



Youth Community Arts

What happens when 63 enthusiastic, hard-working, well-organised volunteers descend on your local community centre? Arguably: magic.

At least this is how it seemed when they visited York House Centre last Wednesday. Outdoors, there was digging, chopping, hacking, lifting and shifting, and laying of pathways; indoors, it was rolling and brushing, cutting-in, and transforming.

The end results were that York House now has excellent new pathways to its community gardens, providing ease of access for wheelchair-users and others with limited mobility. The teams from BLMK Mind, MacIntyre, and Branch-Out CIC will benefit from this, and life will be made easier for other plot-holders, like Stony Stratford in Bloom and the Women's Institute.

Our rear grounds have never looked better, and we look forward to making use of for community events.



The main hall, bar, and Beechey Room have been rejuvenated, with a simple but effective two-tone colour scheme and high quality protective cladding, benefiting the many community, self-help, arts, youth clubs, toddler groups, exercisers and meditators, and individuals who use York House.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers (whose muscles must still be aching), and also to Skyline Green and local company, Landmarks, for their skilled staff and pre-Caring-Day preparation. The amount of planning, organisation, fund-raising, and enthusiasm-generating cannot be underestimated.

We also thank local company, Devine Catering, for an exceptional lunchtime spread for the weary workers, and a special mention for York House Centre Manager, Fiona Trinder, who worked her socks off both before and during the Day of Caring.

This has been a major step forward for York House and its annual footfall of visitors numbering some 50,000. Visit our website and come up and see us sometime!



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THE BIG DRAW **LET'S DRAW!**

Stony Stratford
BIG DRAW
 FREE Arts Workshop
 with Jonny Boatfield
 From 10am until 4pm

Saturday 8th October 2016
 and the theme will be...*drum roll please...*
Superheroes & Villains!

IT'S GOING TO BE A MEGA-BLAST!!
 We're talking batmobiles; superhero capes; comic strips; Dynamic Duos;
 Invisible Men; Spider People; paint; cake -

WHAT WOULD YOUR SUPER POWER BE?
 We're talking pants on top of tights - dastardly drawings by dynamic artists
 - joyful joshing with jokers - fantastic flights and fights
 - a superhero v villains race - and a bit of:
 "!! KERPOW !! - take that you rat"

Please tells all your chums, from tiny tots to extremely elderly - it's for everyone of all abilities!
 ALL DAY CAFE FOR REFRESHMENTS

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New Stage

The new staging system has made a massive difference for the Act Out Act Up drama groups at York House.

Our young people are now much more visible to the audience when performing and we find the flexibility of the system means that we can have a variety of staging options within the space available, they are also safe to use and easy to erect/put away

Many thanks to our funders including Milton Keynes Community Foundation and LocalGiving



Waste Recycling Environmental
 Our new boiler will be commissioned and working once a new meter is fitted. Many thanks to WREN for their Community Fund grant supported by a third party contribution from the Community Foundation.



Henry Priestman in Concert Friday July 1 from 8 to 11pm

Currently touring around the UK, Henry brings his engaging songs of mid-life angst with fellow song-smith Les Glover. CDs include The Chronicles of Modern Life; The Last Mad Surge of Youth; and Settle Down. Tickets £10



Acoustic Music for a Summer Evening Friday July 15 from 8 to 11pm

The legendary Kobold headline with celebrated musicians Chris Allin, Heidi Carascon, Neil Mercer, and Phil Riley. Book stall, raffle and bar. Proceeds to the Riverside Fair. Tickets £7.50

Design Your Own Mural!

An amazing opportunity to have your original piece of artwork viewed by many every day on a building at Horsefair Green. Interested? Then please tell the town council

New Trustees

Since our last AGM we have co-opted Kevin Hall and Nic Holmes and more recently Jill Taylor and Anne Cryer Whitehead. Welcome! Our next AGM is September 19.



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