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(Denton & Caldecote: Mon 2nd, 16th, 30th)

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www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

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Local News

RESTARTING STILTON'S COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

With continuing concerns about vehicles speeding through our village at times, some residents are suggesting that Stilton's Community Speedwatch team begins operating again, *writes Keith Bull*. Speedwatch is an effective way of providing evidence for the need for traffic calming measures. Folksworth now runs a Speedwatch team and has argued successfully for additional traffic calming measures. Elton Speedwatch, who previously shared Speedwatch equipment with Stilton, is still active and has successfully applied for traffic calming; they are still happy to share the Speedwatch kit with us again.

Speedwatch does not set out to 'catch people speeding'. It aims to have a highly visible presence when operating, to remind drivers of the need to keep to the speed limit; but it also records data that can be used for presenting the case for additional traffic calming.

There are both environmental and safety issues for keeping to the lower limit. A recent BBC News article by Evan Davis (the BBC 4 radio presenter) makes this clear, but asks why so many people break 20mph speed limits (it's more complicated than you think). (A copy is available from csw.stilton@gmail.com if you are interested.) As Evan points out, it is not always easy to keep to the limit!

If you are interested in joining a Stilton Community Speedwatch team and can spare say an hour a month to help, please contact Stilton's Community Speedwatch Coordinator at csw.stilton@gmail.com or phone 07484863226 for more information.

We know that several people in Stilton have already had Speedwatch training, though just a few were still active when Speedwatch was suspended. So, if you're previously trained or can spare a little time for some on-line training then we'd love to hear from you. Speedwatch Needs You!

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as well as Pavilion booking details,
availability calendar and hire fees
on our website:
www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stilton Culture

Andrew Tillman

1970- 2025

Chef, friend, superstar and 'Stilton Legend'



Andy was an all-round true gentleman, who never had a bad word to say about anyone, writes *John Smith*. He would light up any room (and want his photo taken with you). He truly was unique and special and had a heart bigger than anyone's.

He started working at the Talbot 12 years ago, and probably (as he would describe it) 'endured' four stints as chef with us. He once said 'you never leave the Talbot'. During this time Andy became a true friend, brother and part of my family. Andy would regularly be seen in Stilton riding to and from work on his trusted bike.

A diehard West Ham fan and true family man, he adored and was immensely proud of his daughters and grandson who live in Sweden.

The outpouring of tributes for one man was remarkable; everyone had a story, making a difficult time easier. Several lasting tributes were made by villagers including the ice cream scoop bike by Paul Woolner, the 'Andy' postbox topper by Janice Williams and the Memory teddy by Wendy Newton.

Over 250 people met to honour and remember Andy; the crematorium and wake were a sea of claret and blue – a testament to his immense popularity.

The Pub, Kitchen and Village will be a much lonelier place without him. He lives on in our memories and hearts, so stay safe & well over land and sea Andy.



You know you've made your mark on Stilton when you appear on top of the Church Street postbox! A lovely tribute.

The Christmas Lights

We heard many favourable comments about Stilton's first Christmas Lights event, so as the festive season becomes a distant memory, we were pleased to receive the following report from the Stilton Light Fundraising Committee:

Members are gearing up for another successful year, aiming to make the village shine brighter in 2026. With its inaugural Christmas light switch-on event having successfully taken place last year on November 23, 2025, the committee is once again coming together to bring joy and cheer to the village in November for the Christmas period.

We're incredibly grateful to all the organisations and individuals who contributed, Whether it was a large contribution or a small donation, every pound helped make this project possible and we're committed to being open and responsible with every pound we receive.

Total Amount Raised

£17,957.92 in six months

Key Expenses

- Balfour Beatty: approximately £3,300 for lamp post power fittings
- Christmas Tree Initiative: approximately £2,800 for seasonal installations
- General Fundraising and Events Costs: approximately £4,500 for stage hire, security, equipment, activity materials, signage and activity tents for the children

What the Funds Support

- Delivering events and activities, support fundraising
- Equipment, materials, signage, and road closures
- Insurance, safety and essential running costs

Goal

Keeping the project sustainable and accessible for everyone.

All surplus funds will go towards our 2026 fundraising projects and our Christmas display for 2026. If you are a local business who would like some more information about sponsorship please do get in contact with us on:

stiltonchristmaslights@hotmail.com

If anyone would like more detail or has questions, please feel free to email us too.

Thank you for being part of this - we couldn't do it without you! Please follow us on Facebook for more updates in due course.

Contributors!



Please send us your material by the 14th of the month.

- For **SCAN** to: scan1@stilton.org
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Parish Council News

A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents

Many of you have probably opened your Council Tax bills and are now asking the question, what is the Parish Council actually doing with our money? *writes Sue Ayres.*

So I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council to explain why the Parish precept will be increasing in 2026/27 from £123,194 to £147,143 (or just under £24,000), which equates to approximately a 48p per week increase for the average Band D property.

We understand that these are challenging financial times and this decision has not been taken lightly. Over the past year, our Parish Council team has been working to tackle long-standing issues across the village, but to make real progress we need additional staff capacity. So from 1st April 2026 our budget will include:

- Increasing the Clerk's hours from 24 to 28 per week
- Increasing one Amenity Caretaker role from 10 to 20 hours per week
- Paying overtime for Pavilion cleaning at weekends.

These changes have added costs, including covering the Government's increase in Employer's National Insurance along with Employer's Pension contributions. The extra capacity is essential though to move from simply managing issues to actively resolving them.

We know there are many important projects waiting to be done and we ask for your

patience as we focus on the priorities that matter most, including:

- A new play area at Barn Close for children under six
- Skate Park renovation
- Pavilion parking improvements
- Addressing traffic, parking, and speeding issues
- Reviewing the need for a safe road crossing
- Progressing the Parish Room into a Heritage Centre
- Expanding and improving burial areas
- Completing the Neighbourhood Plan to maximise CIL income
- Undertaking tree and memorial surveys.

Even with five part-time staff and nine councillors, the workload is substantial. Having the full complement of eleven councillors would make a real difference - please consider standing for election in May and contact us for more detail.

We are continuing to take steps to manage costs efficiently. Bringing bus shelter and window cleaning in-house, streamlining village grass cutting and installing solar battery storage are all expected to create ongoing savings.

I would also like to remind you that your Parish Councillors take nothing from the Precept. We all volunteer our time for free, helping to make Stilton a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We remain committed

to delivering improvements that benefit the whole community.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

At our February meeting, we decided:

- To provide the Cheese Rolling team with complimentary use of the Community Field for their upcoming event on Sunday May 24 2026. Although we have had to charge for use of the Pavilion this year, this is needed to cover costs of use.
- To accept a Watercourse grant from Cambridgeshire County Council for £2,675 to make improvements at the Apreece Way grill which should enable improved water flow.
- To purchase more cutlery and crockery for the Pavilion to enable us to increase income through this revenue stream, as well as replace the current 15 large tables that are at their end of life.
- To use CIL funds to buy a new oak noticeboard for Parish Council and community use at the North end of the village for £3,202.80.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

How Parish Council Elections Work - Parish council elections are how residents choose the people who make decisions about local services and community priorities in your area; from grass cutting to running community halls to neighbourhood planning and local events.

What is a Parish Council? - Parish councils are the most local level of government in England and are made up of local people who volunteer their time. They represent your community's voice and help shape everyday local life.

When Are Elections Held? - Parish council elections usually take place every four years, often on the same day as other local elections (eg district council elections). This year's election is on Thursday 7th May. If a seat becomes vacant between elections, co-option can be used to fill it.

Who Can Stand? - Anyone aged 18 or over, who lives or works in the parish (or within a short distance), can stand for election.

How to Nominate Yourself - Prospective candidates must submit a nomination paper supported by local electors by the deadline set by the local authority.

Voting - Residents who are registered electors in the parish can vote. If there are more candidates than seats, voting takes place by ballot; otherwise, candidates may be elected unopposed.

Why It Matters - Parish councils influence everyday aspects of local life, from community facilities to environmental projects. Being a councillor is a great way to improve your neighbourhood and represent your community's views.

Contact the Clerk for more details or for nomination papers.

Folklore



News & Info for Folksworth,
Morborne & Washingley Folk

March Diary Dates

ALL EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Tues 3 rd	Ladies Circle
3 rd Tuesday (17 th)	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 21 st	Pub Night
Sat 28 th	Coffee AM
Every Mon evening	Carpet Bowls
Every Tue morning	Worthy Folk Coffee Morning
Every Thurs afternoon	Art Group

**Folksworth
Pub Night**
Saturday March 21st
19:00 - 22:30

LADIES CIRCLE

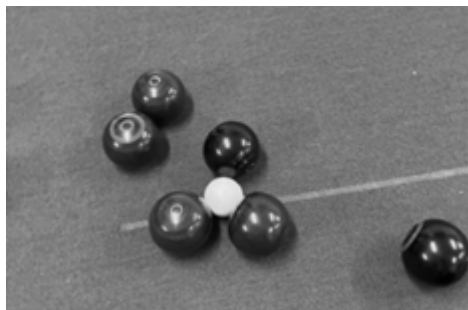
In February Cheryl Lucas showed us all how to make a Valentines' light decoration using jam jars and confetti. The results were very good!

Our speaker on Tuesday 3rd March is from SERV (Service by Emergency Response Volunteers) who will be telling us about The Bloodrunners and the fantastic support they give to the NHS. Do come and join us at the Village Hall at 7:30pm. (£2 for non-members.)

FOLKSWORTH CARPET BOWLS

The last few weeks have been good for Folksworth Carpet Bowls Club with two wins in the league. The first was at home to Northborough, where we won overall by eight points to two. The second was away to Stilton for this season's return 'Derby' match. Stilton beat Folksworth when they visited us earlier in the season so we wanted to return the favour, which we did, winning by six points to four.

A photograph taken at the Northborough match is shown below. It shows the jack being touched by three bowls, one from Folksworth (the top one) and the two from Northborough. If an 'end' - think of an over in cricket - finishes with bowls from both teams touching the jack, the end is declared 'dead' and neither team scores. To get a dead end with three bowls is not that common.



Visitors are always welcome to come to the Club and have a go. We meet on Monday nights at Folksworth Village Hall. Details of the club are available from Jonathan Wray whose contact details are in the **SCAN** Diary.

PLANTS WANTED FOR FOLKSWORTH OPEN GARDENS

Folksworth will once again be opening its gardens on

Saturday 6th June 2026

As always, we will be having a plant stall and are appealing for donations.

Now Spring is here, it is the ideal time for splitting perennials or if you are planting seeds then please think about planting a few extra for us.

Profits from the event will support village groups and local churches

Contact in case of queries: Linda 07709 216426

FOLKSWORTH ART CLUB

With arrangements starting for Folksworth Open Gardens this summer, artists have been asked to have an Art Exhibition in Folksworth Village Hall. The Art Club are keen to exhibit their paintings for all to see whilst indulging in the tea and cakes being provided.

If you are interested in painting, anyone is welcome to drop in to our painting sessions on a Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm to see what we are doing, and maybe even get inspired to try for themselves.

Phone Cherry on 01733 244258 for any queries.

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

DISTRICT & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Huntingdonshire District Council recently decided they would proceed with the scheduled District Councillor elections on **Thursday, May 7th 2026**. Parish Council elections will take place at the same time.

If you're considering standing in either election, please use these links:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-government-elections-england/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers/nomination-form

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers/nomination-form

The closing date for nominations to be received at the District Council offices, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon is 4pm Thursday 9th April 2026 **and must be hand delivered**.

Registering to vote and voting by post or proxy

The deadline to register to vote in this election is Monday 20th April 2026. At these elections, you will need to provide photographic identification before you can vote at a polling station. Read the HDC Voter ID page to learn more. If you do not

have one of the required forms of ID, you can apply for a free voter authority certificate. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Tuesday 28th April 2026.

If you are unable to vote in person, you can apply to vote by post or appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf.

If you wish to apply for a postal vote, please note that Hunts District Council must receive your application by 5pm, Tuesday 21st April 2026. You will not need photo ID to vote by post. If you wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf, they will need to go to your polling station and have their own photo ID to vote on your behalf. The deadline for proxy applications is 5pm, Tuesday 28th April 2026.

The District Council and town/parish elections count will take place on Friday, 8th May 2026 at One Leisure St Ives.

For the Parish Council elections, 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.

PLAYING FIELD

The basketball hoop/Mini goal is now in place on the playing field. We hope that everyone - young & old - enjoys using it.

SPEED CAMERA DATA

The most recent speed camera data for January presents a very concerning picture.

The Parish has experienced persistent speeding issues for a considerable period. Following more than three years of data collection by our Community Speedwatch team, we were successful in securing two Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) units through a Local Highways Improvement bid.

Unfortunately, MVAS data shows that speeding on Folksworth Road (40 mph limit) remains a significant and ongoing problem. The information collected confirms persistent excessive speeds rather than any meaningful reduction. Of particular concern, the highest recorded speed last month was 102 mph. By contrast, the second MVAS unit on Washingley Road (30 mph limit) shows generally lower and more compliant vehicle speeds.

Speed surveys conducted between November 2025 and January 2026 also demonstrate a consistent- and in some cases worsening - pattern of speeding on Folksworth Road. Typical vehicle speeds regularly exceed the posted limit, with repeated instances of extreme speeds recorded. The consistency of these findings across multiple surveys strongly suggests an established behavioural pattern rather than short-term or isolated variation.

Given the seriousness of the situation, the Parish Council has formally requested police monitoring and enforcement of speed limits within Folksworth Parish, with particular concern regarding Folksworth

Road. The ongoing risk to residents and road users - especially vehicles leaving the village - has also prompted a request for targeted police enforcement and further assessment by Cambridgeshire Highways of appropriate measures to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety along this route.

Analysis of the data indicates:

- Traffic levels on Folksworth Road have increased noticeably
- Typical speeds have not reduced despite repeated monitoring
- Some improvement is evident for vehicles entering the village
- Speeding has worsened for vehicles leaving the village
- A small but persistent minority of drivers continue to travel at dangerously high speeds

These findings point to a structural speeding issue rather than a short-term anomaly.

As part of its ongoing commitment to improving road safety, the Parish Council has already submitted a bid for Local Highways Initiative funding to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph from the start of Folksworth Road (Norman Cross Roundabout) to the end of the village. However, even if successful, implementation is likely to take 12-18 months. In the meantime, the Council will continue to explore additional measures and work with partner agencies to achieve lasting improvements in driving behaviour.

Some residents have expressed opposition to lowering the 40mph limit, although it is evident that those living directly on Folksworth Road - who witness the effects of reckless driving first hand - are supportive of the proposed change.

The police have confirmed they will carry out enforcement activity over the coming weeks and will divert regular patrols through Folksworth.

The potential introduction of a 20-mph limit throughout the village will also be revisited. Evidence from other villages suggests this can reduce overall vehicle speeds, although there remains some local reluctance.

Finally, Cambridgeshire Highways has been engaged to clear scrubland on the Norman Cross approach to improve visibility of the 40mph signage. Additional traffic calming measures, such as narrowed entrances and exits to the village, will also be investigated.

COLLECTION OF FOOD WASTE

All households should have received two new food waste caddies - a small one for the kitchen and a larger one for collection. The district council is running a competition for all Huntingdonshire schools to name their new food waste collection vehicle.

CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Residents across Huntingdonshire are being invited to have their say on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), as a public consultation has been officially launched.

The consultation seeks views on how local councils could be structured in the future to deliver services more effectively and respond to the needs of communities. The proposed changes aim to create a more streamlined, efficient system that supports better decision-making and value for money. Members of Huntingdonshire District Council voted for option E as they felt it was the best choice for all of Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Sarah Conboy, Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council, said: 'This is a significant moment for Huntingdonshire. Local Government Reorganisation has the potential to reshape how we work and how services are delivered across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It's vital that as many people as possible share their views so decisions truly reflect the priorities of our communities.'

The consultation will run until 26th March 2026 and residents can share their views online at Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space.

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LENT SOUP LUNCHES

in
FOLKSWORTH VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
EVERY THURSDAY IN MARCH

Two sittings: 12pm and 1pm

Please ring Joy to book a place: 01733 241938 or 07967 379926

All welcome! Donations go towards Morborne Church roof

FOLKSWORTH, WASHINGLEY AND MORBORNE VILLAGE HALL

A very big thank you to everyone involved in our Burns Night Quiz and Supper. £773 profit made will go towards maintenance of the kitchen, including buying a new microwave.

As well as a very busy main hall, we also have a community room which is used by the Worthy Folk for coffee mornings and by the Bridge group. Equipped with a kitchenette, tables, chairs and WiFi access it is perfect for smaller groups or meetings - or even if you just want somewhere quiet to work. There are toilets too. Access is via the door at the back of the hall so you aren't disturbed by users of the main hall.



Cost of hiring the community room starts at £8 an hour but discounts for residents and regular users brings that down to £4 an hour. Depending on table layout up to 24 people can be accommodated.

Email hire.villagehall@gmail.com or call 0772 978 0398 for more information.





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Stilton May King and Queen 2026

**Would you like to be this year's May King,
Queen or Princess at the Stilton Cheese Rolling
Festival?**

**Would you like to represent Stilton Court at
Sawtry Carnival too?**

**If you are aged between 5-18 years and have a
connection with Stilton then come along to
audition at Stilton Church's Meeting room on
Wednesday 15th April 7pm.**

**Stilton Cheese Rolling Sunday 24th May 2026
Sawtry Carnival Saturday 13th June 2026**

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Event Horizon

What's on in & around
Stilton & Folksworth

GAMES

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DANCING

**STILTON
CHEESE ROLLING
FESTIVAL**

MUSIC

MAY 24th 2026

11am - 9pm

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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	CONTACT
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Ward Rounds

News from our
District Councillor

Unusually, I am only going to feature one subject this month - Local Government Reform, *writes Cllr Tim Alban.*

As has been previously reported, the national government is planning to do away with the current County and District Councils and replace them with 'Unitary' authorities, which will carry out the responsibilities currently done by the two separate councils.

The options the government are considering have been narrowed down to four and they are asking for residents to give their preference. Full details are included in the link below but, in short, they are as follows:

Option A: Peterborough, Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

Option B: Peterborough, East Cambs, Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

Option D: Peterborough and part of Huntingdonshire

Option E: Huntingdonshire as a unitary council.

Whilst I usually try and make my district council reports evenhanded, as far as local government reform is concerned, I am happy to pick a side and publicly state my preference for Option E.

With the scheduled residential, commercial and infrastructure growth - not least with the defence cluster at RAF Wyton - I believe

Huntingdonshire can thrive as an independent, more locally democratic unitary authority which is ready to work in partnership with neighbouring councils but not be dominated by them.

Whilst I can see there might be some merit in Options A and B, the worst option, in my opinion, is D, which would see Huntingdonshire split up and our part of it absorbed into a 'Greater Peterborough' - I have not met anyone in the villages I represent who thinks this is a good idea.

This is the biggest reorganisation of local government in our district in a generation so please do use the link below to indicate your preference and, if you agree with me that Stilton, Folksworth, Washingley, Denton and Caldecote deserve better than to be a bit part in a city-centric Peterborough based council, please let the government know.

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough

(Here's a friendlier QR code of the above)



Responses may also be sent via email to lgrconsultationresponse@communities.gov.uk or by post to:

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Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Fry Building 2NE

Ministry of Housing, Communities and

Local Government

2 Marsham Street

London SW1P 4DF

To contact me, please email tim.alban@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or call 07903 518967

*Kind regards,
Tim*

Councillor Tim Alban
Huntingdonshire District Council



Stilton Stumblers

1 st Mar	Orton Mere	5 mi	15 th Mar	Elton/Fotheringhay	7 mi
29 th Mar	Kings Cliffe	5 mi	12 th Apr	Barrowden	7 mi

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

Your District Councillors

Councillor Tim Alban

tim.alban@huntingdonshire.gov.uk 07903 518967

Focussing on Stilton, Folksworth & Washingley, Holme, Denton & Caldecote, Great & Little Gidding, Glatton and Conington

Councillor Marge Beuttell

marge.beuttell@huntingdonshire.gov.uk 07714 428586

Focussing on Sibson-cum-Stibbington, Elton, Alwalton, Morborne, Haddon, Water Newton and Chesterton



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.



Bookworm



Library News

Explore Our History

EXCITING WAYS TO DISCOVER OUR PAST

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 7th March, 10-11am
Optical Illusion.

Saturday 11th April, 10-11am
Mini beast collage.

Join us once a month to let your creative talents come to life with a themed art session. Suitable for ages 4+

Kindly supported and funded by Friends of Yaxley Library.

Mother's Day Photo Frames

Saturday 14th March, 10:30-12 noon

Let your imagination run wild as you decorate your very own MUM photo frame. £2 per child, suitable for age 5+ years.

Pop-up Chick Easter Craft

Thursday 2nd April, 10:30-12 noon

Join us for an egg-citing Easter craft and create your own cheeky chick that pops out

of an Easter egg. £2 per child, suitable for children over 5 years.

Booking is advised for children's events as places are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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)

Engage in the Afternoon (18+)

Adults only. Booking is essential.

Lost Landscapes of Yaxley
Wednesday 11th March, 2-3pm

Join speaker Grahame Middleton to explore Yaxley village history told through old maps, remnants of forgotten fields and satellite images.

Yaxley Countryside Volunteers

Wednesday 8th April, 2-3pm

Join speaker Reg Bingham as he discusses the history of the local Yaxley Countryside Volunteers Group.

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**Contact**

Jason.Ramtohl@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07484 021651 to make an appointment. Jason will be at Yaxley Library on Thursday 19th March, 9:30am-12:30pm

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 3rd March****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

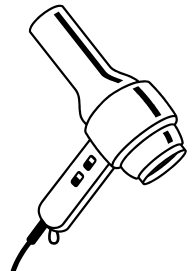
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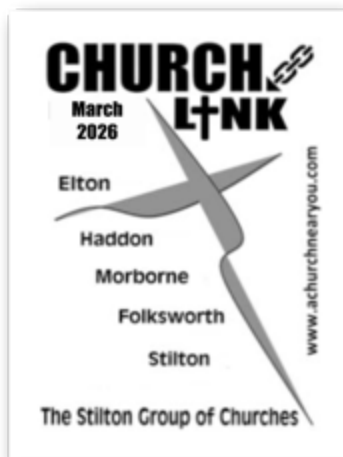
It's a Stick-Up!

Readers who subscribe to HDC's green waste collection service will have been excited to receive their new bin stickers recently. But somewhat less than thrilled to be asked to remove the old sticker from the bin before adding the new one.

At this time of year, the cold temperatures not only make the glue stick like the proverbial, but also make the label material really brittle. So removing the old one is almost impossible.

The secret is to warm the old label. You can start by standing the bin with the label facing the sun for an hour or so - every little helps! Then use a hair dryer on hot to soften the label and its glue. Might take a few minutes, but you should then be able carefully to peel off the label.





When we hear the word Lent, many of us instinctively think about what we're supposed to give up: chocolate, social media, late-night snacks, or maybe that daily fancy coffee. While there's real value in fasting and self-denial, Lent is about so much more than subtraction. At its heart, Lent is an invitation to take something up—to grow, to deepen, and to make room for God to do something new.

What if this Lent we focused less on what we're losing and more on what we're gaining?



We might take up a few quiet minutes of prayer each morning, letting God set the tone before the day rushes in. We might take up gratitude, intentionally noticing small blessings we usually overlook: a kind word, a shared laugh, the simple gift of another day. We could take up Scripture, reading even a few verses at a time and allowing God's Word to shape our hearts.

Lent is also a wonderful season to take up kindness. A handwritten note, a patient response, a sincere *"How are you really doing?"* can become holy acts when offered with love. We might take up generosity—of time, attention, or resources—remembering that almsgiving isn't just about charity, but about relationship.

None of these practices need to be dramatic or perfect. Lent is not about spiritual heroics; it's about faithfulness in small things. Every step we take toward prayer, compassion, and awareness of God's presence prepares us for the joy of Easter.



So this Lent, consider what God might be inviting you to take up. Not as another task on an already full to-do list, but as a gift—one that opens your heart a little wider to *grace, hope, and new life.*

Rev Diane.



Services in March ~ All Welcome

ELTON

All Saints' PE8 6RU



1st March

9.30am Holy Communion

8th March

6pm Evening Praise

15th March *Mothering Sunday*

9.30am Holy Communion

22nd March

9.30am Morning Praise

29th March *Palm Sunday*

9.30am Holy Communion

FOLKSWORTH

St Helen's PE7 3SS



1st March

9.45am Morning Praise

8th March

9.45am Holy Communion

15th March *Mothering Sunday*

9.45am Morning Praise

22nd March

9.45am All Age Service

29th March *Palm Sunday*

9.45am Holy Communion

HADDON

St Mary's PE7 3TR



1st March

11.15am Family Praise

8th March

11.15am Holy Communion

15th March *Mothering Sunday*

11.15am Messy Praise

22nd March

6pm Evening Praise

29th March *Palm Sunday*

11.15am Holy Communion

STILTON

St Mary Magdalene
PE7 3RF



1st March

11.15am Holy Communion

8th March

11.15am All Age Service

15th March *Mothering Sunday*

11.15am Morning Praise

22nd March

11.15am Holy Communion

29th March *Palm Sunday*

11.15am Morning Praise

MORBORNE All Saints PE7 3TG

15th March *Mothering Sunday* 3pm Evening Praise

29th March *Palm Sunday* 3pm Compline



Lent Lunches

Will be held in the meeting room at
Folksworth village hall.

Two sittings 12.00 and 1pm

Homemade soup, bread and cheese

All welcome

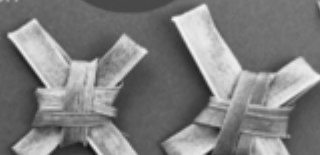
5th March

12th March

19th March

26th March

Please ensure
you book a
place.
Contact Joy on
01733 241938
07967379926



Easter

EGG HUNT



Saturday, 4th April

Free to all children, but they must be
accompanied by an adult.

There will be refreshments available (free for
children, but a normal charge for adults).

10.30-12pm

Stilton Churchyard



HAPPY EASTER

From The Stilton Group of Churches
Unwrap the great gift of Easter with us.

Maundy Thursday

2nd April

Haddon 7.30pm - Holy
Communion

Good Friday

3rd April

Stilton 10am - 11am
Service at the Pump

Elton 2pm
At the foot of the cross

Easter Sunday

5th April

Elton 9.30am - Holy
Communion

Folksworth 9.45am -
Morning Praise

Stilton 11.15am - Holy
Communion

Haddon 11.15am -
Family Praise

Morborne 3pm
Holy Communion
with refreshments after.

St Mary Magdalene Church, Stilton

QUIZ NIGHT

in Stilton Church

Saturday, March 28th

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Teams of up to 8

Tickets £12 per person which includes a
ploughman's supper* and dessert.
Bring your own drinks and glasses

To book for a team or individuals
(we can find you a team) contact
Pat Maltman:

pat_maltman@hotmail.com or 01733 242229

*Please let us know at time of booking if
you are dairy intolerant

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION



1st Wednesday of the month (4th March) Stilton
12.30pm *with a soup lunch.*

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (11th March and 25th
March) at Elton 10am *followed by coffee*

STILTON COFFEE MORNING

In the church meeting room

Saturday 21st March
10.30am - 12.00.



Homemade cake and a raffle.

SAVE THE DATE**WATCH THIS SPACE !**

28th March

Quiz Night & Ploughman's Supper
Stilton

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24th May

Cafe at the Cheese Rolling

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6th June

Open Gardens Folksworth

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July

Summer Quiz Sheet

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5th and 6th December

Christmas Tree Festival at Stilton

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Pop up Cinema

Stilton Church

Thursday 2nd April

9.30am - Breakfast
10am - Film Starts

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Lent Bible Study

"A Place for Us"
A study based on the
film "West Side Story"

Film Night 22 February

All welcome!

Study Sessions:

Monday 23 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 9 March

Monday 16 March

Monday 23 March

7pm Refreshments

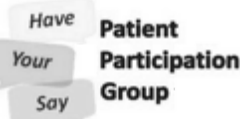
7.30pm start

St Mary Magdalene Stilton



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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 March 16th

Mon May 18th

Mon July 20th

Mon Sept 21st

NEXT PPG MEETING

Please note change of date of our next meeting; **Monday April 20th 2026**, 18:30 in the Yaxley practice reception area (enter via car park doors). Speaker is Dr Emilia from Peterborough Hospital Paediatric Service, on allergy & anaphylaxis.

Attend the PPG meeting and take the opportunity to hear practice statistics and ask (non clinical) questions. All our patients are welcome, 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, email yaxleyppg@gmail.com. Tell your neighbours and friends about it - not everyone is on social media. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stilton Gardening and Natural History Club

For everyone interested in gardening and the environment

Tuesday March 17th

Stilton Church at 7:30pm

AGM followed by a talk by Paul Burrows:

'An overview of water management in the Middle Level of the Fens and the role of the Middle Level Commissioners'

Paul is the Chief Executive of the MLC and has worked in water management locally, regionally and nationally for over 25 years. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management and a Chartered Environmentalist.

Members free, non-members £4.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Meeting Room as usual after the talk.

Just a reminder: Membership fees of £30 for the 2026/7 will be due at this meeting when the programme for the new season will be available. We hope, as usual, there will be something of interest to everyone.