STILTON PARISH COUNCIL



APRIL



***** NEW FOR STILTON *****

The Parish Council has teamed up with Blackboard Events to bring an Easter Farmer's Market to the Pavilion on Saturday 12 April 2025, 10am to 2pm. We're working on providing stalls to showcase local foods like cheeses, breads, vegetables, honey, eggs, chocolates and much more. It would be great to make this a regular village event so please come along and tell us what you think.

To book a stall contact: blackboardeventsuk@gmail.com



EASTER FARMER'S MARKET
STILTON PAVILION
SAT 12 APRIL 10AM - 2PM



At our March meeting, we decided to ...

* Repurpose our old village hanging baskets to add a splash of colour at the War Memorial and in the Pavilion Garden ... budget to be agreed at the April meeting. We're also looking at potentially putting a new planter at the village pump and are receiving quotes along looking into how to gain permission for this, as in the conservation area. The village pump, posts and notice board are considered a Grade II listed building so a little more complex.

* Sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. This is our first step toward applying for the Local Council Award Scheme which awards bronze, silver or gold status. We are committed to being the best Parish Council possible for you and this award will help us achieve that aim.

* Start works to fix the roundabout at the Pavilion Play Park which has become very hard to push over the last few months. It appears that water has got into the bottom of the roundabout housing which has rusted the mechanism. Exploratory works will set out solutions to get everyone spinning again soon.

Civility & Respect
IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

GREAT NEWS

We heard just before our March meeting from Huntingdonshire District Council that our Net Zero Villages grant application has been successful and we've been awarded nearly £26,000. This will enable us to put new LED lamps in the Skate Park lights and install batteries to store the plentiful electricity produced by Pavilion solar panels.

These works will substantially lower our carbon footprint and reduce the Parish Council's energy bills. That is good news for all residents as it means the Parish Council will need to raise less funds through the precept to pay for power. The Parish Council precept is collected through council tax.

Full meeting minutes can be found on our website www.stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Contact details ...Email: clerk@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01733 639106
Pavilion bookings: pavilion@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 07484 746894

APREECE WILDLIFE GARDEN

STILTON PLANTATHON - HELP NEEDED!

The Apreece Way biodiversity area is beginning to take shape using the funds awarded by Huntingdonshire District Council. Already the new native hedge plants and trees are beginning to show green shoots and work is being planned for wildflower planting. The wildflower area is to be roped off very soon and plants of yellow rattle (a grass parasite used to discourage the growth of grass) and wildflowers will be planted in this area. The remainder of the garden will be planted with lawn-friendly plants to establish a "bee lawn".

Whilst the grant from HDC will cover the cost of the plants, this is a community project, and we welcome volunteers to help with the planting of about 2,000 plants! We are arranging delivery of the plants so we can get on with the planting on the weekend of 12/13th April.

If you are interested in helping please contact Dee Darnell (dee.darnell.cyan@gmail.com) or Sue Ayres (sue.ayres@stiltonparishcouncil.gov.uk) so we can contact you nearer the day. Thank you.

VE80 Day - 8 May 2025

The Parish Council puts forward suggestions as to how the village can celebrate VE80 Day on Thursday 8th May 2025 ...

- **Commence the day at 9am with the raising of the VE80 flag at the War Memorial and the Proclamation. We can end the day at 9.30pm with the lighting of a Lamp Light of Peace and singing of 'I vow to thee my country', again at the War Memorial.**

- **Reverend Diane is happy to say prayers at the War Memorial around 3pm to coincide with children leaving the Primary School.**

- **Church Meeting Room - we hope to have a large TV screen to show old Pathe News Reels of the original VE Day celebrations and welcome residents with memorabilia of this historic event to come and share it with us. The Church Meeting Room will be open for refreshments with complimentary tea, coffee and cold drinks available. We plan to have a colouring competition for younger residents with prizes and possibly a best cake competition!**

Do we have a villager with a birthdate of 8th May 1945, if so we have a ready made judge! Do we have residents that have actual memories of the day or memories that were shared by family members? If so, would you like talk about them during the day? Do we have any people who like to sing? It would be great to have a small choir not just to lead the singing of 'I vow to thee my Country' but maybe sing in the Church Room during the afternoon.

We're open to ideas to help the village celebrate this historic event. If you have suggestions or are happy to be part of a choir, please contact the Parish Clerk. The country will celebrate from the Bank Holiday Monday with a recommended sharing of a big lunch with friends. It would be wonderful to see our community get together with street parties and decorated houses too.

Plans will be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting on 08/04/25.