



# HUBY VOICE



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## Parish Council News

Please check the Parish Council website at [www.hubyparishcouncil.uk](http://www.hubyparishcouncil.uk) for a copy of all the agendas and minutes.

The Council met on 6 September and 6 November 2023 since the last Huby Voice.

The green areas in the village that are maintained by the Council are hopefully to be registered as village green to add an additional level of protection to them. This process is likely to take some time.

An update on the progress of the new sports pavilion was received and this looked very positive. The Council had supported this project by way of a grant to fund the demolition of the old pavilion.

Three new salt bins had been ordered from North Yorkshire Council and it was hoped that these would be installed before the winter weather.

Efforts continued to bring the parties involved in the previous failed mobile phone mast together to identify a solution.

A request had been made for a member of the public for pedestrian dropped kerbs on Main Street and Stillington Road and once the locations are identified a request would be made to North Yorkshire Council.

The future delivery options for the Huby Voice were discussed. This currently costs the Council around £2,000 per annum. A survey would be included within this issue, and it was hoped everyone will respond.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Nigel Knapton Clerk to the Parish Council [clerk@hubyparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@hubyparishcouncil.uk)

The Huby Voice is delivered quarterly to residents of Huby, if you would like an article or an advert in the next edition, please email: [hubyvoice@gmail.com](mailto:hubyvoice@gmail.com) no later than 15 February

If there is anyone interested in producing the newsletter, please contact via the above address.

A reminder that we have two village Facebook pages and a website, look out for up-to-date news on these pages: Huby Buy Swap Sell or Hubynorthyorkshire or [www.hubyvillage.org](http://www.hubyvillage.org)



## Huby Women's Institute.



After celebrating the 90th anniversary of our group in the Summer, we have settled back into our usual monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at Huby Methodist church, 7.45pm.

In November we are making Christmas wreaths to brighten up our front doors, and in December we are planning a Christmas party.

One of the York guides will be giving a talk about an area of York at our January meeting.



*Auto repairs, MOTs + maintenance*

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*The Yard, Lundgreen Lane, Huby, YO61 1LZ*

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 1.00pm + 2.00pm - 5.30pm Saturday: 8.30am - 12.30am



## FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S HOSPITAL

### Huby Benefits from FOSMH Grants

After changing their constitution the League of Friends of St Monica's Hospital in Easingwold is able to provide grants towards projects which will benefit the health and wellbeing of the residents of Easingwold and surrounding villages.

Huby has not missed out. Recent grants awarded have included £750 to Huby Bowls Club for a generator, needed after their power supply through the Sports Pavilion was lost.

A total of £20,000 was awarded to the Huby Playing Fields Association, to be staged over the period from application to the opening of the new pavilion.

The Community Shop has been awarded £5,700 to help with their new build.

If you run an organisation which could benefit from a grant, please look on the website [www.fosmh.org.uk](http://www.fosmh.org.uk) where you will find a simple initial application request.

### Huby Voice Survey

Huby PC pay for the Huby Voice with precept money from your Council Tax. The costs of production are rising and we are looking at ways to reduce these costs. To help us determine the wishes of the Village, please answer the questions below:

Do you want to continue to have a paper copy of Huby Voice delivered to your door?  
Y/N

Would you be happy to read Huby Voice online? Y/N  
Do you have any further thoughts about the format of Huby Voice?  
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Please cut out this article and place in the box in the Village Shop, or email your response to [clerk@hubyparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@hubyparishcouncil.uk)

Your responses will help to determine the best way to deliver Huby Voice.  
Many thanks,  
Huby Parish Council

# Huby C of E Primary School

## Nursery

At the beginning of September we were delighted to not only welcome our new Reception children but we also, for the very first time, welcomed 9 new nursery children. Children can join our nursery in the term after their third birthday. The nursery children are in our Robin Class with the Reception children and access our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. We are now taking applications from children who are eligible to start after Christmas and Easter. If you would like to enrol your child or come and have a look around please email [admin@huby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huby.n-yorks.sch.uk) or call Mrs 665100.



Rushton on 01347

## Awards

In September we received two awards: Primary Science Mark (gilt) and School Games Mark (silver). These are a recognition of the quality of teaching, learning and wider opportunities in these subjects.



## Sport

We had a busy start to the autumn term with inter school competitions in cross country and boys' and girls' football. We also had a number of school house competitions which has meant that all of our children have had the chance to take part in team competitive sport. There has also been a wide range of extra curricular clubs for the children to enjoy including French, York City football, girls' football, netball and running.



## School Visits

The children have also had the opportunity to go on school visits to support their learning this term. These have included Murton Park, the York Food Festival, Forest Quest and Drax Power Station. In a couple of weeks the Year 5 and 6 children will be going on a 3 day residential visit to Robinwood.



## Huby Corinthians Junior Football Club

Huby Corinthians Junior Football Club meet at Robin Lane every Saturday morning at 9am. We welcome new players of all abilities aged 4 to 14 to learn and have fun through football in a friendly & inclusive atmosphere. After recently re-affiliating the club with North Riding FA, we now have one team competing in the York & District Youth Football League and we aim to have more in the future. Interested? Please contact us at [hubycorinthians@gmail.com](mailto:hubycorinthians@gmail.com), or visit [www.hubycorinthians.com](http://www.hubycorinthians.com) for more info.

During the winter months we have hired the sports hall at Easingwold Outwood .

Starting 2nd December every Saturday until February 17th with no training December 23rd and February 10th Under 8's 9-10 Under 6's 9- 9:30 Over 8's 10-11



**Plans are already underway for next year's show on 23 June 2024**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with running the event, if you are interested in supporting us, even just the week before the show with the setting up, please email: [infoathubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com](mailto:infoathubyandsuttonshow@gmail.com).

**We are currently looking for a new Finance Officer/treasurer, if you would like more information, please contact using the above address**

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# **Christmas 2023 at All Hallows**



**Advent Draw, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5.30pm In the Church with Raffle, mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas Cards to start the season**

**Carol Service, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm**

**Hopefully in the Churchyard. Wrap up warm and bring your torch or lantern**

**Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist 11.00pm**

**An atmospheric beginning to the Holy Day**

**Christmas Morning Service 10.00am**

**An exciting and joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus. Children of all ages bring their presents**



## **Huby Primary School's PTA.**

**The PTA has done a couple of small fundraising activities so far this school year raising much needed funds to support the young people in their education.**

**We try and organise fun activities within school which they enjoy especially the Film Night.**

**We have got a couple of events happening this school year where the community can join/ support us which would help us greatly to raise funds to purchase a new pump for the swimming pool. The pump unfortunately needs replacing before the pool can be used again.**

**The first event is the clothes collection.**

**We will be collecting from around the village on the 26th November so if you have any Clothes, paired shoes, household bedding (not duvets or pillows), curtains and soft toys you no longer need please put in a bag outside your house that morning.**

**The second event is going to be our biggest one this year.**

**We will be doing the School Carnival on Sunday 30th June. We will be starting the event of by bringing back an old tradition of a parade down the village. The children and parents will be making a float per class for them to walk behind. If anyone would be interested in sponsoring a float ( 4 floats) please get in touch with the PTA on the following email address.**

**[hubypta@gmail.com](mailto:hubypta@gmail.com)**

**Following the parade to school, there will be lots of fun activities, food and drink down at the school field for the community to join. We are very excited to bring back this tradition and are looking forward to seeing many of you there.**

**HUBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION  
PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE**

**Since the last edition of the Huby Voice I'm delighted to say we have made huge progress**

**in our efforts to deliver a new pavilion.**

**We are in advanced talks with a Midlands-based timber pavilion construction company whose initial proposal is to provide us with a fully secure and watertight structure. This is what we are calling Phase 1, with the fitout of the new building to come as Phase 2.**

**We will get a building of the size and scale we originally applied for, and their offer will include all external doors and windows – including the bi-folds to give clear views of the sports ground from inside - roof tiles and external cladding. This package is significantly more than any other company we approached, and we have all the required funds in place to pay for it.**

**We are awaiting final structural calculations to allow us to fine tune the requirements of the groundworks with a view that, all being well, we can start digging holes in the ground before Christmas.**

**Construction of the pavilion will be initiated in a local factory (Leicestershire) then transported to Huby to be erected by their own team of specialists. We are hopeful of having them on-site in early 2024 with their work completed by March or April. Work on Phase 2 is already underway, with new funding having been sourced that, if our bid is successful, would put a huge dent in the required amounts to get the building usable as soon as possible.**

**Additionally, we are in contact with a range of supply chain companies who could help with some of the materials required for Phase 2, so more news on these initiatives in due course.**

**So, progress. More updates will be put on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/hubypavilion](https://www.facebook.com/hubypavilion) but hopefully by the time of the next Huby Voice we will have images of the new structure to share with you (no pressure, then...)**

**For more information about making a donation to this worthwhile project**

**<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3305022> or to offer much need help please email: [hubyplayingfields\\_northyorks@yahoo.com](mailto:hubyplayingfields_northyorks@yahoo.com)**

**Thank you, from the Huby Playing Fields Committee**



## **To all you bird lovers out there.**

During these winter months many of us will be feeding the birds in our gardens.

It's a joy to see them visit our feeders and satisfying to think that we are doing our bit to help them.

Let's keep our feathered friends healthy by following the RSPB's advice below on how to clean feeders/bird tables:

### **Help the birds stay healthy**

It's very important to keep bird feeders, tables and baths clean in order to stop any build-up of bacteria and viruses that can spread diseases and infections among garden birds. Greenfinches, in particular, have been hit hard by trichomonosis, a disease which can be spread by contaminated food and drinking water. But by keeping feeders, bird tables and bird baths clean we can help keep birds healthy.

- Clean your feeders, bird baths and tables outside every week
- Wear gloves and use warm soapy water
- Scrub feeders inside and out using a strong, long bristled brush. Do this in a bucket, not in your kitchen sink
- Use a mild, non-toxic disinfectant
- Make sure the feeder is thoroughly dry before refilling it with food
- Should you see any signs of disease stop feeding the birds for at least two weeks

For further info on birds, including tips on what to feed them, click the link below to access the RSPB website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

## **Parking on Pavements!**

**There are several cars regularly being parked on pavements in the village.**

**This is inconsiderate to footpath users and could potentially cause a safety hazard for parents with pushchairs and those in wheelchairs.**

**PLEASE PARK WITH MORE THOUGHT!**





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# Forest of Galtres Camera Club

Our new season weekly meetings at the Galtres centre resumed Monday 2nd October. Selwyn Roberts, a Huby member, has been elected President and other Huby members ensure Huby is well represented.

Our 2023/24 programme welcomes new speakers both live and via Zoom, with member presentation evenings where we can see the interests and activities of our fellow members. Our full programme can be viewed on our web pages along with our competition images. [www.easingwoldcameraclub.org](http://www.easingwoldcameraclub.org)

The club meet during the winter months at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings at The Galtres Centre, Easingwold where we have all the facilities to view our images as well as wi-fi which enables us to welcome guest speakers and view images via Zoom. A cup of tea and a chat always ends the evening.

If you are interested in joining us please do make contact. You do not need expensive equipment, many successful images are now being taken on members mobile phones which produce some high quality images. We do have dedicated evenings related to our mobile phone photography.

David Higgins - Secretary

email: [fogcc2022@btinternet.com](mailto:fogcc2022@btinternet.com)

## Huby Members Images highly rated in our October 'Scapes' competition.



*Lizard Point - David Higgins*



*Basenthwaite Lake - Martyn Pegler*



*Lone Tree - Selwyn Roberts*



*Lighthouse - Carole Smith*





**Shop building project:** Our new shop project is progressing well, with the work well on the way to us opening the new shop towards the end of January. Whilst we will have to close the shop and PO for a few days in January to enable the builders to knock through and the PO counter to be relocated, we will endeavour to offer a reduced daily service for newspapers and essentials where practical and safe to do so. More details to follow nearer the time. We held a well-attended volunteer meeting in mid-November where we all got an update on the shop from Denise as well as lovely cake and mince pies courtesy of Sara.



**New volunteers:** Whilst you may not see them serving in the shop, we have Gill and Julie training on wholesale stock ordering with Elaine, and Thady has volunteered to help with marketing. We will need more volunteers to help with stocking shelves, cleaning and serving customers when the new shop opens, so please step forward! Thady has only recently moved to Huby but is keen to support our wonderful community shop.

**Christmas:** The shop has order forms for Christmas meats and poultry from Hartleys, and Pies from Thorntons. **Last date for orders is 8th December.** Orders can be collected on 22nd, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24th December. You can also order wines from York Wines and pick up Christmas bakes from bespoke cakes by Sara. We also have a lovely selection of local gin gifts which pop nicely into a Barkers bag for Christmas presents. The shop will open until 1.00pm on Sunday 24th December so all orders can be collected.

**A reminder that the cost of operating the Post Office is subsidised by the shop proceeds, if the shop isn't used the Post Office opening hours could potentially be reduced.**

### CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

	Shop	Post Office
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>8am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>9am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>

### Shop & PO open usual hours 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Sunday 31st December</b>	<b>9am-11.30am</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday 1st January</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>

*Merry Christmas*

## **Villages Together Methodist Church In Huby.**

This year is rapidly coming to an end, and we remember a few things that we have done over the last few months.

We gathered together at Stillington for our annual barbeque in September and joined with Sutton church in the Village Hall for a Harvest service followed by a delicious lunch.

We held our usual Armistice Day Remembrance service a day early so that the children from Huby school could join us once again. The Church was full of 60 children. Eight children read out their own personal poems which were very moving. We all went outside for the silence and remembered especially those who had lost their lives from Huby.

We are sorry to say that Stillington members have decided that they can no longer continue to maintain their Chapel and although they will still continue to be part of our Villages Group the building will be sold. They will however have the occasional service/ event in the Village Hall including a Christmas day service at 9.30am.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Ev. at 6pm. There will be Carols, Readings and drama.

**Our Minister** is Rev. David Bidnell who can be contacted on 01904 345429 or [davidbidnell@gmail.com](mailto:davidbidnell@gmail.com)

**Local Contacts** : Carole Smith 01347 810057, Jean Abbey 01347 838593

If you wish to hire the premises call Carole Smith or email [carolesmithuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolesmithuk@yahoo.co.uk)



### **Surviving a Cold Winter**

**As the cold weather creeps up on us again please don't forget there is a Surviving Winter fund run by the Church and Easingwold and Villages' Foodbank to help residents in Sutton and Huby struggling with the cost of heating.**

**This could be a one off need due to an unexpected repair to your house or car, or on going issue.**

**We can help with the cost of oil, lpg or electric. We can provide electric heaters or electric snuggle blankets so you and one room can be kept warm more economically.**

**If you know anyone who this could help please encourage them to ring 07724 444 750 in complete confidence – iust leave a message**

## Girlguiding in Huby

Both units are looking for an adult or two to help on a regular basis, if you want to support local girls and have fun and laughter, please email:

[firstgaltresrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:firstgaltresrainbows@gmail.com) for more information

*A DBS and recruitment checks will be required in accordance with Girlguiding procedures*



**Brownies**

The Rainbow unit currently has a waiting list, to add you're your daughter's name to the list please register her on the Girlguiding website.

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).

During the last term the Rainbows and Brownies have learnt some Makaton sign language, the Brownies also doing code breaking and communications Brownies took parade in the Remembrance service and parade in Easingwold. Rainbows also joined us for the walk back to the memorial

**To put your daughter's name on the unit waiting list please visit**  
**Girlguiding.org.uk and follow the instructions**



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## SUTTON ON THE FOREST FILM CLUB WINTER PROGRAMME

at The Grey Village Hall. 7.30PM drinks 8PM performance starts

Entrance by donation on the door. [comfort.jeremy@gmail.com](mailto:comfort.jeremy@gmail.com) 01347 810252

### Tuesday 12 December: Empire of Light

Sam Mendes' film *Empire of Light* is his loving ode to cinema set in a tumultuous 1980s Britain, in a fictional movie theatre called the Empire that overlooks the seaside town of Margate.

Hilary (Olivia Coleman), like Mendes' own mother, suffers from depression but, with the kindness of Stephen (Michael Ward) begins to feel alive again. A heartwarming reminder of the joy, comfort and necessity of the big screen experience.

*(Standard)*



### Tuesday 30 January: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Mild-mannered pensioner Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent) takes a stroll to the post box one bright Devon morning. But for some reason he can't bring himself to post the letter. It's just a few lines on headed notepaper, a reply to his old friend and former work colleague Queenie who, he learned recently, has terminal cancer. Then a chance encounter in a petrol station gives Harold a new purpose: he decides to walk from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, where Queenie is receiving palliative care in a hospice.



#### Home Garden/Handyman Service

An introduction to a new service in the community -Sam and Paul offer a multi trade service, which includes:

General fixing and repairing: don't throw those broken items away, see if they can be repaired

Assembling of flat-pack furniture, painting, even carpet cleaning

Lawnmower servicing (book your lawnmower in for a winter service)

Contact Paul : [pauleastwood61@gmail.com](mailto:pauleastwood61@gmail.com) Sam: [gould1057@btinternet.com](mailto:gould1057@btinternet.com)



## Sutton and Huby Gardening Club

The Club has started the new season well with more than 60 members and two very successful, well attended meetings so far, with another soon on the 22nd November.

At the risk of boring readers who have seen these explanations before, the Club has about the same number of members from each village, with a sprinkling from other local villages.



We meet in Huby Memorial Hall and the Grey Village Hall in alternate months from September until the following April, always at 7.45 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, excluding December. Then it's earlier in the month to avoid the Christmas festivities. This year, for instance, it's on 13 December at Sutton, and as usual in December our meeting takes the form of a very popular Social evening. 'Nuff said! We also have several evening outings and a full day one by bus, to gardens you are unlikely to have visited.

Membership costs £10 a year, with concessions for the over 80's and students go free. In addition to the meetings, membership gives 10% off at several garden centres and nurseries.

We also run Open Gardens every two years. Last time, in 2022, we raised £4600, which went to national and local good causes suggested by members. The next Open Gardens will be on the two days, Sunday, 26th May and Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 27 th May 2024. For the first time for many years gardens in both villages will be open, assuming we get enough offers!

Our meetings for the rest of the club year will be, always at 7.45 p.m. remember)

13 December Christmas Social - eating, drinking, entertainment including quiz, at Sutton

24 January "Tasty tomatoes" a talk by Simon Crawford at Huby

28 th February "Moths at Shandy Hall" Patrick Wildgust, Sutton

27 March, Climbers Chris Small, Huby

All are advertised locally and, if you are signed up, by e-mail.

Come and join us. Preferably e-mail me at [djj3@btinternet.com](mailto:djj3@btinternet.com) to get the club e-mails or better turn up at a meeting to join. It's difficult to get a correct e-mail address on the phone but we can try if you phone me 01347810208.

There's nothing on TV on Wednesdays that can't be recorded, given any 12 year old who can show you how to do it!

Derek Jacobs, Chairman

## Huby Village Memorial Hall

2024 is nearly with us, we have a lovely venue to hold parties, fayres, meetings and even wedding receptions. If the weather is good, there's plenty of room in the garden behind the hall. The kitchen is fully equipped with oven, fridge, crockery, glasses, and cutlery. All we ask at the end of your booking is you leave the hall as you find it, clean, tidy with everything put away properly. The cost of hiring the hall and garden is £14 per hour including heating, no deposits, no minimum of hours. We have had to increase the hourly rate due to the rising costs; the existing rate has been kept low for a long time. If you are thinking of a celebration or have a meeting to organize in 2024 you are most welcome to come and have a look at our facilities.

### The Little Free Library

The little free library situated outside the hall is still very popular. In fact, it has grown, and we have a large bookcase of books in the lobby of the hall. The doors to the hall are unlocked some days to allow access to these books in the lobby. The A sign is placed outside to show when it's open.

We try to check the library on a regular basis. If there are too many books in the little cupboard it's difficult to look through them and choose one, so the books are checked regularly and moved about.

The Little Library has its own Facebook page, and you can send a message about the library from the page. Please message with any suggestions, or questions about the library and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. If the cupboard and the bookcase are full, please don't leave large donations in the lobby, we are running out of space.

Please email [jayne\\_dinsdale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jayne_dinsdale@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you to everyone for donating and using our little library and helping it be a popular addition to our village hall.

For all enquiries, please e-mail us at [@ hubymemorialvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:hubymemorialvillagehall@outlook.com)

Thank you, Huby Village Memorial Hall Committee

### Dog Fouling

A reminder about clearing up after your dog especially on the playing fields where children play

If you do bag it up, please put in the bins situated around the village, as the plastic causes even more pollution for the environment

*Thank you*

## Huby Bowling Club – 2023

Huby Bowls Club improved on the 2022 season in the Huby & District Triples Bowls League by matching the previous year's winning record, while finishing one place higher in 5<sup>th</sup> and accumulating five points more in 2023 with an improved shot difference. The Ryedale Vets was more of a struggle as we finished sixth. One of our triples reached the Kirkbymoorside Floodlit Semi-Final. The Club also crowned new singles and pairs winners. With the ladies' singles going to a new member playing in her first ever season. The Club Triples will be completed in April/May with one semi and the final to play.

### The Club AGM

The AGM was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with 19 members in attendance. As our long serving member 'Jim' has decided to step down as President, so we have unanimously elected Nev Howell to take his place, with all other officers re-elected for the 2024 season.

### Club Annual Luncheon at Burn Hall

The Club annual luncheon was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, and we were once again, superbly looked after by Burn Hall. With a room to ourselves, delicious food, and great company, followed by the trophy presentations and a superb raffle. Thanks for donations/prizes from our members plus Burn Hall, The Mended Drum, The New Inn, Barkers of Huby, Thorntons, Towlers, Black Sheep Brewery, Piercy Pork, and Phil Mead.



### Grounds Team

The grounds team have already been preparing for 2024, with lots of work on the green, including reseeding. A further ramp for the clubhouse entrance and a second line of paving from the gate towards the pavilion, making access easier with bowls trolleys and for anyone with mobility issues. Many more tasks to complete, with other members helping with a hedge cutting session when the weather improves.

### Bowling next season

If you are interested in finding out more about lawn bowls in Huby during 2024, please contact me: -

Freddie Alnutt - email [fred.hubybowlsclubsec@btinternet.com](mailto:fred.hubybowlsclubsec@btinternet.com)

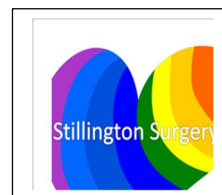
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## Stillington Surgery

Please note the last day for ordering your repeat prescription for over the Christmas period is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This is due to the fact our last working day prior to Christmas is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Please see Stillington Surgery Christmas opening hours below.

Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	8.30-6.00pm
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8.30 – 6.00pm
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8.30 – 6.00pm
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8.30-6.00pm
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	CLOSED
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	CLOSED
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	8.30 – 6.00pm



Happy Christmas to all our patients and thank you for your continued support.

Dr Metcalfe and Dr Keen

### Prescription Collection Service

We are still collecting prescriptions for any resident in Huby or Sutton (free of charge)

We have a network of volunteers happy to help.

Currently we have collectively collected over 100 !!

Please contact Jackie and Simon Bullough

01347 810873



## Autumn at the Forest of Flowers

It's been a harvest season like no other at the Forest of Flowers in Huby. Even with the relentless wet weather, we've been able to collect more wildflower seeds and hay than ever before, all helping to raise vital funds for our conservation work across 74 acres of new woodland and wildflower meadows. We've also had some fantastic events and incredible appearances from wildlife!

Making hay is a huge part of our conservation efforts, as removing the year's growth means keeping fertility down, promoting floral diversity and supporting wildlife. During a miraculous dry spell in early September, we made hay from over 10 acres of grassland, giving us an incredible 1,000 small square bales! If you would like some for your own animals, please get in touch.

During the summer and autumn months, we collect wildflower seeds ripen, culminating in a mammoth task to remove the chaff, making and sowing more practical. Despite some species being quite fussy, we working with these seeds, which come in all shapes and sizes! Pictured (clockwise from top right): Goatsbeard, Common vetch and Oxeye

We now have seeds from 50+ species available on our website ([www.ForestofFlowers.co.uk](http://www.ForestofFlowers.co.uk)) for anyone looking to sow wildflowers create a stunning natural habitat wildlife.



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Our amazing volunteers helped us to sow over 70 species of wildflower species into trays, which will become plugs or potted plants next year - offering an easy way to establish wildflowers in your garden. If you would like a selection for your garden, please get in touch and we can grow these to order.

We're excited to now have a team of 10 regular volunteers, who've helped us with a wide variety of tasks this year, from apple picking to seed collection and sowing. We're continuing these sessions into winter to help care for our trees and wildlife habitat overall. We meet every Monday (9.30-12) with refreshments provided afterwards. Please let us know if you'd like to join for a taster session, or sign up to our newsletter to stay updated on our extra weekend sessions.

It's been a fantastic year for wildlife here, not least for our dragonflies with the population booming thanks to the wetland habitat provided by our 18 ponds. We even as late as November, with a very friendly Common Darter greeting one of our visitors (pictured). We also had a late boom in Red Admiral butterflies, all loving our ivy, with flowers providing a fantastic food source for lots of pollinators.

Our events have also featured some spectacular wildlife this autumn. Our best Twilight Walk yet saw visitors discover an incredible 'bat highway' with them flying overhead seconds! These were Whiskered bats – an exciting new addition to the site, giving us 6 species in total.



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We also had our first musical tour, featuring a cappella group The Barberellas. Their harmonies resonated beautifully across the habitat, with nature-themed songs perfectly suited to the surroundings. We're already planning events for the new year, including winter bird walks, guided tours and more. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or subscribe to our newsletter via the website for more updates!

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