



Youth Community Arts

Stores: Open!

We were very happy to mark the official opening of the new ground floor storage block at York House Centre on St. Georges Day, April 23.

The new stores will be a major asset to the community of York House users who have borne with us for years of struggling up and down stairs.

The new block is dedicated to the memory of well-known "local girl", Pip Wise, whose involvement with York House goes back to the roots of youth clubs in Stony in the 1960s. The opening was attended by Garth Wise and other members of Pip's family.



Rob Gifford (above), Chair of the town council, did the honours (in between being a Shakespearean actOR), and paid tribute to all those who had contributed to this, and the many other, York House achievements.

This was Phase 2 of the project (the first being the splendid Beechey Room, kitchen etc). Mostly funded by a loan from Barclays Bank but we also secured grants from The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation, for which we are most grateful.



Thanks also go to Robert de Grey (The Architecture Studio) who designed the extension; Lee Hart (JPL Contractors) who built it; Paul Martin (PCM Consult) our favourite structural engineer; to all those who have helped with the funding; and to the trustees, volunteers and members who have worked so hard and raised funds to realise the project!

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New Stage

We were delighted to show off our new stage, paid for by our various fund raising events, at two musical events:

Stonyswings!3 was a another joyful evening of bluesyjazzy standards, this time from the ebullient "Dirty Bizness", with songs from the likes of Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and through to Katie Melua (an even some songs made famous by blokes), and guests, the delightfully versatile voice of Sharon Watson Green and immaculate guitar work of Dick Clarke.



The event was sold-out, and the musicians donated their services, so a rather splendid £470 was raised for our projects.

Borderline Crossing's concert (above with stage) was an excellent evening: cracking performance, capacity crowd and a magnificent £640 raised for the MK Community Cardiac Group. The bar which, as always, offered locally-produced real beer and cider brought in a further £230 for York House.

Saturday May 14

1.30pm to 11pm Yorkifest 2016

David Cattermole; Roddy Clenaghan; The Fabulators; 234; Lois Barrett; Mark Owen; Naomi Rose; Judecca Nights; Navaras; Jenkinsons Folly; Vanessa Horton; Red Phoenix. Proceeds to Diabetes Society and the British Heart Foundation. There will also be a presentation of the Chernobyl Relief Foundation.

Sunday May 15

2.30 to 5pm Stony Steam Lab

Steampunk adventurers, lords, ladies, pirates, aeronauts, mad scientists

Saturday May 21

2.30 to 4.30pm Richard 3 Society talk Francis, Viscount Lovell

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7 to 10.30pm Living Archive Band

A special show about the extraordinary stories of local people with actual recordings; a slide show and a live performance from the acclaimed Living Archive Band

More details of the above at www.york-house.org.uk

New boiler

After many years of loyal service we are replacing our old gas boiler thanks to a grant from WREN's Community Fund supported by a third party contribution from the Community Foundation.

DAC Services are to install the new boiler in the next few weeks. It should be much more efficient saving not only the planet but also our gas bill.

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