring for an on-the-day appointment and your problem is appropriate to be dealt with by Sister Willis.
**Christmas and New Year Opening Times**

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During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow two working days for your request to be processed.

On behalf of us all here at Wellside Surgery, I would like to wish all of our patients, and their friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Best Regards,*  
*Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager*

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**Have a BIG Conversation**

HELP TO SHAPE OUR NHS

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation.

Healthcare funding across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford, so some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by completing a short survey online at https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation

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**SCAN Christmas Quiz Answers**

1. Elijah Wood  
2. Sicily  
3. Robert Oppenheimer  
4. Uranus  
5. Queensland and Northern Territories  
6. Australia  
7. The Stone of Scone  
8. Australia  
9. Capricorn  
10. The Stone of Scone  
11. Scotland  
12. Australia  
13. Tchaikovsky  
14. Australia  
15. Roger Bannister  
16. Australia  
17. Tchaikovsky  
18. Scotland  
19. Norway  
20. Jacob Marley

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