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Thanks to the efforts of Pat Maltman and many Year 6 pupils, St Mary’s churchyard bursts with beautiful snowdrops. Learn more on page 15.

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Off to a Good Start
WHAT WILL 2021 BRING?

We start 2021 with some fantastic news - and it is all down to you!

Jackie and Phil Shailer’s amazing Christmas lights not only brought much welcome festive cheer, they also raised an impressive amount for the MAGPAS Air Ambulance.

Your amazing generosity resulting in a great boost for MAGPAS, writes Phil. £176 was raised from the raffle, so big thanks go to everyone who donated some lovely prizes, and congratulations to all of the winners.

Not being able to do the normal grand switch-on we did not really know what to expect but £75 was raised from your online contributions and a staggering £497.10p from the collection buckets on the drive.

The result has been a wonderful total of £748.10; thank you again, it is truly appreciated.

May we also take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New year, stay safe, we managed to get through 2020 so 2021 can only be better.

GO FOR IT MATT!

Most readers will know of our resident Paralympic medallist Matt Skelhon, who rose from nowhere to shake up the world of target rifle shooting. Introduced to the sport at Stoke Mandeville, within 18 months he’d won every major European medal, before making his Paralympic debut by taking the Gold in Tokyo, followed by both Silver and Bronze in London.

Well, he’s off to Tokyo again for the 2021 Paralympics, taking place 24th August - 5th September. You can bet that shooting won’t feature on prime-time television - no money in it - so you’ll have to keep an eye on the online channels.

Good luck Matt; we’re all behind you!
Thanks so very much for all your supportive messages and conversations about reopening the Stilton Cheese Inn as a community hub, writes Tianda Woolner. I’m still collecting your great ideas, so keep them coming! You’ve asked me how you can help and there’s a great way to do that. We’re following a proven route to get this project to fruition. Top of the list is to ‘create a stakeholder group’; that’s you! Stakeholder groups can be very varied but you’ll find that you are part of at least two, for example:

- Those without transport
- Families
- Commuters
- Older people
- Schoolchildren
- Community groups and societies
- People with disabilities
- Young people
- People employed in the community
- Faith groups
- Local businesses.

So we are getting all business-like and asking for you to send in a quick paragraph about how the opening of a multi-use hub would make a difference to your life. I’ve done mine as a potential renter of the retail space but could equally have written it as a user of the facilities (mostly eating cake!) and you can include anything and everything you want.

Here’s an example to start you off:

(Name and Address) (contact details)

(Para 1; how the closure has affected you)
It has been so depressing to see how that building has deteriorated over the past months as it was once a proud feature along the main road into the village.

(Para 2; personal interest in reopening)
As a community hub and a place for me to sell my upcycled furniture from, and perhaps as a work space when business increases. Up to now I have been working at home and selling online and at local craft fairs, I’d love to be able to work and sell in my village.

(Para 3: how the community hub will improve our community)
Reopening as a community hub/cafe will fill a large gap in our small community, offering opportunities to residents of all ages to meet up on a daily basis and to enjoy the lovely old building we are trying to save.

If you can do this, please email it to ourbigstiltoncheese@gmail.com, drop a letter into my postbox at 14 Glebe Rd, or send a text message to 07758 368255.

If you have young people in your household, please encourage them to return the questionnaire opposite ➔
The Big Cheese
Youth Questionnaire

We hope to turn The Stilton Cheese Inn into a multi-use space, focused around a community café with outside space for all.

For young members of our community this is a fantastic opportunity to have a say in how you want your space to look and perform.

We plan to keep two adjoining rooms towards the back as multi-use rooms for groups to meet, so tell us what you want to include in them and when you would like to use them.

Just fill in this page and drop it into: 14 Glebe Road, Stilton, PE7 3RQ.

OR: Comment on our Big Cheese Facebook page.

OR: email us your ideas to ourbigstiltoncheese@gmail.com

1. How old are you?  2. Male or Female?

2. When would you like to use this space? (Tick all that apply)
Mornings  Afternoons  Evenings  Weekdays  Weekends

3. What facilities/activities would you like? (Tick all that apply)
TV Screens  Charging points  Soft furniture/ tables and chairs
Board games/digital games  Music  Other (describe below)

4. Have your say! Please put any more of your thoughts/comments or questions here:

Please get in touch and let us know what you think!

Thank you very much. Best wishes, The Big Cheese Team xx
I would like to thank everyone who has supported the local Foodbank by donating food and also those who have supported us financially through the difficult year of 2020, writes Pearl Reed.

Through 2020, the Foodbank gave out about 10 tonnes of food in routine parcels and we have noticed a sharp increase since last autumn. In addition, we have given out 53 Christmas parcels (almost double the usual number) to families recommended to us by local schools and agencies. These alone comprised just over two tonnes of food, along with toiletries and new toys kindly donated by local people.

Thank you for the support of the people of Stilton, which has been vital to the work of the Foodbank. Thanks also to NISA for providing a collection point.

If St Mary’s church is closed the collection point will revert to 10 St Mary’s Road Stilton. (01733 241114)

Sadly, however, the Royal British Legion’s 2020 Poppy Appeal suffered badly from the impact of the Covid mitigations. As local Branch Chairman, Tom Cochrane explains, there were no door-to-door collections, the pubs were quiet and the big stores were very limited in what they could do. The total for Stilton and Folksworth was £364.50 - about a third of the usual amount, but not so bad all things considered. The Yaxley and District total was over £8,000.

Our grateful thanks to all of you who donated in the few boxes we were able to put out in Stilton and Folksworth,

The British Legion was formed on 15th May 1921, so this year marks its Centenary. We will be pulling out all the stops to their fullest extent!

To all your readers, thanks again and a very happy New Year,

Tom Cochrane

Have you got any puzzles or brain games surplus to requirements?

Keeping our brains active is a great way to keep cheerful during lockdowns when we can't socialise as much as we'd like.

If you have any jigsaws, kits, brain games etc that you no longer use, we’ll advertise them here for FREE during 2021.

Just contact scan1@stilton.org with your details.
A Playground Squabble
LET’S CALM DOWN AND GET FOCUSED

We’ve all got plenty of things to worry about at present without creating new ones, so it’s regrettable that the playground project seems to have turned from an exciting opportunity into a self-inflicted crisis.

Trying to pick an optimum location and work within financial constraints was always going to be a challenge for the Parish Council. Apart from anything else, decades of often ill-considered planning approvals have in-filled most of the potential spaces in the village centre with housing. We all get this. But there is a considerable strength of demand for a children’s play park, many years of fund-raising and now a £37,500 County Council grant to make it happen.

So when the PC spontaneously decided, at a confidential meeting on 5th January, to defer the project and - amazingly - to hand back the County grant, Facebook lit up like a Christmas tree and even SCAN’s mailbox started receiving some heartfelt opinions on the matter. You may have heard the thump as our County Councillor’s jaw hit his desk on receiving a request to return the grant!

It goes without saying that - especially on such an issue - a PC must act in an open, honest and transparent way. From the comments circulated it’s clear that this is not the perception, not even on the PC itself where at least one individual was moved to consider resignation in protest.

So what to do? Encouragingly, the PC have taken on board the strong views expressed to them at the 12th January Zoom meeting and scheduled an Extraordinary Meeting for Monday 25th January (just too late for SCAN’s print deadline, sadly). This will discuss the playground issue and consider a special motion agreeing to site a new playground for the under-12’s at the Pavilion playing field. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this is the only site offering the possibility of completing the project within the time allowed by Cambridgeshire County Council, the grant provider. Further discussions on the project will take place at the Council’s regular meeting in February.

But let’s not leave it all to the Parish Council. Stilton has an outstanding record of self-help projects, notably the Skate Park and the Pavilion, which may have been overseen by the PC but which owe their existence - and quality - to the dedication of many villagers. The playground project has brought together many residents with a sense of purpose, so let’s capitalise on this.

First off, the PC is under-strength and even has some members who don’t live in the village, so there are opportunities to get involved and make a difference. You can even volunteer to share the load by supporting any of its sub-committees.

Second, the PC needs to up its game in communicating such important issues to the community. We’re all grown-ups; we understand that hard decisions must often be taken, so get people involved!
Our school now has a beautiful new World, British and local history timeline in the corridor. As well as creating curious learners, it will really support learning in history, enabling children to see things in chronological order more easily.

The children and staff at Stilton C of E Primary Academy would like to thank the Stilton Heritage Project for facilitating and encouraging this timeline and the church for funding it.

As we are getting to grips with a whole new way of learning again, we keep flourishing through friendship and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!
Heritage Matters
AN UPDATE

It’s been a while since we updated readers on the progress of the Heritage Project, but there’s good news and bad news.

Sadly, our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund - ably piloted by Peter Mitchell - was rejected. Not through any shortcomings on our part though; the HLF were very complimentary about the quality of our bid, but their grant awards had to be suspended in the light of Covid.

But there’s much good news to be proud of. First, readers will recall the launch in December 2019 of a greatly expanded Visitor’s Guide to St Mary Magdalene church. This has received many compliments since its publication, not least from individuals doing historical research into Stilton.

Equally to be proud of is the Timeline in Stilton School - see article opposite. This was from the outset a key element of the Heritage Project and the final result has far exceeded expectations. We hope that, once Covid restrictions are lifted, the school will be able to host an open event for villagers to admire this beautiful and valuable teaching aid.

Covid has of course impacted many plans in many ways. The original objective of restoring the church’s Collyweston roof has had to be taken over by Richard Gibbs. It is to be hoped that the original HLF bid can be resurrected once circumstances change.

A STITCH IN TIME

The needlework project, which was another key element of the programme has progressed well, under the circumstances!

The panel is now ready for adding the cross, quilting and mounting. For this the team need to be together and have the use of the Church Meeting Room, neither of which is possible at the moment. Grrrr!

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Apropos of heritage, we were delighted to discover that Jean Habart, the young French PoW at the Norman Cross depot whose story we described in the church guidebook, has a descendant still living here: Marilyn Martin (nee Storey).

While at the depot, Jean met local farm girl Elizabeth Snow. After being offered his repatriation, he sought leave to remain in Britain and they married, settling and prospering in Stilton. Jean (John) and Elizabeth were Marilyn’s three times great-grandparents. Their son Henry’s daughter, Minnie Elizabeth Habart, married Charles Edward Storey.
Folksworth Preschool
SHOWING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Life at the moment is difficult for everyone; it has changed beyond recognition and we find ourselves withdrawing once again from society. But even during these troubled and confusing times, I could not feel prouder of our community and just how, together, we have faced these challenges and turned them into something positive.

By showing our children what community spirit means and the different ways in which we can help each other, we will ensure that our community thrives for future generations to come. Kindness and compassion are positive forces that we try to teach our children.

Over the Christmas period our preschool supported CARESCO in Sawtry with donations for the food bank. Our children and families collected nearly 100 items for others in need, showing what the true message of community means.

We wanted to bring Christmas cheer to Folksworth and this year we went with a Christmas tree (located outside the village hall) and Santa letters to try to bring a smile to all. The tree was purchased from a group raising money for Sue Ryder. As a charity we understand how hard it is to raise money and we wanted to be able to help another charity. Thank you to everyone who took part and for the generous donations received.

At such a difficult time it is amazing that people felt they were able to donate. So, a huge thank you for every single donation.

This term we opened our doors to the children in our neighbouring community who needed a preschool placement at very short notice.

We have donated our old printer to a family who are home-schooling. When we pull together we can lighten the burden others face and make life that little bit easier for someone who is struggling.

So we would like to give special thanks to Nisa Stilton for their ongoing support to Folksworth Preschool and the wider community because together when we work as one, we can do great things and make a change for good, we can bring out a ray of light in the darkest moments facing some of those in our community.

Contributors!
We want your material!

For SCAN, email scan1@stilton.org or call Kelvin on (01733) 244140

For Folklore, email to Sarah Abbott at abbottssarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on (01733) 247275
Janet Darke’s winter scene featured on the cover of last month’s issue - well done Janet. But as we are in lockdown once again we thought it would be good to share some of our recent paintings. Featured here are Andy Goodfellow’s excellent painting of Woody the dog, while Mike Ward’s atmospheric rendering of Hunstanton Cliffs provides a memory of seaside holidays.

We hope you enjoy our efforts and hope to share more of our artists work in the future.
Under the new lockdown restrictions the play park remains open but we have had to again tape off the outdoor exercise equipment. Please remember to follow the guidance around hand hygiene and social distancing. The overriding message at the moment is stay at home, only going out if it's an essential journey.

Please get in the habit of checking the community Facebook page and the website daily as things can change quickly. There have recently been a few scams circulating, these are posted on FB and the website too.

www.folksworthwashingley-pc.org.uk

FLOOD MAP

The recent heavy rain has caused flooding to some parts of the parish. The District Council is putting together a flood map so please let us know if your house, garden, shed or garage has flooded recently. Useful contact information and guidance as to flood recovery is on the website.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held remotely via the Zoom platform, at least until May when the situation will be reviewed. The Agendas go onto the noticeboards and website in the usual way and there is a link on the Agenda to allow you to sit in or take part in the Open Forum section of the meeting. If you have any issues to raise but are unable to sit in on a meeting please let me know in advance and I will ensure they are discussed. The District and County Council are usually represented at these meetings too.

There are now three local walk maps on the website. It's good to get some outdoor exercise so please look at them. We are working with the County Council and the landowners to improve the waymarking.

The Parish Councillors continue to do their quarterly maintenance walks to identify areas needing attention. These are reported to the various higher tier authorities if they are not things we can deal with ourselves. The bird nesting period begins in March so if you need to do any work on overhanging hedges and branches, please do this in the next few weeks. We also often receive complaints from parents pushing pushchairs and people using mobility scooters that they are unable to get past.

Council is not permitted to organise an official litter pick but would encourage all residents to keep an eye on their own areas. Many of you are already doing this so thank you!

Maintenance continues at the pocket park by the pond in Elm Road. The snowdrops are coming out so please take a detour from your daily exercise to enjoy them. Councillors are also looking into the possibility of planting a small area of woodland on the playing field.

Stay safe and well everyone!

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO
07724 171158
A Wartime Childhood
BY YASMIN BRADLEY (ROGERS)

In this, the third in a four-part series of the childhood memories of the late Myrtle Clarke, we learn about Newbury Hall and its owner, Harry Shaw.

Sadly, Newbury Hall is no more, but the stud farm with its fine clock tower, over twenty empty stables and a cottage on each end, still stands proudly on the crest of Caldecote hill. Behind and to the side of the stud farm is a field littered with brick rubble, fragments of decorative glass and faded, raspberry red tiles. This is all that remains of the house, together with the fiercely pollarded plane trees that line the route of Newbury Hall Road from the main road to the stud farm, and beyond the stud to the erstwhile Hall.

Newbury Hall and the stud farm were built in 1935 by the wealthy, but somewhat shady, Harry Shaw. Shaw was the penultimate owner of Washingtonley Hall before it was broken up and sold after the war.

Born in Morpeth, Northumbria, Thomas Henry Shaw had four children with his second wife, Catherine, who died in 1915. (He appears to have been previously married to a lady named Ellen.) In 1939 the youngest, 30-year old journalist Norman Henry Shaw, was living in The Cottage, Newbury Stud. As Lieutenant Shaw of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps he was killed on 4th March 1942 in Egypt, where he is buried in the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo.

Harry had married again to Bertha Osgood, who was born in Newbury, Berkshire. They had a daughter, Margaret and a son, Philip, who according to Myrtle had earlier been sent away to boarding school. By 1939 they appear to have flown the nest and Bertha was back with her widowed mother in Berkshire. Meanwhile, Harry was on his own in Newbury Hall with only a pair of land girls billeted on him for company!

Where Shaw's funds originated is intriguing. In early censuses he appears as the son of a ‘coachman’ - hence the interest in horses - and in his marriage certificates and children's baptisms he is entered either as a ‘gentleman’ or with ‘no occupation’ given.

Myrtle remembers Newbury Hall as a fine spacious building with very large furniture. Her cousin Alma was very taken with the furniture and persuaded her father (farmer, Bernard Farrington) to buy a wardrobe when the contents went on sale. ‘It would never have fitted in an ordinary house’ - a problem for Alma, as after the War she married and moved into a bungalow.

She also remembers that in the 30s Newbury Hall provided stabling for about fifteen racehorses. The Fitzwilliam Hunt met in Caldecote once or twice a year and had the right to roam over some of the local farmers’ land. Myrtle's brother rode with the hunt, as did a cousin on a little piebald pony.
Look! Green Shoots!
SPRINGTIME BRINGS RENEWED OPTIMISM

About two years ago, I asked my parents if I could have some rhubarb and hostas for the garden. The rhubarb was to go into an overgrown bit of vegetable patch at the back and the hostas were to fill the front border.

In a fit of enthusiasm, I put the hostas in the front but the rhubarb didn't go in straight away, as I had to dig over the soil and I didn't feel like it for ages. So long in fact that green shoots were poking out of the root balls. But something didn't look right, so I sent Mum a photograph and asked 'does your rhubarb look like my rhubarb?'

Sure enough, I had some hearty looking rhubarb establishing itself in the front border. Never mind!

But that front border also points up a lesson. I've just cut back all the dead stalks of flowering perennials. It did look a mess. Everything that was flowering was now dry and brown. It's only that I know that it will burst back into life in the Spring that stops me feeling sad or frustrated. I do nothing much to help because nature has everything it needs. It's just waiting for the right moment.

As we approach every new situation in life, this same tension exists. Am I excited by the coming of new growth or do I fear that it can't?

I often wonder what will happen when this pandemic is over. It's easy to worry that things can't be recovered or even re-created, but we should be sure that they can. Not everything will be the same - nothing really is immune to change - but a new flourishing is upon us. My faith tells me that God loves these times for the new start they present, as the prophet Isaiah put it:

*See, I am doing a new thing!*
*Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*
*I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

*Isaiah 43:19*

I was hugely encouraged by Tianda's article in last month's *SCAN*, talking about the potential at the Stilton Cheese Inn. That's just the kind of fighting talk we need to discover the places where new growth can emerge. I hope she stirred your soul with her vision and the attitude of pioneering to create exciting opportunity in a place that is currently dormant. I know a lot of people have been feeling understandably fed up, but perhaps this is the sort of news to give you renewed optimism?

*God Bless*
*Richard*
In Praise of Snowdrops
EARLY SEASON CHEER IN OUR GARDENS

Snowdrops really lift the spirits, telling us that Spring is just around the corner, writes Pat Maltman.

There are actually 20 different species but hundreds of named cultivars. Enthusiasts will pay dearly for the rarest; the record is £1,390 for one bulb and in the latest Avon bulbs catalogue, many cultivars cost between £20 - £60 per bulb. Some are named for a particular characteristic of the flower - 'Wasp' has long wispy flowers, 'Walrus' has long, curled outer petals and 'Grumpy' looks …. well, grumpy!

Snowdrops are natives of Southern Europe. It is a bit of a mystery how and when they arrived in the UK. The first records of snowdrops in gardens come from the 16th century but they don't appear in the wild until the latter half of the 17th century - probably escapees from gardens and estates.

Snowdrops are amazing plants. They have reinforced leaf tips to come through frozen earth or snow. They quickly recover after very cold nights as the leaves and stems contain an 'anti-freeze' protein which prevents ice crystals forming and destroying the cells. The flowers will remain closed until the temperature reaches about 9°C - there would be no point opening as there won't be any insects around for pollination.

Snowdrops are rabbit- and deer-proof and rarely attacked by slugs. They contain an alkaloid, galantamine, which is used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

To keep your snowdrops flowering well, split up larger clumps regularly to give the new smaller, baby bulbs space to grow and flourish. The ideal time is when they are dormant in the summer - but you can't find them then! So split up the clumps in late April/early May when the foliage is dying back and replant them in twos or threes. Don't let them dry out. Dry snowdrop bulbs are notoriously difficult to get started so always buy them 'in the green' if you can.

Snowdrops are also called Candlemas Bells, this being February 2nd. It is thought they were planted in churchyards so that there would be flowers to go on the altar to honour The Virgin Mary. Not so in Stilton churchyard; I planted these over 30 years ago, but I can't remember exactly when. They have spread fantastically well, with a little help from each successive Year 6 group from Stilton School who come to Crossover on Thursday evenings. Every spring - sadly not 2020 - we spend an evening digging up and replanting snowdrops. You may notice the newer plantings tend to be in rows! Enjoy the snowdrops and let's hope we can do our 'thinning out' this year.
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#### Addresses

**Stilton**
- **Stilton Church Meeting Room**
  - 9:15am
  - 2 - 4pm

**Folksworth**
- **Folksworth Village Hall**
  - 248701
  - 07771
- **Vicky Leschallas**
  - 2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am

**CARESCO Centre**
- **Louise Knox**
  - 5:30 - 7pm
  - 7:30pm 2nd Tuesday in month
  - 6 - 7pm in term time

**St B’s Hall, Yaxley**
- **Rebecca Mills**
  - 2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am

**Yaxley British Legion**
- **Sue Gibbs**
  - Mon (adults) 2-4pm; Tue 7:00-9:30pm

**Stilton Pavilion**
- **Glen Woolner**
  - 6 - 8pm

**Yaxley**
- **Nigel Rosbrook**
  - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2-4pm

**Stilton Stumblers (walking group)**
- **Jackie Stanbridge**
  - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2-4pm

### Additional Information

- **Church services are suspended until further notice.**

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Age Well Club

Yaxley Flower Club

Folksworth Art Club

Taoist Tai Chi

Stilton United FC

Chairobics

Mat Pilates

Yoga

Band

Peterborough Opera Group

Folksworth Carpet Bowls Club

Stilton Carpet Bowls Club

Stilton Table Tennis Club

Clubbercise

Pilates (Stilton)

Pilates (Stilton) - over-50s

Zumba

Christian Congregation in UK

Prayer Focus

Holy Communion (soup lunch)

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Linking Hands (mums)

Stilton Group Service

LinCup (Café style worship)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Sewing Group

Parish Council (Folksworth)

Parish Council (Stilton)

To join Stilton or Folksworth Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, please visit: www.girlguiding.org and click on ‘Get Involved.’

Stay & Play

Playgroup (Stilton)

Toddlers’ Dance

SWATC

CARESCO Centre

Austin Hall, Main Street, Yaxley

CARESCO Centre

St B’s Hall, Yaxley

As per fixtures

Austins Hall, Main Street, Yaxley

Varys

Folksworth Village Hall

Cherry Hadley

Folksworth Village Hall

Karen Mason

Yaxley British Legion

Yvonne Wagstaff

Meet at the Pump

Shirley Gregory

To book: Stilton Pavilion - 07484 746894  | Folksworth Village Hall - (01733) 241938  |  Stilton Church Meeting Room - (01733) 241709  |  Leave a LANDLINE number!

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Contact Julianne Lawrence (Clerk) by email at clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org

What to do, where to do it and who to do it with

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or for more information email: engage.online@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**READ A LITTLE ALOUD - ONLINE!**

Cambridgeshire Libraries present Read a Little Aloud Online! - Join in and listen at home to our volunteers reading a variety of poems, stories and literature.

**Tuesday 2nd February, 2-3pm:**

**STORYTELLING**

If you are interested in being in the audience for any of these events or finding out more then please contact the RALA team at: RALA.Online@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For all information, or to join the library online, go to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries

You can also join by phone; just call 0345 045 5225.

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CURRENT LIBRARY SERVICES

Select and Collect service visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries or call the Customer Service Centre on 0345 045 5225. This service is completely free to use at present. Customers will be notified when their books are ready to collect.

Chargeable Items - Overdue Fines are currently suspended.

Reservation charges are currently at the reduced rate of 50p per item. This will be kept under review.

DVDs are available for a 2 week loan period at a charge of £1. Spoken Word charges have been reinstated.

Items can be returned at any open library.

Our IT facilities are available for essential PC use only, as per government guidelines. 45 minute appointments can be made over the phone via the Customer Service centre or online.

Printing facility are available when using the computers.

Meeting rooms, library events and activities will be reintroduced when it is safe to do so.

We cannot accept book donations at this time.
COVID-19
NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The NHS is well-used to delivering millions of vaccines a year, and is moving quickly to roll out this vaccine to those who need it, but it's important that we remember this will be a marathon, not a sprint.

The large increase in cases that hospitals are seeing and the emergence of a new variant of the virus shows that we cannot let our guard down now.

NHS staff are doing an incredible job to deliver what it is the largest vaccination programme in the NHS’s history, while continuing to be there for everyone who needs care. The public have an important part to play to help them do this:

● please don’t contact the NHS to seek a vaccine; we will contact you;

● when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments;

● and please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website: www.yaxleygp.nhs.uk/

Visit www.worldcancerday.org/

World Cancer Day every 4th February is the global uniting initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). By raising worldwide awareness, improving education and catalysing personal, collective and government action, they are working together to re-imagine a world where millions of preventable cancer deaths are saved and access to life-saving cancer treatment and care is equal for all - no matter who you are or where you live.

Practice Staff

We welcome our new Receptionist, Natalie Betts.

Monthly Closure Dates

The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 17th February between 12:30pm and 4:00pm for staff training.

Emergency Telephone (01733) 240478.
Rare Disease Day

This takes place on the last day of February each year. The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives. The campaign targets primarily the general public and also seeks to raise awareness amongst policy makers, public authorities, industry representatives, researchers, health professionals and anyone who has a genuine interest in rare diseases.

Visit www.rarediseaseday.org/
Keeping Well

News from the Wellside Clinic
(01487) 830340 www.wellside.org.uk

Covid Vaccinations

By the time you read this you will probably be aware that our patients are starting to be called to receive their Covid vaccination. We are working with our Primary Care Network (PCN) colleagues who, along with us, comprise the A1 PCN. The five practices, Alconbury and Brampton, Almond Road (St Neots), Buckden and Little Paxton, and we here at Wellside are committed to providing this service to our registered patients.

Patients will be invited to attend in accordance with the priority groups set by the government. Initial invitation will be sent via text, while all patients who do not have a mobile phone number on record will receive a telephone call. On a national level, letters are being sent to patients inviting them to attend one of the large-scale mass vaccination centres that are coming on line. Patients can choose whether they wish to attend a large centre or a more local hub - your choice may be determined by which you are offered first.

Whilst we focus our efforts on provision of Covid vaccination clinics locally we are having to prioritise the services available at the surgery as we will be working with a greatly reduced practice team. During this time, non-essential services will not be available. We thank you for bearing with us during this time.

We need people to help at our vaccination site with roles such as car park marshalling, meet & greet, and helping elderly and infirm patients get in and out of the centre. This will be at a local hub covering patients of all practices within out PCN. Help may be needed seven days a week. If anyone has any free time to help out it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact: loraine.harris@nhs.net (note: one r in loraine).

Best Regards,
Mrs Claire Wright
Practice Manager
Scam Alert
BEWARE: NHS COVID VACCINE SCAMS

Scammers are always looking for new ways to catch the unwary, so it’s no surprise that they’re trading on our concerns about Covid vaccinations.

Reported examples of this include:

- A text message containing a link to a fake NHS website that suggests you need to apply for the vaccine and asks for various personal details (example opposite);

- Requests for payment for the vaccine, or bank details to secure an appointment;

- Requests to confirm you wish to have the vaccine by pressing a button on your keypad or responding to a text message.

The official NHS advice about the vaccine roll out is:

1. The vaccine is **only** available on the NHS. You will be contacted when it is your turn. You will not be asked to pay for the vaccine.

2. The NHS will **never** ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and never ask for payment or for your bank details to confirm your identity.

3. An NHS representative will **never** arrive unannounced at someone's home to administer the vaccine.

As ever, your best defence is a suspicious nature! If you receive a phone call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up.

You can quickly spot dodgy emails by hovering the cursor over the From name or over any links in the message. If the actual link target is not what you would expect it to be, or you are in any way suspicious about the message, forward it to: report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete it. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.
Right now we all could do with a bit of self-indulgence and many are taking advantage of lockdown to brush up their culinary skills. So killing two birds with one stone, as it were, why not try this tempting dessert from Izzy Gibbs?

**YOU NEED**

- 250gm digestive biscuits
- 100gm melted butter
- 250gm macaroons
- 600gm soft cheese
- 2 whole eggs and 2 yolks
- The zest and juice of 3 lemons
- 4 tbsp plain flour
- 170gm caster sugar
- Lemon curd

To garnish, fresh raspberries, crème fraîche or icing sugar as you fancy.

**SIMPLES!**

Heat the oven to 180°C. Line the bottom of a 23cm tin with greaseproof paper. Blitz the biscuits and melted butter in a food processor to make fine crumbs. Press into the tin and chill. (The tin, not you!)

Whisk all the other ingredients in a large bowl until completely combined, pour into the tin, then bake for 35-40 mins until the cheesecake has an even wobble.

Turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake inside until cool. When it is completely cooled, remove from the tin. Swirl lemon curd over the top and decorate with raspberries, creme fraîche, or simply dust with icing sugar.