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Our new Rector, Richard Gibbs, taking the Oath of Allegiance before the Bishop of Huntingdon, the Archdeacon of Huntingdon & Wisbech and a welcoming congregation during his Installation at All Saints' Parish Church, Elton, on 10th May 2016. Richard is now Priest in Charge of Stilton, Denton, Caldecote, Folksworth, Morborne, Haddon and Elton parishes.

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Monday 6th, 20th June,
4th July

Stilton

**GARDEN BIN AND
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Monday 13th, 27th June,
11th July

Folksworth

RECYCLING BIN DAYS:

Monday 13th, 27th June,
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Roles & Responsibilities

WHO DOES WHAT ON YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 9 May 2016 elected the following to hold office for the year 2016/2017:

Chairman:	Olive Main
Vice-Chairman:	Sue Ayres
Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee:	Sue Ayres
Chair of Leisure and Amenities Committee:	Chris Walford
Chair of Planning Committee:	Dee Darnell
Chair of Communications Committee:	Tristan Pithers

Members of Stilton Parish Council also serve on the following Committees:

Mrs Worthington's Almshouse Charity
Governors of Stilton School
SKIDS (Skate Park)
Norman Cross Action Group
Stilton Memorial Hall

These groups report to the Parish Council. Their reports will appear in **SCAN** in June and July.

Police Team

Our local police team conduct regular patrols around the village and, as a result of a meeting with Parish Councillors, parking in various parts of the village has

been highlighted as an issue. As a result, the police will be targeting this problem, initially with warning notices, then onto fixed penalty notices of £30.

The double yellow lines are there for a reason - to make Stilton a safer place. Also helping with this are the volunteers of the Speedwatch scheme; to find out more visit speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

The local team provide **SCAN** with regular alerts and updates. You can contact them direct via huntsops@cambs.pnn.police.uk or on the non-emergency number 101.

Look Before You Leap

A cliché isn't it? But **SCAN** knows one promising young man paralysed from the neck down after breaking his neck when 'tombstoning.' It's trashed his entire life.

So with the warm weather upon us, Cambs Fire & Rescue are running a campaign (see p.46) warning of the dangers of leaping into lakes and rivers. Too often, the shock of the icy cold water and/or submerged hazards can catch out even confident swimmers.

So if you want a cooling dip, go to a managed pool or lido. You know it will be safe and there will be help on hand if you do get into difficulties. Enjoy the summer!

Shop at CARESCO!

7 Greenways, Sawtry 01487 208026 shop@caresco.org.uk

Looking for a bargain?

Lots of high-quality items
always in stock

New items arriving every day

Score a bargain and support this
popular and welcoming community
care centre

Having a clear-out?

If you're thinning out your wardrobe, or
those unwanted Christmas presents that
deserve a good home, why not donate them
to the CARESCO charity shop?

Storage space is limited, so if you've got
bulky items, or just lots of stuff to donate,
call us first to make sure we've got room!
Seasonal items particularly welcome.

Opening hours

Mon - Fri 9 - 4.30pm

Saturday 9 - 12.30pm

Sunday Closed



ACCESSING ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

Social care is personal and practical support to help people live their lives by supporting them to maintain their independence and dignity and ensuring they have choice and control over the support they receive. Many people don't think about social care until they or someone they know need support, and then find they are unsure about where to find information or how to access the services they need.

Adult social care customer services are the initial point of contact for all social care enquiries. The trained staff know about the services available and can offer advice on who else may be able to help. Call them on 0345 045 5202. You can also find out more about adult social care in Cambridgeshire on the website below.

If you think you may need help with mental health issues you should contact your GP in the first instance.

www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Parish Progress

STILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2015-16

PEOPLE

The new Council welcomed four new members: Dee Darnell, Tristan Pithers, Sue Smith and Tim Stokes. Sue Ayres was elected Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee; Bruce Marks became Chair of the Planning Committee. We also have a new District Councillor, Tim Alban, who works closely with the Parish Council. We have set up a new Communications Committee to take advantage of social media in an attempt to keep in closer touch with residents between our monthly meetings.

PROCESS

We have also made changes in some of our financial practices once the building project got under way, notably allowing the signing of cheques between meetings and authorizing Dave Pacey (Project Manager) more freedom in ordering and checking deliveries before presenting invoices.

PROJECTS

Of course, the Amenities Project has dominated the year. There is a separate report for this, but I want here to commend the very hard work put in by Councillors who are members of the Project Board, led by Chris Walford. In recent weeks other members of the Council have started work on the fitting out of the building. The Council is also involved in designing the governance and management of the facilities. Mary Croll and Kathy Ray have both taken on considerably more work, often in unfamiliar areas. Fortunately they

have coped well and frequently gone the extra mile.

PERENNIALS

The more humdrum work has gone on; Fergusons retain the maintenance contract and the recent village walk showed the village to be in good shape. Regular cleaning by Ian Croll keeps the village and field clean. The old story of dog fouling (taken up by District Councillor Alban) continues to annoy but, in fairness, it is a very small minority of owners who do not clear up after their dog. Parking, particularly in Church Close and in the village centre, is another perennial problem. Councillor Alban has managed to get some pot holes filled and the yellow lines at the crossroads renewed (but not the white lines!). He and Chris Walford are on the verge of finishing the saga of the street lights project. A new seat was provided at the end of Mill Road and the Barn Close play area made safe. Our aging and unreliable CCTV system is in the process of renewal. All this activity has to be carefully costed and fit into our overall budget. We were able to recommend only a 1% increase in the precept because we are prudent in our expenditure.

The other issue of speeding is not one the Parish Council can solve, but we have facilitated the creation of a Speedwatch team in recent weeks. We are also co-operating with Halls the Chemist in the provision of a defibrillator.



Stilton Culture

Stilton Memorial Hall MANAGEMENT REPORT 2015-16

Stilton Memorial Hall has had another successful year, providing amenities within the community and for those further afield.

The sad death of Linda Walford last June was a great loss; her contribution over the years had been outstanding and she is greatly missed.

The Hall funds are in a healthy condition and bookings remained steady. We would like to welcome our new Booking Clerk, Sue Smith, who has embraced the task wholeheartedly.

Maintenance had been kept to a minimum as the Committee are aware that, with the opening of the new Community Centre in the near future, the hall's function would be greatly diminished. It was hoped it could

still provide a centre point for some activities but there are several structural problems which would need to be addressed and the hall would deteriorate rapidly if it were left empty.

A particular thank you to the maintenance team and to Sally for keeping the hall spotlessly clean. Also to our users who leave the hall in good condition after each booking.

Thank you as always to all members of the Management Committee who give their time and expertise freely.

There are exciting times ahead and the Committee look forward to liaising with the Community Centre to provide Stilton with excellent facilities in the future.

PLAUDITS

All in all, a busy and sometimes frustrating year, but once again I want to thank all the Councillors for the tremendous hard work they do. We are lucky that we have such a range of skills and expertise to call on which is so willingly given

Olive Main, Chair

Stilton Church Coffee Morning

June 18th 2016
10am - noon

(Third Saturday in every month)

Stilton Memorial Hall

Hiring Charges

- Hourly charge £6.50 / hour
- (minimum 2 hours)
- Children's party £40
- Adult party/event £65
- Commercial £15 / hour
- (minimum 2 hours)

How to Book the Hall

To book the Hall, please contact the Booking Clerk, Sue Smith:
 (01733) 240414 | oscarsue@live.co.uk | 07 522 601 459
 or use the online booking form on www.stilton.org



If leaving a message, please provide a **LANDLINE PHONE NUMBER** and you will be contacted promptly. (It's very expensive having to reply to lots of mobiles!)

If using email, please be sure to give us your **CORRECT** email address and check your spam box if you don't receive a prompt reply.

Parish Meeting Room

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

HIRING THE ROOM

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

The Room seats up to 20 people, ideal for small clubs or committee meetings. It has broadband, a kitchen area and toilet suitable for use by disabled people. Users should note that smoking is not permitted in any part of the building, nor in the surrounding cemetery.

FEES:

All Day (9am - 6pm)	£50	Evening (6:30 - 10:30pm)	£25
Half Day (9am - 1pm or 2 - 6pm)	£25	A deposit of £50 is required when booking.	

Stilton Amenities

STEERING GROUP REPORT 2015-16

The Project Steering Group continues to work extremely hard and continues to meet every two or three weeks.

FUND RAISING

After five years of toil, the group has managed to raise sufficient funds for construction to start. In all £720,000 has been raised; £400,000 from the Stilton Parish and the remainder from grant providers, including Football Foundation, Sport England, Garfield Weston and WREN. Further grant applications are being prepared in order to fund fixtures and fittings.

CONSTRUCTION

The Parish Council engaged an experienced project construction manager. Construction began in January 2016. At the time of writing, the envelope works are nearing completion. Wherever possible local tradesmen and companies have been invited to tender and carry out various aspects of the construction.

COMPLETION?

The aim is for construction to be completed by the end of August 2016 and internal fit-out by October. The intention is for the changing facilities to be available for use at the beginning of September.

The project to upgrade the field is nearing completion. We are currently in the upgrade warranty period, with some minor remedial work to be completed.

CONSULTATIONS

The group has continued to meet with village organisations, circulated project leaflets and held another meeting for Stilton residents in November 2015. All have been most supportive and helpful.

FURTHER PLANNING

There are two additional steering groups working on the project. One is dealing with fixtures and fittings; the second is preparing for the future Governance and Management of the Parish village facilities.

The amount of work undertaken to get to this stage should not be underestimated, in what is the largest project to affect the village in a generation. What has been achieved is 'awesome'.

The Project Group will always welcome new members. Please join us if you can help and make a difference.

The Steering Group looks forward to meeting village residents at the opening!

Generous Donation

Stilton Parish Council acknowledges a generous donation from the 'former Country Club Golf Society.' The work of fitting out the changing rooms and kitchen are now in the planning stage and this donation is very welcome at this time.

Stilton Parish Council

Appointment of Village Facilities Manager

The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Village Facilities Manager. This appointment will coincide with the construction of the New Hall/Pavilion on the village field. The post will also include responsibility for managing other Parish Council properties: the Parish Room, Memorial Hall and SK8 Park; and coordinating with other facilities providers, the Church and the School.

The responsibilities will include to:

- coordinate all bookings for village facilities and to negotiate with groups and interested parties as appropriate.

- issue invoices to facilities users and chase up non-payment

- bank monies and undertake book-keeping

- report to the Stilton Facilities Development Management Committee (FDMC)

- ensure that the facilities are monitored regularly, particularly prior to and after a letting

- monitor grounds maintenance contracts and report to the FDMC

- monitor building maintenance work, as required

- ensure that Health & Safety/Child Protection regulations are complied with

- arrange appropriate caretaking/security at casual user events

- effect good customer care at all times

- ensure that appropriate cleaning is carried out by users and by the employed facilities cleaner

- ensure good security is carried out, including the bridleway

- maintain the weekly MUGA surface care arrangements., when the MUGA is constructed.

This is a new post and offers the appointed person the opportunity to be involved in village activities and to make a difference in the future planning and organisation of the village's new facilities. It is expected that the post will initially be paid at £10 per hour.

Further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Letters of application, including a CV, should be received by the Parish Clerk by Monday 11 July 2016.

Clerk: Mrs Mary Croll, 10 Caldecote Road, Stilton, PE7 3RH. Tel: (01733) 241042

Stilton Almshouses

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2015-16

The Trustees continue to meet regularly and work to ensure that the Almshouses provide very good accommodation for the residents following the complete refurbishments in 2005/06.

The Trustees inspect the three cottages at least once per year; they are in good condition and well looked after by the residents.

The Trustees have continued to make every effort to increase the financial reserve. Expenditure in the past year has been to cut back and simplify the garden area, to replace some double glazing units and to carry out repairs to one of the central heating systems. The Trustees contributed to work carried out on a large ash tree on adjacent land which no one wants to own! The Almshouses finances, held by the Trustees, are just sufficient to meet unexpected contingencies. Running costs are covered by income.

The next two projects will be the replacement of the third wet-room floor covering and to replace double glazing

panels as necessary. The village maintenance contractors maintain the garden area.

The annual accounts are professionally and independently audited and submitted to the Charities Commission.

I would again like to thank all the Trustees for their ongoing hard work and commitment; Yvonne Warner for her commitment and diligence as Secretary to the Trustees, and the Trustees Treasurer, Doug Maltman.

Almshouse Trustees are:

Mary Croll
Olive Main
Phil Shailer
Linda Worsley
Doug Maltman (Treasurer)
Chris Walford (Chairman)
Yvonne Warner (Secretary)

*Chris Walford, Chairman
May 2016*

Summer Quiz

To everything there is a season

Something to keep your 'little grey cells' active through the long, hot summer days!

Quiz sheets, at £1 each, are available from Hi-Lite, or Peter and Linda Mitchell 244666.

Closing date September 12th. Proceeds to Stilton Church.

Janet Mary Whitehead

1951-2016



Better known to many people in Stilton and further afield as 'Jan', the love and respect she evoked was shown by the hundreds who attended her funeral service at All Saints Church Peterborough on April 21.

Jan spent most of her teaching career in this area, at Thorney, Sawtry and at All Saints where she was Deputy Head. In Stilton she was involved in village life and was a favourite driver for the Hospital Car Scheme. She quietly helped many people in practical ways when they were most in need of a friend. Her love of her garden was rewarded by the pleasure it gave to her neighbours in the Manor Road area.

So that this gentle, loving and exuberant lady won't be forgotten, her friends and neighbours in Manor Road and Apreece Way are collecting to provide a permanent memorial. The Tunnels held a special quiz night to collect in Jan's memory. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Olive Main (241206) who will pass it on.

Midsummer Concert

Saturday June 25th at 7:30 pm

in Stilton Church

A mixture of light music and words for a summer evening

£10 (children under 16 £5) which includes refreshments

Tickets will be available at the beginning of June, or pay on the door.

Elizabeth Anne Foot

1937 - 2016



Better known in Stilton as Anne, she came to live here during WW2. Apart from times when, as a navy wife, she followed her husband Derek as he was posted, Anne made Stilton her home. She and her family always played an active part in village life.

For many of us, Anne was the first person to welcome us into a new home, serving as the village post lady for 26 years. And so she often shared the major events in our lives, offering sympathy or sharing in joy.



A full St Mary Magdalene church on 16th May showed the wide love and affection that Anne enjoyed during her life in Stilton.

Bryan Ernest Brudenell

1930 - 2016



Another long-time Stilton resident, Bryan lived at the end of North Street for over 60 years. He moved here on his marriage to Ruth, into a house with a large garden which was to become a lifelong passion for him.

A very skilful fisherman, Bryan also played and followed a variety of sports, eventually becoming a founder member of Stilton's indoor bowls club.



Bryan was a quiet and modest gentleman, loved and admired by the many who came to St Mary Magdalene to pay their respects and offer support to Ruth and Alison.



TABLE TENNIS IN STILTON !

Have you played table tennis? Would you like to play table tennis? Table tennis is a great sport for the young and old. There is now an opportunity to play table tennis in Stilton in the new sports pavilion.

If you are interested there will be a meeting to explore the possibility of starting a Table Tennis club in Stilton on Tuesday 28th June at 7 PM in the Parish Meeting Room.

To register your interest please ring: Steve Ambler on: 01733 242156 or email: acsteveambler@gmail.com



Cheese-Rolling 2016

JUST AS MAD AS EVER!

Results

Junior

(sponsored by Stilton & District Twinning Association)

- 1 Stilton Colts 4 Lions
- 2 Stilton United Cubs

Ladies

- 1 Brie are family
- 2 The Queen's fillies

Men

- 1 Royal Rollers
- 2 Cheesy Wotsits

Roll the Credits

Prizes for the Stilton Cheese Rolling are donated by:

The Bell Inn - individual silver cups
Stilton Cheesemaker's Association (Long Clawson Dairy)
Beer from the Stilton Cheese Inn, the Tunnels, the Talbot, Nisa

Referees: Tom Carrington & Martin Pearce

Race Control: Terry Baker

Course building and security:

Keith Gipson and his family, the Constables, the Warrens. None of them live in Stilton but each year come and do the hard, physical work, then clear up the street at the end. Thanks to Roy Baines at the Tunnels for disposing of the mountains of litter.

Administration:

Olive Main and Carol Warren who beaver away at the bureaucracy all through the year.

Stalls and side shows:

Managed by Carol Warren who has to fit everyone in along the street, dealing with overhead wires, fluctuating widths and the need to maintain a way through for emergency vehicles. Thanks to Stilton Guest House and Colbrooks for parking facilities.

The May Day Parade:

The lovely pink Chevrolet which brought the 'royal' family was driven by Peter Tibbs.

May King and Queen:



Thomas Dunleary and Alice Driscoll-King
Attendants:

William Stevenson and Ella Chamberlain
Arranged by Carol Warren and Linda Mitchell

May Garland: Stilton Guides

Café Royal:

Ladies of Stilton Church (with some male help!) directed by Peter & Linda Mitchell.

Traffic Management:

Great thanks to Ringway. By law, road closures have to be organised by professionals with the relevant qualifications. Darren Tovey at Ringway generously sorts out what has to be done. We couldn't do it without his help.

Bunting: erected by Darke Steel, another local firm that gives its professional services; thanks to Tony Darke.

Security:

Cambridgeshire Police sent two Constables all day who skilfully defused any incipient trouble. Thanks also to the pubs and shops who all agreed to stop selling alcohol once the Cheese-Rolling ended. There were also private security men, both on the street and at the playing field, whose presence was a deterrent to bad behaviour.

Entertainment:

All held together by Adam Vickers (and his broken toe) and Gary Albone. Three generations of Adam's family - nephew Thomas Dunleary and Dad, Derek Vickers who is now a tradition. Another local tradition - Helen Smith (aka Bloomfield)

Stilton School Maypole Dancers, who struggled heroically with the breeze, directed for the first time by new headteacher, Mrs MacLeod.

Pig Dyke Molly in their weird and wonderful costumes who pop up all day.

Harmony Twirlers (majorettes), fresh from triumphs at the national championships.

Back Two, who brought music from the earlier years of Her Majesty's life.

Magic Dave - last but certainly not least, who holds all ages entranced.



Spooky isn't it? You'd almost think the royal family had actually entered Cheese-Rolling.



A typical Cheese-Rolling - culture and mayhem in equal measure!





Pictures courtesy Paul Biggins and Michael Burns



Folklore



News & Info for Folksworth,
Morborne & Washingley Folk

Kiwi Flies Away

After 37 years in the village, Peter 'Kiwi' Le Gros and his wife Sandra have moved to new pastures. Many of you will remember that for many years Kiwi was the editor/publisher/distributor of Folklore. We wish him and Sandra the very best and know they will be missed.

Ladies Circle

Our meeting on Tuesday 28th June will feature the history of Holmewood Hall. Everyone welcome for a 7:30pm start.

Correction

Apologies for a misprint in last month's **SCAN**. If you want to book the Village Hall please call Joy Blythe on (01733) 241938. If you leave a message can you also leave a landline number to call back on. Thanks.

Carpet Bowls

We are suspending our sessions in the village hall until 5th September, as many of our members are now playing outdoors. We are keen to swell our numbers so please think about coming along in the Autumn. Stilton Bowls Club are continuing through the summer at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on Thursdays. Both clubs wish Gill and Eugene good luck representing North Cambridgeshire in the National Counties Champion of Champions at Braintree and Durham.

Folksworth Pre-school

Folksworth Pre-school have been enjoying walks around the countryside this week. We've seen tractors, cows, Folksworth church and even introduced ourselves to some sheep.

We continue to prepare ourselves for big school this term and our leavers have already started their visits. Our lovely Early Years teacher Paula can also be found in an article in Nursery World this month, so keep your eyes peeled for the article. If you are looking for a space for September or before that please contact Jade Smith on 07542 172075.

'Thanks for organising a great quiz on 14th May. Great food, good company and a very amusing quiz master. Hope this becomes a regular event.' *Stephen Abbott*

A Request

The bin in the grounds of the church is for general rubbish only, not 'doggie bags.' Please check you're using the right bins for the right job.

Diary Dates

4-5 June: Cycle Tour of Cambridgeshire. I'm disappointed that I didn't get a response to my email requesting information about road closures. I understand the impact on Folksworth and surrounding villages will be the same as last year.

11th June: Pub night in the Village Hall

14th June: Village Hall Annual General Meeting at 8:00pm

23rd June: European Union Referendum

2nd July: Pub night in the Village Hall

16th July: Folksworth Village Fete organised by Folksworth Pre-School. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Pre-School team. There will be a tug of war so get your muscles warmed up. Teams could be street v street; organisation v organisation; friends v friends

3rd August: Cambs County Council Play Day - more details to follow.

News From St Helens

Over the Easter holidays a group of us from St Helen's went out for a lovely meal. It was great to have a social outing with our Church family and with nearly 30 of us we almost took over the restaurant!

We would love for you to come and join our congregation; please do come along to our services.

Church Services

JUNE

Please note the new times and schedule

Sun 5: 10am Family Folkus.
in the school hall

Sun 12: 9:45am Holy Communion

Sun 19: 9:45am Morning Prayer

Sun 26: 9:45am Worship for the whole family

Notices

Nurture Group will meet on 14th and 28th June in the church meeting room.

BETA Group will meet on the 8th and 27th June.

If you would like more details with regards to the Nurture and BETA Group please contact our church wardens John Blackman 01733 240349 or David Ellis 07880 784859.

Secretary Wanted

St Helens is looking for a PCC Secretary, please speak to John Blackman, David Ellis or Tony Haddock if you would like more details.

Folksworth Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

OVERVIEW

2015-16 has been another challenging year for the Parish Council as it has been under strength by two councillors for the whole of the year. We still have two vacancies and if anyone is interested in finding out more the Clerk, Jackie Stanbridge, will be happy to assist.

Works undertaken this year include the installation of a new table tennis table to the recreation ground. General village maintenance and tree works have also been completed.

Parish maintenance continues to be of a very high standard and thanks go to Frank and Richard Coles who keep the parish in such good order. The Parish Council continues to conduct regular village maintenance walks, making repairs where it can and reporting other faults to the relevant authorities.

The Recreation Ground continues to be a well-used area and, despite some instances of vandalism, is in the main being treated well. There are some repairs needed to some of the equipment which will soon be completed. There are plans for a future piece of play equipment to be installed in the coming year and the council would like to hear parishioners' suggestions. We are also planning the installation of picnic benches in time for the summer holidays. The council would like to remind parishioners that the recreation ground is not available for use by dog walkers.

The beginning of the year saw the completion of a housing needs study by Cambridgeshire Acre on behalf of Cross Keys Homes. This showed very low need from within the village for any additional housing. The Parish Council responded in May to Cambridgeshire Acre that it would not support the provision of affordable housing within the village, due to the strength of opinion against the development from residents.

Council has continued to be approached regarding allotments. The situation has not changed from previous years, with a lack of available land still a major obstacle, so the hunt for suitable land continues.

The Fox public house has now sold. We await further details regarding the potential owners' plans for the Fox and their future plans for the site.

Complaints have also continued about the size, number and speed of heavy goods vehicles using the village. Council again made a bid to the County Council under its highways improvement scheme, which unfortunately was unsuccessful. Various towns and parishes make bids under this scheme and the applications are graded and awarded on safety issues. Meetings have been held with our County Councillor regarding this matter and we will continue to investigate possible action points.

An investigation has also taken place regarding a speed limit reduction within Washingley. This will continue to be

investigated in 2016-17 with future work required to build a case regarding this.

Once again the Chrono (time trial) cycling event will come through Folksworth, on Saturday June 4. Although the road through the village will be 'closed' between 11am-6pm there will actually be one-way access through the village with crossing points manned by stewards. It will be possible to move through the village all day but will take longer and they would prefer as few people as possible to do so. They will leaflet the houses on the route a day or so before, advising people not to leave cars parked on the route. Apparently they can be towed if they cause any obstruction.

On the Sunday (June 5) the Gran Fondo will not come through Folksworth, as previously expected, but will come up from Washingley, turn right at the junction towards Stilton, turn right again and head back down through Denton and Caldecote. The corner just beyond Elm Road will be a fantastic vantage point around lunch time to watch 8,000 bikes zoom past. The road between Folksworth and Stilton will close for approximately an hour and a half while that happens. Those who live in Washingley will obviously be more affected.

There will be a clean-up team following the whole route afterward.

The Parish Council agreed to support the installation of a defibrillator within the village. It is planned to be installed to the outside of the Village Hall in 2016-17. Demonstrations on its use will be arranged.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council works hard to build communication

links between itself and all parishioners. The website is kept up to date with all information readily available using the heading tabs. All Agendas and Minutes are available to view and download and the news section on the home page will give any additional information.

For those who do not wish to use the internet, hard copies of all documentation are available on request from the Clerk. The notice boards - two in Folksworth and one in Washingley - are kept up to date and will always display meeting Agendas a week or so before the meeting, and the draft Minutes from the previous one. We plan to install an additional notice board this year at the junction of Elm Road and Washingley Road. Meetings are always held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall; public participation and attendance is welcomed.

Cllr Lisa Blackman is responsible for Council's Facebook presence and regularly updates the page and circulates information that way. This year the number of people using our Facebook page has grown, with over 250 people 'liking' the page, together with lots of interaction. It's been used to communicate about suspicious people and vehicles, help find lost animals, provide news updates on village events and for residents to raise issues with the Parish Council. It has been an effective tool for communicating news to the village, used by many. We are aware that it is not something that will be used by everyone, which is why we also continue to use our notice boards, newsletters and website in an effort to communicate with as many people as possible using the communication methods that suit them best.

Recently the production of the Folklore magazine has moved to be included in the Stilton **SCAN**, which has meant news from within the village is now being distributed monthly to every home.

PLANNING

There were only five planning applications in the year. Council had no objections to three of them and all were subsequently approved by Huntingdonshire District Council. Council did raise objections to one proposed development for which the planning application was withdrawn. Overall it has been a very quiet year for planning with very few applications for council to give opinion on.

SYNOPSIS OF ACCOUNTS 2015-16

The Annual Precept for the financial year 2015-2016 was £30,875.00.

Staff costs for the year were £6123.00. Running costs for items such as insurance, subscriptions, hall hire, play inspections,

audit, office expenses, communications etc totalled £2479.00

Parish Maintenance, including grass cutting, amounted to just under £6000.00; Section 137 and Community Grants totalled £2600.00

New playground equipment was purchased, together with picnic benches, and some further tree works were completed. Expenditure on vandalism was lower than in previous years.

The balance at March 31 2016 was £19,886.00.

The Precept for this financial year has remained the same. The budget for the new Financial Year is £32,355.00. Council again received a clear audit. Some long-term funds have now been created for the eventual replacement of assets and Council's reserve stands at £12,132.00.

May 2016

Folksworth Village Pub & Food Night

Saturday 2 July 2016 from 6:00pm - 11:00pm

Village Hall, Folksworth

Cask ales from local brewery, wines and soft drinks

Food available on the evening

Look out for the leaflet dropping through your door

Proceeds to the Village Hall



Movers & Shakers

FOLKSWORTH PARISH COUNCILLORS 2014-18

Mark Randall (Chairman)
4 Castel Way
Folksworth PE7 3TX
01733 248202

Patrick Clarke
16 Townsend Way
PE7 3TU
01733 241860

Richard Soper
83 Elm Road
Folksworth PE7 3SX
01733 719638

Lisa Blackman
(Vice Chairman)
Sheep Lair Farm
Folksworth Road
Norman Cross PE7 3SP
07919 366465

Gordon Fenwick
3 Bullock Road
Washingley PE7 3SH

Judith Ford
10 Chervil Close
Folksworth PE7 3SZ
01733 240440

District Councillor

Rita Matthews
52 Townsend Way
Folksworth PE7 3TU
01733 244169

Alison Brown
37 Manor Road
Folksworth PE7 3SU
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Folksworth Village Hall Diary

Group	Time	Days	Details
Pre-School (2 years upwards)	9:00am - 3:00pm	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	Term time only
Indoor Bowls	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Monday	May - Aug: fortnightly Sept - Apr: weekly
Rainbows	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Tuesday	Term time only
Parish Council	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Third Tuesday in month	
Ladies Circle	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Fourth Tuesday in month	
Beavers	6:00pm - 7:15pm	Wednesday	Term time only
Pilates	7:45pm - 8:45pm	Wednesday	
Pilates	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Thursday	
Mums & Toddlers	10:00am - 11:30am	Thursday	Term time only
Art	12:30pm - 4:30pm	Thursday	
Brownies	6:30pm - 7:45pm	Thursday	Term time only
Mobile Fish Van	4:00pm - 8:00pm	Friday	In car park
Peterborough Opera Group	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Friday	
Christian Congregation in UK	5:00pm - 11:00pm	First & third Sunday	

To book Folksworth Village Hall contact Mrs Joy Blythe on (01733) 241938. Leave a LANDLINE number!

Did You Know?

All Saints Church, Denton, a Grade II listed building, is described by British Listed Buildings as ‘an interesting example of early Stuart rebuilding in a mediaeval revival manner, which retains some early fabric. It is also of special interest for its connection with Sir Bruce Robert Cotton (1571 - 1631), a noted antiquary, MP, courtier and collector, who was born in Denton.’

With the support of Sir Bruce, the church was substantially rebuilt in the 1600s and retained 12th and 13th century elements. The last service was in 1952; the church was listed in 1957 and abandoned in the early 1960s. The ruins and surrounding graves are well worth a visit.



Girls Just Wanna Have Run !

Two local young women completed the London Marathon - despite never having run 26 miles before!

Relishing the gruelling challenge, Philippa Coles of Washingley ran just to prove she could do it - and possibly also to prove a point to her sceptical husband Richard.

Sophie Wilkinson-Hargate, of Washingley Road, ran for two charities: Mind and WWF, realising nearly £1000. Sophie has been running for some ten years and in this, her first marathon, achieved the commendable time of 3 hours 40 minutes.

Well done ladies!

Raising the Bar

COME AND BE WOWED BY SAWTRY STUDENTS' ART EXHIBITION

Wednesday 29th June from 5pm to 7pm

The annual Sawtry Village Academy Art Exhibition has now become an established showcase of the tremendous talents of its GCSE, AS and A-Level Art students.

Whether you're a parent, relative or friend of a Sawtry art student, or just take pleasure in art of great variety and the highest quality, come and see this year's wonderful range of work, from large-scale canvases to sculptures and fine pencil drawings.

The standard this year is the highest ever. Some students' work goes well beyond the expectations of their level, with many pieces demonstrating a level of expertise that rivals that of mature, professional artists. This is even more remarkable when you consider that these students have produced such work whilst enduring the many pressures of all their other subjects.

Local celebrity and long-time supporter of Sawtry VA's Art Department, Warwick Davis visited the exhibition last year and commented: 'I was utterly amazed at the standard and quality of work on show. It was a wonderful celebration of the creativity and imagination that young people possess, qualities that the academy's art department strives to bring out in all its students. I also felt reassured to see that education is not all about numeracy and computers; it can be so much more than that, so much richer and more fulfilling, and that it can really make a difference to the world's culture.'



Sawtry Village
Academy

'The arts are such an important, yet unrecognised, part of a young person's education. Their creativity and imagination must be allowed to develop through art and performance which will, in turn, give them the foundations to become a well-rounded, member of society in the future.'

The exhibition is free and open to parents, friends and the public on Wednesday 29th June from 5pm to 7pm. Free refreshments are also provided.

This year at 6pm there will also be a presentation by special guests of awards for outstanding performance in Art.

Don't miss this celebration of achievement and the making of Art!

From The Cabbage Patch

Spring Cleaning

HINTS FOR MAY TASKS IN THE GARDEN

The days are at their longest this month and we can also hope for warmth and sun. The garden responds by bursting into growth; unfortunately that also includes the lawn, which needs weekly mowing, and the weeds.

Hand weed and hoe regularly to keep them down but you may have to take sterner action against the really pernicious, invasive ones. Prevention is better than chemical attack; don't leave bare soil. Either cover the gaps with new plants or mulch with bark. Weed control textile covered with bark is particularly effective at keeping weeds down; just cut slits where you want to insert plantings. If bindweed is a problem paint the leaves with a herbicide gel (aka 'touch weeder').

Weeds in the lawn can be eased out by hand, but if the problem is serious use a 'weed and feed' preparation. Read the instructions because there may be a right and a wrong time to apply (immediately before a rainstorm is usually the *wrong* time!) and you need to get the dosage right.

For serious weed clearance, the most readily available glyphosate weed killers are Roundup and Tumbleweed. They are watered onto the foliage and get down into the roots. But they will kill everything, so be sure that that is what you want. Always read the instructions and act on them.

Preparing for Summer A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday July 1st 7:30pm
at the Norman Cross Gallery

Friends of Norman Cross and Stilton Gardening Club are proud to invite you to a talk by Twigs Way on Capability Brown.

Twigs Way is a distinguished garden writer and broadcaster who lives locally. She is an expert on Lancelot 'Capability' Brown; the 300th anniversary of his birth falls this year.

Want to know more?
Visit: www.capabilitybrown.org/

Wanted

I am looking for a garage/lock-up to rent for my classic car which has to be moved from its present premises. Stilton or surrounding villages would be preferable. The car is only used in the summer months.
Contact Roy Payne 01733 242266

Spotted Any Flycatchers ?

LOOK FOR THIS INCREASINGLY RARE SUMMER VISITOR

Cambridgeshire Bird Club are appealing for help in monitoring the numbers of Spotted Flycatchers in our region. Do you have this increasingly rare bird breeding in your garden?

Spotted Flycatchers are attractive little summer visitors to UK village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed here, they spend ten months of the year migrating between here and their wintering grounds in southern Africa. As you can imagine, this is an increasingly dangerous journey for them and, sadly, they are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995-2010, continuing an 88% decline since 1970.

Only some fifty known pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, so it's now quite a rare bird, but most rural villages still have a pair or two. The Cambridgeshire Bird Club is running a survey this year to find and monitor nesting pairs. It's almost certain that there are additional pairs in the county's villages of which they are not aware.

So keep an eye open for them in your garden. And if you do spot any, please let the Bird Club know by emailing spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk with any information you have, including records of single birds between now and September.

For details of the project and how to send in your records, visit the website at: www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk/spofl2016.html



A Spotted Flycatcher in characteristic pose.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Spotted Flycatchers don't help by being quite inconspicuous among other small birds, so look for the following features:

- Brown streaked crown and breast

- Grey-brown upperparts

- White underparts

- Long wing tips

But perhaps most distinctive is their habit of hunting from a vantage point to which they return repeatedly. Large prey such as wasps will be beaten against the perch. They like to hunt in churchyards, cemeteries, parks and mature gardens.

We found some useful information at:

www.birdfieldguide.co.uk/Bird_Field_Guide_Spotted_Flycatcher.html and:

www.rspb.org.uk.

STILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
A WEEKEND IN FRANCE

17 - 19 JUNE 2016

JOIN US IN THE ATTRACTIVE MARKET TOWN OF

SAINT-OMER

**HURRY!
ONLY A FEW
PLACES LEFT!**

EXECUTIVE COACH TRAVEL

TWO NIGHTS B+B IN A PLEASANT THREE-STAR HOTEL
IN THE TOWN CENTRE

SUNDAY LUNCH AT A GOURMET RESTAURANT

PICK-UP FROM STILTON OR FOLKSWORTH
AT 8:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY

VISIT TO THE HISTORIC GIN DISTILLERY AT HOULLE

ARRIVE SAINT-OMER APPROX 6:30 PM

FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY FREE IN SAINT-OMER

RETURN STILTON/FOLKSWORTH APPROX 10 PM ON SUNDAY

£225 PER PERSON (TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM)
(£265 FOR SINGLE ROOM)

CONTACT AUDREY AND PAUL FOR DETAILS:

(01733) 241739 PAUL.SPRINGFORD@GMAIL.COM



Event Horizon

What's on in & around
Stilton & Folksworth !



Sawtry
CARNIVAL

superheroes!

11th June 12 noon - 5pm

Old School Hall, off Green End Road, Sawtry

This year's theme was chosen by the children of the Sawtry Junior School and the front cover of the Programme designed by a student from the Sawtry Academy.

Meet the Sawtry Carnival Queen, Princesses and Rosebud.

Try your luck with the Grand Prize Draw
- tickets available in the local shops

The Sawtry Carnival is a non-profit organisation that aims to support the local community. In 2015 we pledged £300 to the Sawtry Youth Project. Help us try to beat that in 2016 with another local charity/project scheme!

To book a stall please email Martin on:
sawtrycommittee@gmail.com

To advertise in the Carnival Programme please email David on
sawtrymarquees@btinternet.com

All other enquiries about the Carnival please call Jo on 07944 895 114

The SCAN Diary

What to do,

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- < Toddler's Dance
- < Playgroup (Stilton)
- < Playgroup (Folksworth)

9:15am
9 - 11:45 & 1 - 3pm
10 - 11:30am

YOUNGSTERS

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- < Beavers
- < 1st Stilton Brownies
- < Stilton Rainbows
- < Folksworth Brownies
- < 1st Folksworth Rainbows
- < Guides
- < Stilton United Colts

6 - 7:15pm
6:15 - 8pm
5:15 - 6:15pm
6:30 - 7:45pm
5:30 - 6:30pm
6 - 7:30pm
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- < Parish Council
- < Sewing Group
- < Over 60's Club

2nd Tuesday 7:30pm
2:30 - 5pm
2:00pm

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- < Holy Communion
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- < LinCup (Café style worship)
- < Elevenses with God
- < Linking Hands (mums)
- < Crossover (Y6)
- < Men's Prayer Breakfast
- < Holy Communion (soup lunch)
- < Church Choir
- < Prayer Focus

1st & 3rd Sun 11:15am
2nd & 4th Sun 8:00am
2nd Sun 11:15am
4th Sunday 11:15am
9am
6 - 7pm in term time
8am 2nd Saturday in month
1st Wednesday 12:30-1:30
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30pm
8am

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- < Stilton Gardening Club
- < Pilates
- < Stilton Indoor Bowls
- < Band
- < Judo
- < Yoga
- < Stilton United FC
- < Taoist Tai Chi
- < Folksworth Art Club
- < Folksworth Ladies' Circle
- < Yaxley Flower Club
- < Stilton Stumblers (walking group)

3rd Tues 7:30pm
9:30-10:30; 10:30-11:30am
2pm Mon, 7pm Thu, 7:30pm
8 - 9:35pm
6 - 8pm
6 - 7pm
3:00pm kick-off
7:30pm
12:30-4:30pm
4th Tuesday, 7:30pm
3rd Thursday, 7:30pm
Alternate Sundays 10:00am

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- < Mobile Library
- < Age Well Club
- < Carers' Group
- < Sawtry Day Centre
- < Sawtry Friendship Club

3:10 - 4pm (4th Wed in month)
10 - 11:45am
1st Weds, 2 - 4 pm
10am - 2:30pm
10:30am - 1:30pm

MTWTFSS

Are we up to da

where to do it and who to do it with !

WHERE	WHO	CALL
Church Meeting Room Playgroup Folksworth Village Hall	Michelle Pratt Leslie Kirk Amy Pickstone	07906 114942 247682 07979 77731
Folksworth Village Hall Memorial Hall Memorial Hall Folksworth Village Hall Folksworth Village Hall Memorial Hall Stilton Playing Field	Niki Wilson Jen Walton Sandra Waldrin-Walker Annette Gedney Julie Quy Carol Warren	07971 558927 01487 832114 661255 244442 243026 (07508) 502534
Parish Room Church Meeting Room Church Meeting Room	Mrs Croll Pat Maltman Sylvia Ward	229130 242229 242457
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Outside The Talbot Yaxley Health Centre Yaxley Health Centre CARESCO CARESCO	Linda Smith Linda Smith Vicki Pat	240478 240478 01487 832105 01487 832105

te? Tell **SCAN** about your activities!

**Stilton and District Twinning Association
St Christol les Ales Twinning Association**



Group Visit to St Christol

22 - 26 October 2016

Invitation

The St Christol Twinning Association has kindly invited a group of up to 25 from Stilton and District to visit St Christol. The group will be a mix of adults and young people.

Whilst there we will enjoy a great programme. You will be wonderfully hosted, including, of course, excellent wine and food.

The flight will be from Luton to Nîmes with Ryanair to be booked personally once your being part of the group is confirmed. Participants can make their own travel arrangements by train or car if they wish.

Those taking part will be hosted by St Christol families. The only cost will be the return journey. Flights from Luton to Nîmes on these dates are currently £110. A travel grant, of up to 50% of flight costs, is available to young people in full-time education. There are local hotels, if you prefer, at your personal cost.

If you are interested contact Chris on 241376 or email: clstilton@btinternet.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

St Christol les Alès is in the department of Gard on the edge of the beautiful hills of the Cevennes. It is situated 30 km NE of the Roman town of Nîmes and 4km from Alès, the capital of the Cevennes region. You can see more details on the Twinning link on the Stilton village web site www.stilton.org.

Krazy Katz Funhouse

Every Thursday • 9.30am to 12.00pm
Every Saturday • 8.30am to 11.30am

Sociable indoor soft play session for parents and under 6's.
There will be a variety of soft play equipment, bouncy castle
and a ball pool for children to play in a safe environment.

Tea, coffee and a variety of treats
also available.

£1
per child



Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UY

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District Matters

A REPORT FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since I was elected to represent Stilton (and Holme, Denton & Caldecote) on Huntingdonshire District Council, writes *Tim Alban*. The most pleasing aspect of my role is getting things done for the villages I represent and making a positive difference to our area; in Stilton I have been able to do this as follows:

FLY-TIPPING, LITTER AND DOG FOULING

I have contacted the District Council's Operations team a number of times about this issue and was pleased to get them to tackle some of the litter and tipped items in and around the village, as well as lobbying to get the Highways Agency to tackle litter on the A1(M).

I have arranged for the District Council's cleansing team to visit Stilton twice since Christmas to tackle dog poo around the village and, along with other village residents, have cleared up some myself. Unfortunately this is a problem that refuses to go away - despite most dog walkers being responsible and clearing up after their pet.

ROAD ISSUES

I have liaised with the County Council's Highways Officer to lobby for repairs to take place. I arranged and attended a site meeting with Karl along with Sue Ayres from the Parish Council. Since being elected I have achieved road and pavement repairs in Church Street and the High Street and successfully lobbied for the double yellow

lines in the centre of the village to be repainted - now all we need is for the Police to enforce them. I have also been successful in arranging for weeds to be sprayed in the village and on the B1043 .

MEETINGS

As well as the full Council, I am a member of the Corporate Governance Committee and the Finance & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Panel. My predecessor, Peter Mitchell (who was appointed an Honorary Alderman of the District last December) continues to be the District Council's representative on the local drainage board and the Great Fen project. I attend meetings of the Parish Council when I can and if I'm not able to attend I send a report.

SPEEDWATCH

I have been part of the team who set up the successful Speed Watch trial in the village and have taken part in two sessions myself.

GENERAL

Rather than just rely on residents' reports of problems, I get out and around the village to check on anything which might need attending to and notify the relevant body as quickly as possible. I am grateful for the team at **SCAN** for the opportunity to write a quarterly report about my work as the local District Council; I also post updates on my Facebook page.

Tim Alban

Tel: 07913 101145

facebook.com/TimAlbanForStiltonWard

Thought for Food



A Cordial Thought

MAKE YOUR OWN SUMMER COOLER

June is one of the best months for a foodie! Asparagus, strawberries, cherries, broad beans and new potatoes are all at their best, not too mention tender, sweet lamb. Time for the first barbecue or - at the very least - sitting out in the garden with a long drink.

It doesn't even have to be alcoholic; why not make your own Elderflower Cordial?

Pick 20 elderflower heads, preferably on a sunny day. Put in a bowl with 1 kilo of granulated sugar and pour in 1½ litres of boiling water. Stir and leave to cool. Add 50gms of citric acid, and four lemons, zested and sliced. Cover and leave for two days, then strain into hot bottles.

Chill in the fridge and it's ready to drink. Pour about an inch into a glass over ice and top up with sparkling water or lemonade. If you intend to keep it a while sterilize the bottles first.

St Mary Magdalene, Stilton

*For full details of church services,
visit www.stiltonchurches.com*

or see the Church Link

- delivered to your door every month!

Twinning Diary Dates



- 17th - 19th June Weekend visit to Saint-Omer - see advert in this issue
 1st October Quiz Night - watch for details!
 22nd - 26th October Group visit to St Christol - see advert in this issue

If you are interested in any of these 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.

Bookworm



Library News

Opera Dudes Are Back In Town !

ANOTHER GREAT EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT

As part of the *Arts Alive in Libraries* programme, the fabulous Opera Dudes are coming back to Sawtry Library for another show on Friday 1st July at 7:30pm. Tickets are available from Yaxley Library NOW priced at £5 each. Hurry! They are likely to sell out quickly!

EngAge IN THE AFTERNOON

The EngAge talk on Wednesday 15th June at 2pm is *Discovering Your Family History*. Join us for this fun and informative session. Free entry; tickets available from Yaxley Library (limited availability).

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH COMPUTER BASICS OR RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY?

Are you new to computers? Would you benefit from one-to-one assistance with computer basics? Our Computer Buddy can

offer FREE basic help to beginners, and our Family History Volunteer can help you get started with tracing your ancestors. Please ask a member of library staff for more information.

RHYMETIME AND STORYTIME

Rhymetime (for babies aged 0-18 months) runs every Friday 10:30-11am during term time. Storytime (for children aged 18 months - 5 years) will be held Tuesdays 7th and 21st June from 10:30-11am.

BOOK AND BISCUIT STORYCLUB

The next Book and Biscuit story club (for children aged 4-7 years) will be held on Tuesday 14th June from 3:30-4:15pm. Come along and join in our session of stories and activities.

Stilton Stumblers

Spring Itinerary



5 June	Punting on the Cam	19 June	Caldecote - Papley
3 July	Hills & Holes	17 July	Old Warden

Our regular walks are between 5 - 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!

Yaxley Library

OPENING TIMES

Mon	3:00 - 7:00
Tue	9:30 - 5:00
Wed	CLOSED
Thu	9:30 - 5:00
Fri	9:30 - 1:30
Sat	9:30 - 1:30

Renewals & enquiries:
(0345) 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Mobile Library

Wed 22 June

Folksworth
10:45 - 11am
Elm Road

Stilton
3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot

Route M24

Great Work !

CITIZENS ADVICE PETERBOROUGH SAYS THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

From 1-12 June, Citizens Advice Peterborough's (CAP) annual Volunteers Week celebrates the contribution made by volunteers who help people to solve problems in their lives.

At stands in Queensgate on Thursday 2 June and in Serpentine Green on Tuesday 7 June you can find out more about what volunteers do and why you might want to become one.

Keith Jones, CAP Chief Executive said, 'It's a great way to make new friends and be part of a dynamic team, using your work/life experiences and learning new skills.'

As well as giving a lot, CAP volunteers receive a lot in return:

9 in 10 feel better equipped to deal with

issues in their own and their family's lives .

Nearly a third go on into paid employment or full-time education.

Research also found that the more people volunteered, the happier they were!

CAP volunteers are of all ages and backgrounds, including those in work and those who want to 'give something back' to the community. There are currently volunteer vacancies for Front of House, Information Assistants, Digital Advisors and Research and Campaigns tasks. You can find out more either by talking to a volunteer on the dates above, or at www.citapeterborough.org.uk/volunteer-with-us/.

Keeping Well

News from the Wellside Clinic
(01487) 830340



Annual Flu Clinic 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual flu clinic is scheduled to take place on Saturday 8th October, subject to any alteration to our booked delivery dates.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

We would like to remind patients that the pneumococcal vaccination is available to all previously unvaccinated patients registered with the practice who meet the following eligibility criteria:

Aged 65 or over

Aged 2 to 64 years and meeting one of the following criteria:

Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen

Chronic Respiratory Disease

Chronic Heart Disease

Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic Liver Disease

Diabetes

Immunosuppression

Individuals with cochlear implants

Individuals with cerebrospinal fluid leaks

Please contact our reception team on 01487 830340 if you need to book an appointment to have your vaccination.

DNA Figures

In the last issue we provided figures regarding the number of appointments booked but not attended during the month of February. I am pleased to see that the number of GP appointments unattended dropped from 51 in February to 39 in April. Unfortunately we have not seen a corresponding drop in unattended nursing appointments; this figure rose from 80 in February to 81 in April.

We strive to provide our patients with good access to appointments and services, but wasted clinician time means longer waiting times for other patients. Please do let us know if you have booked an appointment but subsequently find, for whatever reason, that you are unable to attend, as your appointment can then be offered to another patient in need of our care.

Choose Well

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group offer a range of services throughout the local area. You can access lots of information on the NHS Choices website - www.nhs.uk - to help you decide when it is appropriate to seek help. In order to make sure you get the right treatment and help us to manage NHS resources please make sure that you Choose Well:

Self-Care - There are lots of minor conditions (cold, cough, headache, sore throat, cuts and grazes, bumps and bruises, indigestion, diarrhoea) you can treat at home with your medicine cupboard and plenty of rest

NHS 111 - Call 111 (available 24/7) if you need medical help or advice urgently but it's not a life-threatening situation.

Local Pharmacy - Your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints.

GP Surgery - We provide you with a wide range of family health services including diagnosis, treatment and management and prevention of health conditions. We also provide a minor injury service during

practice opening hours suitable for cuts, burns, falls, sprains and strains, foreign bodies, etc.

GP Out of Hours Service - If you require urgent GP care when the surgery is closed please call the practice as per usual, or call NHS 111, to be directed accordingly.

A&E Department / 999 - You should only go to A&E or call 999 when it is a critical or life-threatening emergency.

*Best Regards,
Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager*

Yaxley Singers

If you enjoy singing - anything from classical to jazz, religious, secular, songs from the shows etc - then come along at 7:30 - 9pm on Wednesdays to Yaxley Methodist Church, Main Street, Yaxley. You don't have to read music.

We give informal concerts around the area to church groups, ladies groups, charity events and care homes. We are now preparing for our annual Christmas concert in Yaxley Methodist Church, which will include old favourites and new songs, with audience participation!



If you want to know more, ring Mary Croll (241042) or Olive Main (241206). Transport from Stilton is usually available.



Yaxley Group Practice
(01733) 240478

Vernon Clarke

The Yaxley Patients Association (YPA) has been in existence for more than 30 years, being one of the first Patient Groups in the country. The Association has been an invaluable link between the healthcare professionals and the patient community and has also raised considerable funds to purchase items of medical equipment for the benefit of patients.

One of the cornerstones of the YPA success and longevity as a group has been the dedication of its committee members. Vernon joined YPA in 1986 and has been Treasurer, one of the more arduous positions on the committee, for the past 15 years. Throughout his time as Treasurer he has kept meticulous financial records and has furnished every meeting, both committee and AGM, with clear and understandable accounts.

Vernon has now decided that the time has come for him to retire from the YPA. I would like to place on record my own personal thanks to Vernon and say the Yaxley Group Practice and patients owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his hard work and diligence during the past 30 years.

In addition to his work on the YPA Vernon

has also found time to be involved in the Workers' Educational Association, Friends of Yaxley Library, County and Local Archiving Group and the Yaxley Old Boys. In a few words: he is a true man of our community.

In his spare time he supports Yaxley FC, watches motor cycle racing, likes steam trains and Warner holidays. Vernon we hope you enjoy more trips to Warners with the lovely Jenny; you both deserve it.

Peter Leaton - Chairman YPA

Facebook

Yaxley Group Practice is on Facebook now! We are new to Facebook so bear with us while we update and tweak the information. Our intention is mainly to share Practice-related information and news. It will not be regularly monitored and therefore you cannot make/cancel appointments or request prescriptions here; please visit our website or call us to do this. We welcome feedback and are always looking for new ideas to improve our services.

We take patient confidentiality very seriously. Please note that it is a **public** page and comments posted will be visible to all. Please do not put any confidential or personal information on this page. We also reserve the right to delete any comments that are deemed offensive.

Travel Vaccinations

If you are planning to travel outside the UK, you may need to be vaccinated against some of the serious diseases found in other parts of the world. Vaccinations are available to

protect you against many travel-related infections, such as yellow fever, typhoid and hepatitis A.

You don't always need vaccinations to travel abroad. If you do, the type of travel jabs you need depends on which country you are visiting and what you are doing. Please ask at Reception for a Travel Health questionnaire; one has to be completed for each person travelling. When completed, return to Reception and they will give you an appointment with one of our nurses to discuss and give you the vaccinations required for your destination.

If travelling to Europe, please visit the Fit for Travel website www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk where you will find all the information you need. If vaccinations are required then please contact Reception who will make you an appointment to attend one of our clinics. Please allow at least four weeks before you are due to travel, because some vaccinations need to be given well in advance to enable your body to develop immunity, and some involve multiple doses spread over several weeks. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.**

Practice Leaflet

We have recently updated our practice leaflet which will help you obtain the service you require from the Health Centre. Remember to notify us if you change your address, email or telephone number. The practice leaflet can be viewed on our website at www.yaxleygp.nhs.uk

Parkinson's Group COFFEE MORNINGS

The local Parkinson's UK branch trialled a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th April at the Sue Ryder Café, Whittlesey Road, Stanground for people with Parkinson's or friends, family and carers for someone who does. It was great to have such a good turnout from people living in Yaxley, Stanground, Farcet, Fletton, Stilton and Folksworth areas. Success of this trial means that we will now start regular monthly coffee and chat meetings from Wednesday 8th June. Future meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Sue Ryder Café at 10:30am. If you are living in these catchment areas, or would just like to come along for a coffee and a friendly chat, we will look forward to seeing you there. If you have transport difficulties please contact Sue McNally on (01733) 229190, Jill Normington on (01733) 241021 or Ruth Brinkler-Long on (mobile) 07752 014 998.

If you have Parkinson's and have been admitted to Peterborough City Hospital for any reason we would be pleased to hear about your experiences, good or not so good. We are hoping to make a case for a Parkinson's Specialist Nurse to be based within the hospital. Please contact Jill Normington on (01733) 241021.

Half Day Closing

The Practice will be closed for training on Wednesday 15th June from 1-4:00pm. We will be available for emergencies during that time.

Emergency Telephone (01733) 240478.

Patient Survey 2016

As part of our efforts to improve our services to patients, the Patients Association is encouraging patients to give their views about how the practice is doing. We would like to ask the opinions of as many patients as possible.

We should be very grateful if you would be willing to complete one of our Patient Surveys. Completed surveys may be returned to Reception, or you can complete the survey online at: www.yaxleygp.nhs.uk

We will keep your answers completely confidential.

Carer Support Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Carer Support Group will be on Wednesday 1st June between 2-4pm in the Health Education Room. If you care for a family member or friend then you would be welcome to join our small but friendly group for coffee, biscuits and a chat. For more information please speak to Linda in the Patients Library. All carers will be made very welcome.

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Losing someone you love can leave you feeling lost, particularly with Father's Day approaching. So Macmillan have created a website where friends and family can come together, share memories and even change lives.

Local fund raising manager, Jessica Levin told **SCAN**, 'The website allows you to create a lasting legacy for your loved one – a legacy that will help Macmillan support more people with cancer and their families.

'If someone close to you dies from cancer, Macmillan are here for you. Call the support line on 0808 808 00 00, where we can help you cope with grief, give you all the practical information you need, and when you're ready, offer ways to celebrate the life of your loved one.'

To find out more about Macmillan tribute funds, visit <https://macmillan.tributefunds.com>, or contact Jessica Levin, Fund Raising Manager, Cambridgeshire, at fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

Free Shopping Bus

TRY A FOOD SHOP IN OUNDLE FOR A CHANGE

Readers who fancy a change from food shopping at Tesco or Nisa may welcome a new shuttle bus service operated for the Co-op at Oundle.

Decker Bus will stop in Stilton every Thursday morning as follows:

09:45 Church Close bus stop
09:47 Colbrook Garage
09:50 Opposite Stilton Cheese
09:52 Mill Road bus stop

Apparently it will even stop if you hail it, so don't run to the bus stop!

The bus arrives in Oundle for 10:45 and departs at 12:15pm. Plenty of time for some shopping at the Co-op or a browse around the Thursday Farmers' Market!

Even better, the service is FREE! If you have any queries, call (01733) 351694.

High Street Beat...

Tax Rebates By Text ?

YEAH, RIGHT. HOW GREEN DO THEY THINK WE ARE?

Action Fraud are warning the public about fraudsters who are sending text messages offering a tax rebate. The text message contains a link to a website and requests to provide personal information, such as bank account information, to claim the non-existent rebate.

Let's be clear: HMRC will **never** use texts or emails to tell you about a potential rebate or ask for personal information.

PROTECT YOURSELF

NEVER click on web links contained in unsolicited texts or emails.

NEVER provide your personal information to a third party from an unsolicited communication.

ALWAYS obtain the genuine number of the organisation being represented and verify the legitimacy of the communication.

If you have provided personal information and you are concerned that your identity may have been compromised (for example, you learn that a company you use has had their customer accounts hacked), consider Cifas Protective Registration. You can find out about this service at www.cifas.org.uk

Pets Online?

Another increasingly common fraud is the offering of pets, in particular puppies and kittens, for sale via popular online auction websites. The fraudsters will often claim that the pet is currently held somewhere less accessible or overseas. Upon agreement of a sale, they will usually request an advance payment by money transfer or bank transfer. But the pet does not materialise and the fraudster will ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees etc. Even if further payments are made, the pet will still not materialise and probably never existed at all. Action Fraud's advice is:

Stay within the auction guidelines.

Be cautious if the seller initially requests payment via one method, but later claims that due to 'issues with their account' they need to take the payment via an alternative method such as a bank transfer.

Research other information provided by the seller. For example, a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated with the number/email address online.

Request details of the courier company being used and check it out.

Agree a suitable time to meet face-to-face to agree the purchase and to collect the pet. If the seller is reluctant to meet then it could be an indication that the pet does not exist.

A genuine seller should be keen to ensure that the pet is going to a caring home. If the seller does not express any interest in you or the pet's new home, be wary.

If you think the purchase price is too good to be true then it probably is, especially if the pet is advertised as a rare breed or pedigree.

Request copies of the pet's inoculation history, breed paperwork and certification prior to agreeing a sale. If the seller is reluctant or unable to provide this information it could indicate that either the pet does not exist or it has been illegally bred e.g. it originates from a 'puppy farm'. A 'puppy farm' is a commercial dog breeding enterprise where the sole aim is to maximise profit for the least investment. Commercial dog breeders must be registered with their local authority and undergo regular inspections to ensure that the puppies are bred responsibly and are fit and healthy. Illegally farmed puppies will often be kept in inadequate conditions and are more likely to suffer from ailments and illnesses associated with irresponsible breeding.

When thinking of buying a pet, consider buying in person from rescue centres or from reputable breeders

Report Fraud

It's important that you report promptly any fraud or attempted fraud that you encounter. You can do this by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or by visiting their website www.actionfraud.police.uk. Remember that fraud is often used to fund terrorist organisations.

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*By Order of the Parish Council
Mary Croll, Clerk to Stilton Parish Council*

