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Local News

Pegging It

WALKING ACROSS ENGLAND FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Never one to turn down a challenge, Parish Councillor Mark Angus will be setting off on the 8th July on a 14-day trek along the famous Coast to Coast walk to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Mark has lost a number of family members and friends to cancer and knows others whose vital treatment has given them priceless extra life.

Originally created by Alfred Wainwright, the Coast to Coast stretches 190 miles from St Bees in the Lake District to Robin Hoods Bay in North Yorkshire. It's one of the world's finest long-distance trails, but not one for the faint-hearted!

Mark has never done anything like this before, so it will be a genuine challenge. Readers may have seen him out training over the last six months or so, walking 20 miles at a time with a weighted rucksack.

If you would like to support this worthy cause, you can find Mark's fundraising page by searching for 'Mark Angus' on justgiving.com and selecting 'Mark's Coast to Coast 190 Mile Walk'. Alternatively you can drop a cheque payable to 'Cancer Research UK' through the letter box at 1 Willow Close.

SCAN expects a full report when he returns!

High-Fibre Diet?

SUPERFAST FIBRE BROADBAND FOR STILTON?

The internet service in/around Stilton is currently limited to Fibre-to-Cabinet with the gap between cabinet and premises using the copper cables. This limits the capacity and speed available to local residents. This has been challenging during lockdown when many households have had adults working from home and school-age children engaged in on-line learning.

The solution is a full-fibre connection to the premises or FTP. FTP potentially offers up to 1Gigabit (1000 Mbps) but would likely be circa 300 Mbps, approximately 10 times the current speed we can currently get. But it is not yet available in Stilton, nor are there any published plans to improve the infrastructure.

Supported by Openreach and part-funded by the Government's £210m Gigabit Voucher Scheme, Community Fibre Partnerships (CFPs) are a way of bringing FTP to rural communities. Vouchers worth up to £1500 for a household and £3500 for businesses can be put towards the costs of FTP. An initial study indicates that for a CFP covering Caldecote Road and Church Street, all of the costs of the infrastructure could be met from a combination of vouchers and Openreach funding. Dependent upon the numbers of people from the village participating and the funding from vouchers, it could be fibre for free!

Stilton Parish Council is supporting the Stilton CFP and we now need to understand the level of interest in FTP among local residents and businesses so that we can work out the size of the scheme or schemes, whether it could be delivered as a single project or in phases, and also the costs. We will also need some help from residents to make this a reality and mobilise support from neighbours – at the moment the CFP is a one-man band!

Please register your interest by email with Stiltoncfp@gmail.com – please state your name, address (and Business Name if applicable) and if you would be happy to help get the Stilton CFP started.

Yaxley Foodbank and Stilton Church

Yaxley Foodbank appreciates your support in donating food for those who are in need.

At the moment we are short of:

- Jam
- Tinned Fruit
- Chopped Tomatoes
- Tins of Rice Pudding

If St Mary Magdalene Church is closed, the collection point is 10 St Mary's Road, Stilton. If you require any items to be collected, please phone Pearl Reed on (01733) 241114.

From The Cabbage Patch

Heaven Scent

FRAGRANT PLANTINGS FOR SUMMER EVENINGS

There is nothing nicer than a calm summer evening in the garden, *writes Pat Maltman*. Ignore the weeds - just enjoy a gin and tonic!

Fragrant plants definitely improve the experience. Philadelphus, aka mock orange blossom, is a good choice. The shrub itself is not particularly attractive but the fragrance is amazing. It flowers on last year's growth, so pruning immediately after flowering will encourage new growth for next year's flowers. Cutting out a couple of the older branches low down will produce new growth from the base. 'Avalanche', 'Belle Etoile' and 'Virginal' varieties are particularly fragrant.

Pineapple Broom, *Cytisus battandieri*, likes a sunny spot and the flowers really do smell like pineapple. A new honeysuckle, 'Scentsation', has an exceptional fragrance. It flowers later than 'ordinary' honeysuckle, providing scent well into late summer.

Plants which produce scent later in the day do so to attract moths for pollination. In this country we have over 2,500 species of moths and only 60 species of butterflies. We tend to see butterflies more often as they are out and about during the day whereas many moths appear at dusk and can be very tiny.

The scent of roses was, sadly, bred out of many 'modern' roses in the 19th and early 20th centuries but, thanks to rose breeders

like David Austin, scent is once again an important selling point. Old roses which are scented are still around - one of my favourites, 'Souvenir du Dr Jamain' has deep red buds and a glorious perfume. Generally, if the flower fades to a bluish-purple it will usually be scented. We also have a totally untamed sweet briar, a variety of *Rosa rubiginosa*, which, if you crush a leaf in your fingers, smells strongly of apples.

My large pot of a scented leaf Pelargonium comes out of the greenhouse to stand near a path where brushing past it releases an amazing, pervasive rose scent.

Each year I pot up plug plants of a petunia selection called 'Montage' for the patio. Strangely, only purple and pale blue petunias have a scent, reminiscent of carnations. A pot of *Zaluzianskia ovata* (Night Phlox) on the patio table releases a gorgeous fragrance I describe as vanilla sherbert! A half-hardy perennial, in some years it will survive outside in the garden.

Both smell and taste are very subjective, often caused by differences in our genetic make-up. The 'plum tart iris', *Iris graminea*, apparently smells of plums - but I can't smell it! Similarly, you either like Coriander or find that it tastes of soap. My brother reckons it tastes like Ajax!

Parish Council News

TAKING THE BRAKES OFF

FACE TIME!

Thanks to June's fine weather the Parish Council was able to hold its first face-to-face meeting out of doors at Stilton Pavilion on 8th June. Legislation allowing Zoom meetings ended in May, so Parish Council face-to-face meetings are now obligatory. The outdoor session enabled a gathering of our Parish Councillors, together with our District and County Councillors and some members of the public, to take place with the necessary Covid-19 precautions. A very full agenda, including dealing with the end of year audit issues, was dealt with speedily and efficiently, so business was completed just after the sun dipped below the horizon!

NEW WEDNESDAY CLUB AT THE PAVILION

As the grip of the Covid-19 Pandemic is eased there are many people in the village who yearn to start socialising face to face again. The Parish Council has responded to residents' requests (mainly from the over-50s who are fully vaccinated) for somewhere to meet, have a cup of tea and a chat, by setting up a Wednesday Club at the Pavilion.

The new Club has got off to a flying start with all the social distancing and Covid-safe measures in place. The Club is open on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm for villagers to meet and talk. Various social activities will be available, including for example, chair yoga, music and demonstrations during the next few weeks

Julie, our Pavilion administrator is full of ideas for the Wednesday Club, one of which might include a luncheon club if there is sufficient demand. To start the ball rolling, over the past four weeks Mary Croll and Jackie Shailer have donated delicious homemade cakes whilst other volunteers have made the tea, coffee and washed up afterwards.

The Club has only been in existence for a few weeks but there is already lots of good feedback. One villager summed up his feelings about it by saying that 'it is marvellous to have somewhere in Stilton to go to for a cup of tea and a chat'.

Why not come along and join in?

CHRISTMAS FAIR DATES

The Parish Council agreed to hold a Christmas Fair at Stilton Pavilion on Saturday, 27th November 2021 (COVID restrictions permitting). Now that the under-12's Play Park is to be built, all profits from the Fair will be placed in a fund for youths' amenities, the planned Phase 2 of the Parish Council's plan for the young people of our village.

The Christmas Fair is a major undertaking and we really need your help for the planning and running of the event. If you would like to help in any way please contact Dee Darnell, tel: 07806 833555 or email: dee.darnell@stiltonparishcouncil.org.

HIGHWAYS & SPEEDWATCH - EDUCATING OUR DRIVERS

Our reports of speeding vehicles in North Street have attracted a lot of attention from residents. There are lots of ideas for how we might solve the problem. However, many don't realise that to achieve changes we must persuade Cambridgeshire Highways (who are responsible for our roads) that action is needed. Any change has to meet current rules and guidelines but, if our arguments are sound, county funds may be forthcoming - though usually with some local matched funding from the Parish Council. Road maintenance and highways changes are expensive and so our proposals need to be strong. We are always in competition with other villages that also have road safety concerns.

Stilton's recent successes with bids to Cambridgeshire's Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme have been underpinned by evidence accumulated by the village Community Speedwatch team. Our records of speeding vehicles along North Street were essential to get LHI funds for our Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) that can now be seen around the village and for the 40mph 'buffer zone' that will be installed to the north of the village later in this financial year.

The MVAS not only displays vehicle speeds but is continuously collecting data of traffic numbers and speeds of vehicles. This will help further bids for traffic calming measures in the village. But Speedwatch will continue to provide important information to help our future bids for funds.

Both MVAS and Community Speedwatch are important to remind and also educate road users about the hazards associated with speed on our roads. We know that many drivers slow down when they spot our MVAS or Speedwatch team. We are pleased to see that. The main idea is not to 'catch' those who offend but remind drivers of the need to keep to the speed limit. Perhaps in the future our vehicles will be fitted with a 'black box' controlling and/or recording our vehicle's speed! But, until then, we have to use other methods to keep our village safe.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative whereby members of local communities, with the support and supervision of their local police, record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. In Stilton we have a small band of volunteers running Speedwatch. But we need more people to come forward if we are to provide regular Speedwatch sessions for our village. We don't want to interfere with our neighbours' behaviour, but improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in our village.

How does it work? The Speedwatch team records all passing vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit; this information is passed to the police. Registered keepers of those vehicles are contacted - initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live. Beyond these friendly gestures, enforcement and criminal prosecution follow based on the collated evidence.

STILTON SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU!

If you can spare just an hour or two a month to become a Community Speedwatch volunteer for Stilton please contact csw.stilton@gmail.com or Keith Bull on 07484863226.

We can organize a short police training session to show you all you need to know to join us in our Stilton Speedwatch sessions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

PLAY PARK UPDATE

Those of you passing by the Pavilion will have noticed that the groundworks in preparation for the Play Park have already started. These should be completed soon so that the area is ready for the installation of the play equipment. We understand the installation is likely to start towards the end of July or early August.

CARE FOR OUR PLAYING FIELD AND SKATE PARK

We are pleased to see good use of the playing field and Skate Park by the young people of the village in these summer evenings. These amenities are an important facility for us all and the Parish Council is keen they are available to everyone in the village. However, there have been some problems with broken glass (from bottles) in the skate park, around the Pavilion and on the playing field. Could you please help us by encouraging everyone, young and old, to take special care of our amenity spaces? Unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the funds or resources to monitor and clean all areas every day, so we need your help to keep our village safe for all.

Contributors !

We want your material!

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

For **Folklore**, email to Sarah Abbott at abbottsarahj@hotmail.co.uk or call her on (01733) 247275



Thought for Food



Pimms o'Clock

A BRILLIANTLY SIMPLE SUMMER DESSERT

It's time to enjoy al fresco dining on the patio again. Barbies are always easy and popular, but what to do for dessert? Especially if you're no great shakes at making them. **SCAN** to the rescue! Here's a stunning dessert that's so simple *anybody* can make it.

YOU NEED

- An instant sponge cake mix from the supermarket - Mary Berry sort of thing. Oh, and a suitable cake tin of course...
- A bottle of Pimms. Or Pimms look-alike.
- Icing sugar
- Unsalted butter
- A box of mixed prepared fresh summer fruit

SIMPLES!

Make the cake as per the instructions on the packet. Leave to cool.

Stir together 100ml Pimms and 100gm of icing sugar in a small pan over a low heat. Gently bubble for a few minutes to make a syrup.

Prick the cake all over with a skewer and pour most of the syrup over it. The aim is to soak the cake.

Make a butter icing with 150gm of the butter, 150gm of icing sugar, 2 tbsps of Pimms - and an optional dash of orange juice. Beat all together until creamy.

Cut the cake horizontally into three layers with a bread knife. Spread the butter icing onto each layer - like bricklaying, guys - and finish with a layer of icing on top.

Decorate the top with the chopped fresh fruit and drizzle over the remaining Pimms syrup.

If you like rum babas (hard to find these days) you'll *love* this! If you have *no* shame, serve with whipped cream.

Folklore



News & Info for Folksworth,
Morborne & Washingley Folk

Village Hall BACK IN ACTION!

We have several things to share with you this month:

- Coffee mornings are now a regular monthly event with the next one being on Saturday 31st July, 9:30am to 11:30am.
- We are delighted to provide a safe space for the Friday Fish & Chip Van.
- Our Annual Book Fayre and Art Exhibition is on Saturday 7th August. See advertisement for details.

Call Joy Blythe on 241938 to book the hall and/or The Community Room.

Folksworth Art Club

Folksworth Art Club members are enjoying painting together again. Some of our artists recently exhibited at the Peterborough Artists' Open Studios. We are now working towards our next exhibition at the Book Fayre in the Village Hall on 7th August.

Our group meets between 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm on Thursdays in the village hall. If you would like to come along for a taster, we would love to see you. For further information about our Art Club, please phone Cherry Hadley on: (01733) 244248.



The Book Fayre relies on you donating your books.

We are grateful for all books (fiction/non-fiction; paperback/hardbacks) but we especially need relatively new fiction.

Call Sarah or Stephen on 247275 to arrange a time to drop them off at our house or we can come and collect.

FOLKLORE - FOLKLORE

FOLKSWORTH, WASHINGLEY AND MORBORNE VILLAGE HALL

**BOOK FAYRE
AND
FOLKSWORTH
ART CLUB
EXHIBITION**



SATURDAY 7th AUGUST

2pm - 5pm

Tea/coffee and home-made cakes available too!

**Please contact Sarah or Stephen Abbott
on 247275 if you have books to donate**

All profit will go towards further improvements to the Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 270663

Around the Parish

FOLKSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council meetings have resumed in the Village Hall following, covid safety rules. Everyone is welcome to attend but masks **MUST** be worn when moving around. This month we are trialling holding the meeting in the village hall **AND** also allowing access by Zoom.

The play equipment on the playing field is all open for use, except the zip wire which will remain closed until we are able to undertake repairs to the struts, and the small mound/slide which is going to be removed. Councillors have taped this off until the contractors can get to it, but the tape is constantly being removed.

The playing field is very well used, and the bin is often full to overflowing. If the bin is full, please take your litter home. Council is looking at applying for grant funding to replace one or two pieces of equipment and provide one or two new pieces and would like your views on what is wanted. If you have any thoughts on this, please let me know.

The Community Orchard is looking lovely. Wild garlic has now been added to the planting and Councillors are looking into whether the bench can be restored. The small garden area around the village sign is being replanted and the sign itself will be repainted once quotes are in and agreed.

Coffee mornings have resumed in the village hall. These mornings have been extremely successful and extra hands are always welcome - as are extra cakes! Staying with food, the Fish & Chip van has resumed frying on Friday evenings outside the Village Hall - see ad in this issue.

There is much work for Highways to do in repairing the roads - not just in Folksworth but county-wide. If you notice something when you're out walking, please report it directly to the Cambs County Council via the reporting tool on their website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk which enables you to report a fault and track the outcome of the investigation. Experience tells us that the more reports there are for the same issue the quicker it is dealt with! Thank you to everyone who has reported so far.

Due to their heavy workload and inability to get around to what are considered less urgent tasks, the County Council asked Town and Parish Council if they would be willing to set up volunteering groups. We have become part of this (although at the moment it only consists of councillors) and the first task is to tackle the overgrown path on Folksworth Road. If anyone wishes to become involved with this group, please contact me.

The Tour of Cambridgeshire UCI Gran Fondo event will take place this year on September 26th. The route through the parish will be the same as in previous years.

We have started to think about village celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. If any village organisations or individuals wish to be involved with this event, please let me know. We will be holding a meeting at the village hall one Saturday morning during July for anyone interested in becoming involved. As part of the Parish Council's tribute to Her Majesty it has been decided to place a Jubilee Bench. A site has been chosen and we are now waiting for permission from the District Council.

A new Neighbourhood Policing team has been formed and we have been asked to ask residents to report all crime either online or via the 101 number. (Obviously in an emergency call 999.) It is no longer feasible to expect police officers to attend council meetings or patrol the streets 'just in case' but they will react to information which enables them to build a picture of the area and its problems. You can find local information by following this link : www.cambs.police.uk/your-area/Hunts_Huntingdon_and_Yaxley

Councillors are also looking into setting up a Community Speedwatch group and are actively working to promote and increase take-up of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The Folksworth Facebook pages, www.facebook.com/Groups/Folksworth19/

www.facebook.com/Groups/Folksworth

www.facebook.com/FolksworthandWashingleyPC and the Parish Council website, www.folksworthwashingley-pc.org.uk can provide details of all support available in the parish and keep you informed.

Jackie Stanbridge
Clerk to the Council/RFO
07724 171158

Carpet Bowls

We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays from 7pm to 9pm and operate in accordance with Covid Guidelines.

Come along any evening for a taster session. No equipment needed.

Call Chris on 241938 for further information.

**SOCIALLY DISTANCED
PILATES**

THURSDAYS 6:30PM

IN
FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

£5

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CALL SUE 0770 993 8122

where to do it and who to do it with

UPDATED!

WHERE WHO CALL

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g and click on 'Get Involved.'
 As per fixtures Glen Woolner 07771 784643

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site - www.stiltonchurches.com - for up to date details.

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LAKE SIDE HEALTHCARE

(01733) 240478 www.yaxleygp.nhs.uk

Sarcoma Awareness Month

JULY 1 - JULY 30

Sarcomas are rare cancers that can affect any part of the body, on the inside or outside, including the muscle, bone, tendons, blood vessels and fatty tissues.

Sarcomas commonly affect the arms, legs and trunk. They also appear in the stomach and intestines as well as behind the abdomen (retroperitoneal sarcomas) and the female reproductive system (gynaecological sarcomas). For more information visit: <https://sarcoma.org.uk/about-sarcoma/>

Schizophrenia Awareness Day

National Schizophrenia Awareness Day on 25th July 2021 shines a light on the challenges faced by hundreds of thousands of people living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia in the UK and millions more worldwide. It sets out the steps we can all take to break down the stigma and discrimination surrounding this much misunderstood illness.

Please visit: www.rethink.org/get-involved/awareness-days-and-events/schizophrenia-awareness-day/

World Hepatitis Day

28th July 2021



With a person dying every 30 seconds from a hepatitis-related illness - even in the current COVID-19 crisis - we can't wait to act on viral hepatitis.

- People living with viral hepatitis unaware can't wait for testing
- People living with hepatitis can't wait for life saving treatments
- Expectant mothers can't wait for hepatitis screening and treatment
- Newborn babies can't wait for birth dose vaccination
- People affected by hepatitis can't wait to end stigma and discrimination
- Community organisations can't wait for greater investment
- Decision makers can't wait and must act now to make hepatitis elimination a reality through political will and funding.

Visit www.worldhepatitisday.org/.

Monthly Closure

The Practice will be closed on Wednesday 21st July 2021 between 12:30pm and 4:00pm for staff training.

Emergency Telephone (01733) 240478.

Yaxley Library

REVISED OPENING TIMES

Tue 10:00 - 14:00

Thu 14:00 - 18:00

Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Mobile Library

Route M24 - 4th Wednesday

Wed 28th July

Folksworth

10:30 - 10:50am Elm Road

Stilton

3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot

MobileLibraries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

St Luke's Roman Catholic Parish

St Benedict's Catholic Community, Sawtry

Sunday Mass 5pm
Currently suspended

St Luke's Catholic Church, Peterborough

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**Sunday Mass 9am,
10:30am & 12noon**

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From the Pulpit

News from Stilton
Group of Churches

Reset Your Life

LOCKDOWN GIVES US NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OUR LIVES

Well it seems that summer has finally arrived! *writes Revd Mark Pybus.* The paddling pool came out for the first time this year and it was so good to feel the sun's warmth for more than just a few minutes.

Hopefully, by the time you read this the lockdown restrictions may have eased and we will be able to try to regain some sense of normality. But do we really want to merely return to the normality we had before lockdown? Or has lockdown given us a new perspective on life?

I've been thinking a lot about this recently. I reflected on some of the conversations I had at the beginning of lockdown. Many expressed that 'we don't know what we've got until it's gone' - the lifestyle of working long hours to earn more money instead of making other things such as family, friends, hobbies, well-being etc.. a priority. Lockdown has been a leveller in many ways - during the panic buying of the first lockdown it didn't matter whether you earned a lot of money or didn't, you still couldn't buy a loo roll in the supermarket!

Lockdown has brought many to realise that in-spite of all the medical advances we are blessed with, life is precious and, in many ways, fragile.

One thing I do know is that God is faithful. He was the same loving Father before lockdown. He was the same loving Father during lockdown and he will be the same loving Father after lockdown. *'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; [his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'* (Lamentations 3:22-23)

His gift of abundant life, both in this world and the next, remains freely available to us. All we need to do is come to him as we are, say sorry for the things we have done that have hurt him and others, and put our trust in Him as Lord and Saviour.

A hymn that has helped me during the pandemic is *Great is Thy Faithfulness*:

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy
faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest

*Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness...

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide*

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness...

Church News

We are having some special events this month! I do hope that you will come and join us:

Folksworth

18th July 3pm Strawberry Tea at the Church

Stilton

11th July 2pm Afternoon Tea at the Church

25th July 2pm Garden Party in the Rectory Garden (Church street)

Sunday Services

All at 10:30am

Folksworth

11th July (Holy Communion)

25th July (All Age)

Stilton

4th July (All Age)

18th July (Holy Communion)

*Grace and Peace to you all,
Mark*

Planted !

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants from my Mum and Dad's front garden in Folksworth Road in aid of Morborne Church Roof Fund.

Your generous donations came to over £40.

Nikki Blythe, Church Warden

We're Back !

The popular **North Hunts Community Car Scheme** is now back in operation again. But we need a few more drivers!

If you own a car, enjoy driving and helping people, and have a few hours to spare a week we would love to welcome you to our team of volunteer drivers.

Just call 07795 542084 to find out more.



