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STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Newsletter



Stilton's new Play Park - is OPEN!

The new Pavilion Play Park was unveiled at the Grand Opening on Sunday 10th October by Olive Main's daughter, Airlee. The Play Park is dedicated to Olive Main who would be so pleased to see a place for the children of Stilton to have oodles of fun

To watch the Grand Opening and hear SPC's Chairman Olive Leonard give a great speech, visit Stilton Parish Council's Facebook page where you'll also see lots of photos.

The Pavilion Play Park is open 7 days a week, there's provision to park up your 4 legged friend there are picnic tables in position. Benches are on order and will be delivered soon.

Thank you to all contributers who have made the Play Park possible.

We have a new Parish Councillor!

We are delighted to announce that, at our 8 September 2021 Meeting, Mark Sutcliffe MBE was co-opted onto Stilton Parish Council. It is quite likely that you have seen Mark out and about in the village, but by way of an introduction, here is a little bit about him ...

Mark attended both Stilton Primary and Sawtry Community College. At the age of 16, he joined HM Forces serving for 15 years throughout the world. After becoming seriously injured on operations Mark remained in the British Army and specialised in the non-clinical care of injured service people, often with life-changing injuries and their families for 4.5 years. He was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2013 for services to wounded service people.

After discharge Mark moved back to Stilton permanently and has led and managed the strategic aspect of a range of diverse organisations. He was a founding Patron of the charity 'Help for Heroes', and now an Ambassador. Help for Heroes provided opportunities for assistance in adaptive sport, training and education and remains a service charity close to his heart.

In addition, when time allows, Mark delivers presentations on overcoming adversity to schools, employers, community support groups and sports teams. He also undertakes voluntary roles as a member of BLESMA and an avid disability campaigner within the veteran space focusing on mental and physical health.

Mark is married to Helen and has one daughter aged 4 and can be contacted by email at **mark.sutcliffe@stiltonparishcouncil.org**

Parish Development Plan

The Parish Council is also pleased to announce that we have two volunteers from residents (Adrian Green and Amanda Kisbee) to potentially take joint lead on a working group for our new, exciting, but hugely important, Parish Development Plan; this will set out our vision of Stilton for the future and how to get there. The working party will include several councillors.

We would welcome more volunteers from residents. So, if you would also like to help please contact the clerk by email: clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.org

Full details are expected to be available after October's Parish Council Meeting.



Wednesday Club

Numbers are growing now that word is getting around that we meet every Wednesday afternoon at Stilton Pavilion between 2 and 4pm. Come and join us!

Thanks to Brian's expert instruction in chair yoga, attendees are getting more flexible and we all continue to enjoy the tea, coffee, cake and conversation. At the 8th September gathering Chris Walford came and gave us one of his legendary talks about his travels. We were fascinated by his photographs and experiences in Antarctica. Many questions were asked including, finally, when could he come back, please?

Ann Pinkney from Cambridgeshire County Council also came and spent time with us. She was very complimentary about our group. She also loved the new Play Park that was almost completed.