

Stilton Community Association Newsletter

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Christmas wouldn't have been Christmas without the Nutcracker, who interrupted his busy schedule of ballet performances for a cameo appearance on our Church Street pillar box.

*The Nutcracker ballet a treat to see
Now we have nutcracker dolls for our tree*

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Mon 5th, Fri 16th,

Fri 30th January

(Denton & Caldecote: Sat 10th, Fri 23rd, 6th)

Recycling Bins:

Mon 12th, 26th January;

Mon 9th February

(Denton & Caldecote: Tues 6th,
Mon 19th, 2nd)

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

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Local News

Gill King RIP

1948-2025

On 4th December 2025 a packed St Mary Magdalene church paid tribute to Gill not only as a much-loved wife, mum, granny, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, and auntie, but also as a popular and highly regarded member of our village community.

Gill was born in Peterborough in October 1948, second child of Lilian and Cyril (Norris) joining her elder sister Trixie then later by brothers Tony and Terry. After living at Washingley and Caldecote they then settled in Stilton. After leaving school, Gill was a personnel secretary at Newall Engineering. In 1971 she married Eugene King and they had a family of three sons: Darren, Paul and Brian. Gill was a loving Granny to Oliver, Evie, Callum and Alice.

When Peter Taylor retired as Stilton Postmaster, Gill became our Postmistress for 25 years, coming out of retirement for two years to help set up the post office in the village shop. Gill was a keen sportswoman, as a football mum to her three boys before being introduced to squash by her brother Terry. After she couldn't play squash any longer she joined Eugene at Stilton and Yaxley Bowls Clubs, becoming a member of Northants County Ladies. With her partner Les they won the Senior mixed pairs tournament at Skegness.





Young people Engagement Stilton

NEEDS

YOU!

Can you help on
an **occasional**
basis at

**YOUTH
ZONE**



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

This would not be a full time
commitment, but on an occa-
sional basis to help provide
cover with...

**6.15-7.30PM @
STILTON PAVILION**

SET UP/ PACK UP, RUNNING SESSIONS AND
ENGAGING WITH THE YOUTH

Stilton Culture

YES YOUTH ZONE VOLUNTEERS

For almost two years YES has been running a Youth Zone for our young people in Years 7-11 (ages 11-16). It's held on Wednesday evenings between 6:15pm and 7:30pm in Stilton Pavilion.

It's been hugely successful; we regularly have 15-30 young people taking part in activities such as table tennis, badminton, pool and crafting in the Pavilion, or outside activities and games in the summer. We also run a very popular tuck shop.

Youth Zone needs at least three volunteers for each session; currently the YES Committee provides these. We are all DBS checked and have experience of working with children, either as professionals or as parents (or both!).

However, we urgently need some more volunteers to help with Youth Zone sessions. If you are able to commit to one or two Wednesday sessions each month, you'd be very welcome to join us. Please contact the YES secretary, Keith Bull, at keith.r.bull@gmail.com or contact YES at

yestilton@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

SHINE A LIGHT!

We've had very complimentary remarks about how festive Stilton's Christmas lights were this year. So well done everybody!

Phil Shailer tells us that his big North Street switch-on on Saturday 29th November raised £1,146.11p on the night. We look forward to reporting what the grand total reaches!

Phil & Jackie write to say a huge heartfelt thank you for everyone who turned out to support it - and to support it so generously in the difficult financial times we currently find ourselves facing. They would also like to thank everyone who donated amazing raffle prizes.

Thanks also to Wyn Roland for donating and cooking all the hot food, to Mark White for all drinks, to Jack and Carla Sherrington for the use of their driveway and - last but not least - all of the brilliant personnel who served the food and drinks, sold raffle tickets and made the event the success it was.

Stilton Stumblers

Make a New Year's Resolution! Walk that Xmas turkey off!



4 th Jan	Farcet/Stanground	5 mi	18 th Jan	St Neots	5mi
1 st Feb	Holme/Conington	6 mi	15 th Feb	Burghley Park	6mi

For all walks, meet at the Pump at 10:00 For more information about Stumbling, visit stumblers.stilton.org or call Sarah or Michael on 01733 241804

**STILTON HERITAGE -
2025/2026**

Stilton Heritage members celebrated a successful 2025 with a members' social evening in the Church Meeting Room in December, *writes Keith Bull*. As well as food donated by members, the Trustees provided drinks for the occasion. Paul Springford, our Chairman, entertained us with his 'now and before' slide show comparing Stilton's present buildings with those in the past. It was sad to see that so many of our buildings had disappeared over time. However, it was particularly interesting that those attending with a long history in the village, and those who have researched our past, were able to share stories of the old buildings and their residents. This brought our history to life in a both interesting and informative way.

Such gatherings could be future events for Stilton Heritage, especially when we are able to set up scanning facilities in the planned Heritage Centre and invite those with old photos of the village to share them with the Centre.

We are now looking forward to 2026 with a full calendar of monthly meetings already planned (see December **SCAN** and www.stilton.org/village-life/events).

Remember, our next meeting features a talk by Dr Sadie McMullon on 'Brickopolis, the expansion of Fletton: brickyards, railways, people'. As usual, this will take place in Stilton Church at 7:30pm, but it will be on the 15th January - the third Thursday, not the usual second Thursday of the month. Refreshments provided. Members free, non-members £5. We look forward to seeing you there.

**STILTON CHRISTMAS FAIR
2025**

The Young People Engagement Stilton (YES) 7th Christmas Fair on 29th November was a huge success, *writes Keith Bull*, with a truly special and festive atmosphere all day as we welcomed a steady stream of local residents as well as many from surrounding villages. The Pavilion was packed with wonderful local craft stalls. Who knew we had so many talented people in our midst? Many of the stallholders have been coming to the Christmas Fair since 2017 and regard this as one of their favourites.

The Christmas Café was busy all day with a fantastic choice of homemade cakes and savouries - all kindly donated by residents. The Grand Christmas Draw was another attraction, with a wonderful array of prizes donated by local businesses and residents.

A fabulous total of £3,036.05 was raised, every penny of which goes to supporting the young people of Stilton and its surrounding villages. YES currently runs the Youth Zone (see p5) for children in Years 7 to 11. Looking to the future, our aim is to provide a dedicated building as a hub for our young people to use for Youth Zone and other events; discussions about this are ongoing with the Parish Council.

Events like the Christmas Fair could not happen without the support of a whole team of volunteers and donations from our local businesses and residents. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of them, as well as to the stallholders and to all of you who came to enjoy yourselves at the Fair.

We wish you a very Happy New Year!

Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

For everyone interested in gardening and the environment

Tuesday January 20th

Church Meeting Room at 7:30pm

Pademelons, Devils and Ancient Pines

An illustrated talk by Pat Maltman on the amazing scenery of Tasmania and its even more amazing flora and fauna.

Members free, non-members £4.

Wednesday Club

At Stilton Pavilion - Every Wednesday from 2-4pm

A great meeting place to enjoy social conversation

- Cakes, tea and coffee always available for a nominal fee
- Stay supple! Enjoy regular chair yoga sessions!

Your Community Needs You !

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

Call 07795 542084 to find out more.



Parish Council News

THE PLAY'S THE THING...

BARN CLOSE PLAY AREA

In December the play area was stripped out and the old equipment taken away ready for the new play area. We'll be holding a meeting in the Pavilion soon where you can let us know exactly what you would like see replace it. It's been a long time coming but hopefully we're not far off having the new play area for the Under 6's installed.

There was a bin in the old play area which has now been removed too but if you've journeyed along Apreece Way recently, you may have spotted a brand new bin near the Apreece Wildlife Garden that our Caretakers, Andrew and Victor, have installed. It's much better with a lid on it.

A SIGN! A SIGN!

Are you wondering where the North Street painted village sign is? Glyn is still working hard to get this ready and the finishing touches are being applied so it should be unveiled in a few weeks time.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

At our December meeting we decided to:

- get moving on providing a brand new noticeboard for the North end of the village. Cllr Phil Shailer is busy getting some prices together and hopefully we'll have this ready for action soon;
- help the Traffic and Parking Working Group, who have requested another Movable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) to help keep traffic speeds at

safe levels throughout the village. We're planning to submit an LHI application for solar powered signs and new posts this month;

- fit metal air brick covers at the Pavilion as we've had increased amounts of rodent activity recently (it's just too nice and warm in the Pavilion so we don't blame them for trying!);
- delay the circulation of our Winter newsletter throughout the village until a little later this month. We'll be sharing information on forthcoming elections, providing a greater insight on the classes available to take part in at the Pavilion and detail how you can get involved with choosing the new play pieces for Barn Close play area (as above).

REMINDER: GRIT BINS

There are three grit bins around the village for residents to use if/when the weather becomes icy and slippery. Please take what you need. They are at the junctions of:

- Church Close and High Street
- North Street with Mill Road
- St Mary's Road/Caldecote Road.

Full meeting minutes can be found on our website, www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON AT STILTON PAVILION?

CLASSES, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS AT STILTON PAVILION

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Table Tennis 11:00 - 13:00	Pilates with Fran 09:30 - 10:30 Move it or Lose it fitness 60s+ 11:30 - 12:30	Pilates with Fran 09:30 - 10:30 Linda's Jungle Body Fitness 11:00 - noon	Futsal Tots 10:00 - 11:00 (Term time only)	Pilates with Vicky 11:15 - 12:15
Carpet Bowls 14:00 - 16:00	Table Tennis 18:00 - 19:30 Juniors Club	Wednesday Club (Over 55's) 14:00 - 16:00	Contact us for more information on any of these classes or if you would like to hold a new class at the Pavilion. pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk 01733 639106	
	Table Tennis 19:30 - 21:30 Adults Club	YES 18:15 - 19:45		

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Find Parish Council meeting minutes, as well as Pavilion booking details,
availability calendar and hire fees on our website www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Folklore



News & Info for Folksworth,
Morborne & Washingley Folk

January Diary Dates ALL EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Tues 6 th	Ladies Circle
Sat 24 th	Coffee AM
3 rd Tuesday (20 th)	Parish Council Meeting
Every Tue morning	Worthy Folk Coffee Morning
Every Thurs afternoon	Art Group

LADIES CIRCLE

In December we had our Christmas party with lots of food, bingo and a quiz. Our 2026 programme begins on Tuesday 6th January with 'Move it or Lose it' - a taster session with Debbie to give us some inspiration to keep fit after over-indulging! Non-members welcome; £2 entry. Do come and join us at 7:30 in the village hall.

FOLKSWORTH CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our last competitive game of 2025 was a home match against Helpston. Folksworth won this by eight points to two. It was a particularly high-scoring game, with Folksworth netting 48 shots to Helpston's 25. A very satisfying result for Folksworth.

As always anyone interested in trying out carpet bowls will be welcome to join us at a club night in Folksworth Village Hall. Further information is available from Jonathan Wray whose contact details are to be found in the **SCAN** Diary

FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Our two fund raising events (Bingo and Burns night quiz and supper) sold out! Thank you for your support

Folksworth Pub Night

Saturday 21st February

Saturday 21st March

Saturday 18th April

Saturday 16th May

Saturday 20th June

Saturday 18th July

Saturday 15th August

Saturday 19th September

Saturday 17th October

Saturday 21st November

Saturday 19th December

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

After a successful time at the Stilton Christmas Fair in November, our Art Club members are now looking forward to a New Year in which they can enjoy painting with a view to future exhibitions during 2026.

If you are interested in our work, why not pop in and see what we are doing! We meet on Thursdays at Folksworth Village Hall from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Contact Cherry on 01733 244258.



SAVE THE DATE!

Young people Engagement Stilton
(YES) invite you to...

AN EVENING WITH PENNY & PETE

A demonstration of
Clairvoyance and Mediumship

Whether or not you believe in the
spirit world, this is an evening
not to be missed!

Saturday 11th April
Folksworth Village Hall

Further details to follow
in **SCAN** and on Facebook



Around the Parish

FOLKSWORTH & WASHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

BASKETBALL HOOP / MINI GOAL FOR THE PLAYING FIELD

When councillors asked teenage residents of the parish what improvements they would most like to see, the overwhelming response was for a basketball hoop with a small hardstanding area at the playing field.

Thanks to a £1,000 donation from the Youth Engagement Scheme (YES), which works with young people in Stilton and Folksworth and is funded in part by a Co-op grant, the Parish Council has been able to make this happen. The new unit is scheduled to be installed in January.

Councillors are extremely grateful to both YES and the Co-op for their generous support in delivering this much-requested facility for our young people.

SPEED CAMERA DATA

Folksworth Road (40mph)

An average of 605 vehicles enter Folksworth via Folksworth Road each day. Of these, 25% were recorded exceeding the 40mph speed limit. Alarming, the highest recorded speed was 90mph.

Washingley Road (30mph)

An average of 319 vehicles per day enter Folksworth from the Stilton direction. Encouragingly, 85% of vehicles were travelling at or below 26mph. Only 3% exceeded the 30mph speed limit, with the highest recorded speed being 45mph.

LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE BID

As part of its ongoing commitment to improving road safety, the Parish Council has submitted a bid for Local Highways Initiative funding to reduce vehicle speeds on both approaches to the village.

PLANNING UPDATE

Both Local Plan consultations have now closed. No sites within the parish were put forward by HDC as preferred options for development.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The recycling scheme is operating again this year with collection dates on January 8th and 9th. Full details can be found on our website.

WINTER GRITTING

The parish grit bins have been refilled. If one is sited near you and you are aware it needs topping up, please let me know. Please note that this is for public roads/footpaths only and not private driveways/paths.

NO SMARTPHONE OR COMPUTER?

Councillors recognise that not all residents have access to a smartphone or computer, which can make it difficult to follow online links or updates.

If you need any help accessing information or raising an issue, please don't hesitate to ask - we're here to help.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

This summer's weather has encouraged plenty of growth in trees and hedges! Now that the nesting season has passed, they can be safely pruned and cut back until the end of February 2026.

BULKY WASTE AND HOUSE CLEARANCE

Do you have bulky waste items - from beds, mattresses, sofas, other furniture, etc to full house clearances? Hunts District Council offer this service and have trucks, skips and bins depending on what is needed. Prices are available on request. Contact HDC - quoting reference BDM1025

Email:

tradewasteteam@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Web: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste

COMMUNITY CHEST SCHEME

The HDC Community Chest Grant Scheme is now open! The scheme, funded by the UKSPF Vibrant Communities Fund 2025/26, is available to community groups (non-precepting organisations) across the district, to support local community events.

Awards of between £200 and £1,000 are available to support community events designed to build pride in place, community engagement and social activity.

To apply, please complete the online form: <https://forms.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/COMMUNITYCHESTFUND/launch>

There is no closing date - the scheme will remain open until all funds have been allocated. Applications will be reviewed by the Grant Panel and awarded on a first come, first served basis. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

REPORT A FAULT

Cambridgeshire County Council has recently introduced a new online reporting tool allowing various faults to be registered and directed to the correct department. You can report anything at all, from trading standards, flooding to highways, street lighting and footpath issues. It's worth noting that not all reports made on the previous system have been carried forward so if you are still waiting for action on a previous report, please report it again. To start a report please follow this link: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/top-tasks/report

PRIORITY SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

Electricity: UK Power Networks offer a priority service, free of charge, to customers who need extra support or additional care. Residents who meet the criteria (e.g. of pensionable age or those requiring extra care) are encouraged to register so that they can be supported if there's a power cut. Signing up can be done by phoning 0800 169 9970, or online on the UK Power Network's website:

<https://ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services>, or Dial 105 to report any problems with electricity infrastructure including power cuts and hazards on or near overhead power lines.

Anglian Water offers similar services with online registration at: www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care. As well as priority services Anglian Water also have a range of financial assistance available for customers finding it difficult to pay their bill. For Extra Care Support you can telephone 0800 169 3630

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!

The Council values the opinions of all parish residents. We are ¾ through the final year of our current four-year term and are keen to hear fresh ideas and encourage more people to get involved in shaping the parish's future.

Even small changes can have a big impact. You can share your thoughts by attending a meeting and speaking during the public forum, or by contacting me directly.

Parish Council meetings are held monthly (except in August) on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at 7.20pm in the Village Hall, Manor Road, Folksworth and the December meeting will be on the 16th.

May 2026 see's the next Parish Council elections where a team of nine will be elected to guide the parish through the next four-year term. If you feel you have something to offer and would like to know more about becoming a councillor, please get in touch.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON PENSION CREDIT?

In Cambridgeshire, up to one in three people who are eligible for Pension Credit are not claiming it. The average household could get around £186 per month.

Pension Credit is extra money to help with living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income. Claiming Pension Credit can also unlock other benefits, including the Winter Fuel Payment, help with NHS dental treatment, glasses and

hospital transport costs. You can check eligibility and claim Pension Credit on the GOV.UK website.

Everyone at the Parish Council would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2026!

Jackie Stanbridge

Clerk to the Council/RFO

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BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Patrick Clark writes to thank all in Folksworth for your generosity to such a worthy cause, which raised £558.85.

He'd particularly like to thank the collectors, Alison Brown and Andy Goodfellow.

Contributors!



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by the 14th of the month.

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Event Horizon

What's on in & around
Stilton & Folksworth

D R A G *Queen* B I N G O *with Teddi*

Saturday 7th February 2026
@ The Stilton Pavilion, PE7 3RA
Doors open at 7.00 pm | Eyes Down at 7.30 pm

Bring your
own drinks,
glasses &
nibbles

£20
PER PERSON

Price includes
Homemade
Desserts!!

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The SCAN Diary

What to do.

	WHAT	WHEN	
YOUNGSTERS	Pre-School (Folksworth)	Mon,Tue,Wed,Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm; Thurs 9:00am - 12pm	F
	To join Stilton or Folksworth Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, please visit: www.girlguiding.org and click on 'Get Involved'		S
	YES Youth Zone	Wednesday 6:15 to 7:45 pm	S
	Futsal Tots	Thursday 10-11am	S
ADULTS	Parish Council (Stilton)	7:30pm 2nd Tuesday in month	S
	Parish Council (Folksworth)	7:30 - 9:30pm 3rd Tuesday in month	F
	Stilton Stitchers	Tue 2:30 - 5pm	S
	Friday Social Group	Fri 2 - 4pm	S
	Folksworth Coffee Morning	4th Sat in month 10am-12noon	F
	Worthy Folk Coffee Morning	Tuesdays, 10am-noon	F
	Stilton Church Coffee Morning	Monthly, every 3rd Saturday, 10:30-noon	S
	For up to date details of church services, please visit the Stilton Group of Churches website www.achurchnearyou.com		
SPORT & LEISURE	Stilton Gardening Club	7:30pm 3rd Tuesday in month	S
	Pilates with Vicky	Fri 11:15am-12:15	S
	Pilates with Fran	Tues, Wed. 9:30-10:30	S
	Jungle Fitness	Wednesdays 11am-12noon	S
	Move It or Lose It - over 60s	Tuesdays 11:30am-12:30pm	S
	Stilton Table Tennis Club	Mon (snrs) 11am-1pm; Tue (jnrs) 6:00-7:30pm + club nt 7:30-9:30pm	S
	Stilton Football Club		S
	Stilton Carpet Bowls Club	Mon 2-4pm, Fri 7-9pm	S
	Stilton Wednesday Club	Wed 2-4pm Coffee, cake & conversation.	S
	Folksworth Carpet Bowls Club	Mon 7 - 9pm	F
	Sawtry Table Tennis Club	Mon 6:30-8:30pm during term time	S
	Peterborough Opera Group	Fri 7:30 - 9:30pm	F
	Folksworth Art Club	Thu 12:30-4:30pm	F
	Folksworth Ladies' Circle	1st Tuesday in month 7:30-9:30pm	F
	Bridge Club	Tuesday 6:45pm - 10:00pm	F
	Stilton Stumblers (walking group)	Alternate Sundays 10:00am - see info in this issue	M
OTHER	Mobile Library (Stilton and Folksworth)	1st Tuesday in month - see info in this issue	S
	Age Well Club	Tue 9:30 - 11:45am	A
	'Chatterbox' Carers' Support Group	2nd & 4th Mondays in month, 2:15-4:15pm	C
	Music & Spoken Word Social Group	2nd & 4th Fridays in month, 1:30-3pm	C
	Green End Day Club	Mon-Thurs 10am - 1:30pm	C
	The CARESCO Cave	Mon, Thurs 9am - 1pm; Tue 9am - 4pm	C

Are we up to date? Tell SCAN ab

where to do it and who to do it with

WHERE

WHO

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UPDATED!

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Ward Rounds

News from our
District Councillor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas, writes *Cllr Tim Alban*. There were some particularly good local events taking place in December and although I didn't get to all of them, I enjoyed those that I did.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

At a special Full Council meeting of Huntingdonshire District Council, all 52 members had the opportunity to vote for any of the five options on offer, or to abstain.

During the debate I spoke in favour of Option E, which would create a single unitary council for Huntingdonshire, based on the current District Council boundaries, with the new council taking on the responsibilities of the County Council along with those of the District Council.

Marge Beuttell and I, along with 34 other councillors (enough for a clear majority) voted in favour Option E, which was passed to the council's cabinet, who also voted for Option E. Huntingdonshire's proposals were submitted, along with those of neighbouring councils, to the government who will make the final decision, which should be announced this summer.

Of the other councillors, two were absent, seven voted for Option C (which would put Huntingdonshire in a unitary council with Cambridge City and South Cambs - despite neither of them voting for this option) and seven (members of the council's cabinet)

abstained. I was relieved to see that no councillors voted for Option D, which would have split Huntingdonshire up and put our part of it into a Greater Peterborough Council. How central government sees all this remains to be seen.

REVISED LOCAL PLAN

The opportunity to comment on the proposed sites in our area closed last month and I will share any future news on this once it is available.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Although I am active on Facebook, the best way to contact me is email or phone rather than messenger - my contact details are below.

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me, whether it be with individual issues or wider community concerns. As I mention every now and again, trying to help residents and communities in this particular part of Huntingdonshire remains my favourite part of being a District Councillor.

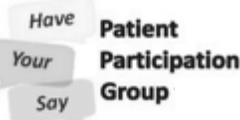
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Stilton, Folksworth & Washingley Ward*

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Yaxley Surgery News



DIGITAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

The PPG hold regular drop-in digital support sessions in the reception area of the practice. So if you would welcome time and space to get to grips with the NHS app or Anima, these sessions are on the third Monday of *every other* month, 8:30-10am;

Mon Jan 19th Mon March 16th

GROUP MEETINGS

Delighted with your care or access to the surgery and want to share your views? Or do you have any questions or concerns about ANIMA, telephone access or appointments? Come to one of the PPG's regular meetings and take the opportunity to seek (non clinical) answers.

The next meeting is on Monday January 5th, 18:30 at the Yaxley practice reception (enter via car park doors). All patients are welcome, there is no cost to attend and the meeting lasts approximately one hour.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Join the PPG Facebook. Search for Lakeside Yaxley Patient Group, or via this QR code. (Please answer all questions when applying.)



If you have any questions or wish to contact us in confidence, yaxleyppg@gmail.com

Not everyone uses social media, so tell your neighbours and friends about Yaxley PPG!

Bookworm



Library News

Be a Time Traveller !

TAKE A STEP INTO THE PAST

ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON (18+)

Time travel!

Exploring the past with virtual reality

Wednesday 11th February 2026, 2-3pm

Join us for an Engage session with a difference. New technologies such as virtual reality and digitisation allow us to experience history in an immersive and interactive way. So put on our VR headset and take a step into the past.

Free event, donations welcomed. Adults only. Booking essential, call into Yaxley Library, call 0345 045525 or contact Huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Rhymetime Tuesdays, 10:30-11am

Under 5s Stay & Play Fridays, 9:30-10:30am

Lego Club Saturdays, 10-11am. (50p/child)

Children's Art Club!

Saturday 10th January, 10-11am

- Take your pencil for a walk.

Saturday 7th February, 10-11am

- Watercolours and silhouettes.

Join us once a month to let your creative talents come to life with a themed art session.

Suitable for ages 4+ Kindly funded by the Friends of Yaxley Library.

Gingerbread Houses!

Saturday 31st January, 10:30-12 noon

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, come along to the library to hear the story of Hansel and Gretel, followed by a craft activity to make your own Gingerbread House.

£2.50 per child, suitable for ages 5+. Booking is advised for children's events as places are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, ask a member of staff, email huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, or call 0345 045 5225.

ADULT EVENTS

(Free. Donations welcome!)

Scrabble Mondays, from 3pm

Knitting Group Thursdays, 2-4pm

Dementia Support Group

Last Monday of the month, 10-11:30am

(Pre-booking required - please contact Volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

P3 FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE (HOUSING)

Tenancy and housing support - Fourth Thursday each month, 12:30-2:30pm. Book online (www.p3charity.org/CPFSS) or call 0808 169 8099.

CAMBS SKILLS GUIDANCE HUB

Jason will be at Yaxley Library on Thursday 15th January, 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact Jason.Ramtohl@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07484 021651 to make an appointment.

NEW BUS PASSES & RENEWALS

Please contact us at 0345 045 5225, ask at Yaxley Library or contact huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

WARM HUB

Come along to Yaxley Library for a warm welcome on Thursday mornings, 10am-1pm. Tea and coffee available.

SUE'S ESSENTIALS

Yaxley Library stocks an assortment of necessities for those in need, such as toiletries and hygiene products. These are free for anyone to take. Just pop in!

Any quality unused donations would be greatly appreciated to keep our stock replenished. Thank you.

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

Route H2 - 1st Tuesday

Tues 6th Jan

**Folksworth
10:45 - 11:10am Elm Road**

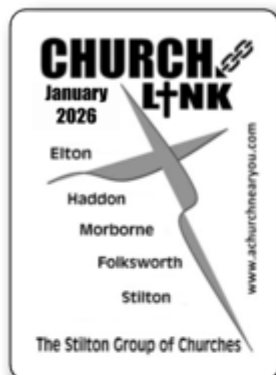
**Stilton
9:45-10:30am
Stilton School**

**3:10 - 4pm
Outside The Talbot**

As well as a large range of library books, you can get your NHS hearing batteries, replacement walking stick ferrules and dispose of old household batteries.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/mobiles

MobileLibraries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



The John Lewis Christmas advert is eagerly anticipated. This year's story followed a father and son who struggled to express their feelings. On Christmas morning, the father opens a gift: a vinyl of Alison Limerick's Where Love Lives. He plays the music and is carried back to memories of his youth, and of his son as a child. Father and son embrace, expressing in the hug what they couldn't in words. The advert ends: "If you can't find the words, find the gift."

Gifts speak when words fail. Christians believe at Christmas God offered something greater: the Word made flesh. St John writes, *"In the beginning was the Word... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."* In Jesus, God communicates His love through His living presence. The advert depicted a son bridging a silence with music. At Christmas, God bridges the distance between heaven and earth. Jesus is Word and Gift, revealing God's love and desire to be close to us. Language wasn't enough, we needed the gift.



Let's ponder what it means to receive this gift. The father in the advert is overwhelmed by memories; likewise, Christmas invites us to be overwhelmed by grace, recalling God's faithfulness and welcoming Christ anew. The embrace in the advert mirrors the reconciliation God offers, drawing us close. January can feel a bit dull after the festive season, yet Christ's gift is not just for Christmas. The Word made flesh still dwells among us, bringing light and hope.

In this new year, we are called to carry that gift forward: to be love, speak kindness, and let our actions communicate God's grace. May Christ, the Word and the Gift, dwell richly in you this year.

Happy New Year!

Rev Diane.



Services in January ~ All Welcome

ELTON

All Saints PE8 6RU



4th January
9.30am Holy Communion

11th January
6pm Evening Praise

18th January
9.30am Holy Communion

25th January
9.30am Morning Praise

STILTON

St Mary Magdalene
PE7 3RF



4th January
11.15am Holy Communion

11th January
11.15am All Age Service

18th January
11.15am Morning Praise

25th January
11.15am Holy Communion

MORBORNE

All Saints PE7 3TG

18th January 3pm Holy Communion



HADDON

St Mary's PE7 3TR



4th January
11.15am Family Praise

11th January
11.15th Holy Communion

18th January
11.15am Messy Praise

25th January
6pm Evening Praise

FOLKSWORTH

St Helen's PE7 3SS



4th January
9.45am Morning Praise

11th January
9.45am Holy Communion

18th January
9.45am Morning Praise

25th January
9.45am All Age Service

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION



1st Wednesday of the month (7th January) Stilton 12.30pm *with a soup lunch.*



2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (14th January and 21st January) at Elton 10am *followed by coffee.*



STILTON COFFEE MORNING



In the church meeting room 17th January

10.30am - 12.00



Homemade cake and a raffle.



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