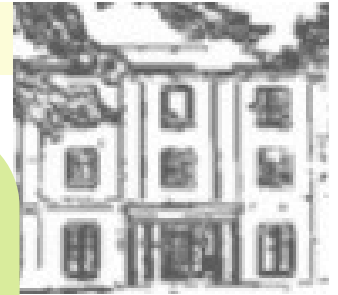


Youth

Community

Arts



Stony in Bloom Plant sale

Contributions Welcome
Contact Mary Sarre 563479

or bring them on the day

9.30am to 12.30pm Saturday 9 April

York House

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Homemade cakes

Tea & Coffee

Children's Activity

Beer festival

February 26 and 27

The Centurion's Ghost was laid to rest at 4.30pm; the Cloven Hoof hot-footed it out shortly afterwards; the Croak & Stagger staggered, then croaked. After that it was like nine-pins (actually 9-firkins), and by 10pm we had two beers; by 10.15 it was tap water or nothing. Grreeeat!

MANY thanks to all who helped.

Can't wait for the next one!

The final figure for the profit is £1909.96

Website

The new website is up and running at <http://www.york-house.org.uk/yhc/Home.html>

Comments are most welcome.

Drawing on History May 7 and 14

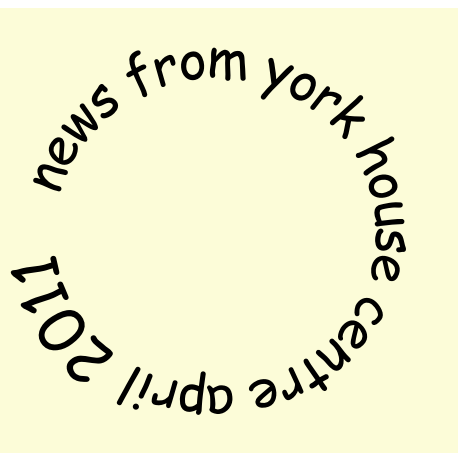
Following the MASSIVE success of the Big Draw last October, Jonny Boatfield is going to do a mini-me version during the new Stony AHA arts festival in May, entitled 'Drawing on History'.

It is going to be from 11am to 4pm on Saturday May 7 at York House again. On this occasion Jonny will be making a pop-up coach and horses (he was told to go lower key - but would he listen?...)

Families are then encouraged to add to the pageant by making historically dressed characters to populate the streets and coach and do lots of colouring and cutting and adding their personal details to the scene. There will also be a roll-along backdrop behind the carriage so that it looks as though it is moving!

Volunteers are needed to help out on the day for a few hours or the whole time. It is strenuous stuff though; colouring, chatting and laughing; and tea drinking; wearing a kingfisher bluey/green t shirt is also very helpful for identification purposes. Please contact York House if you can help. We would be thrilled if you could!

Also during this week of arts Jonny will be doing a story telling workshop at the library the following Saturday May 14 where families will be encouraged to make up Cock and Bull style stories which he illustrates as the story builds. Huge fun - might need to book though as numbers will be limited. That will be from 10am to noon.



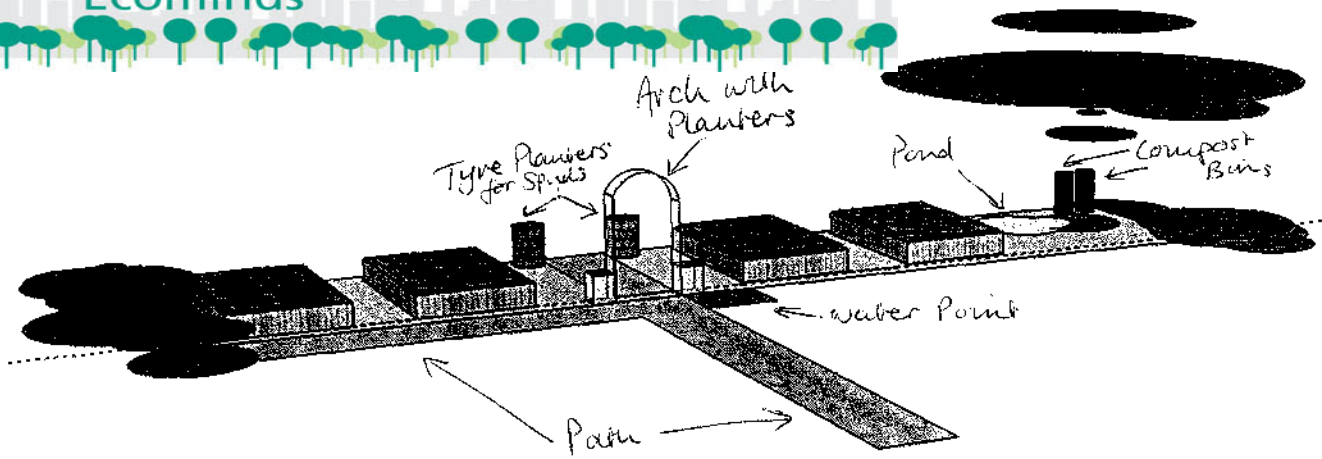
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The Community Gardens are taking shape. Local builder, Alan Mills, has made great progress as the photos below show. They are nearing completion ready for the community groups to move in and start planting. Many thanks to Barratt Homes for helping to move the table into place and also to Milton Keynes council who gave a grant to help with the youth club's garden plans shown above. The gardens will be part of the Stony Open Gardens Festival weekend on Sunday 26 June. Please come and have a look.



Hayes Mews

We expect the first occupations of the market sale housing in a few weeks. Barratts will then give the council the £150,000+ for "community facilities in Stony Stratford".

The council confirmed last year that "York House was the project in mind when the agreement was negotiated". Nevertheless there are other applicants.

We have therefore appointed the Architecture Studio to draw up plans that we hope will persuade the council to give us this money.

Youth Club

The senior group has been coming along nicely with a growth in membership and recruitment of more vibrant and engaging nights such as street drumming workshops, garden design, poetry, an introduction to Kung Fu with Kamal Patel (we got to use nun-chucks and swords). Last week was a food themed night delivered by our student on placement from Northampton University. This ended in a cook off, making pizza from a Jamie Oliver recipe. The group have created their own members only Facebook page which keeps peeps up to date with goings on. Next week 15 of us are heading to CMK for a night of bowling, Quasar and food.

We are looking to set up some open days over Easter at the request of some of our members. Before we go, just a shout out to any male volunteers out there. We are in need, so any interest out there please get in touch. Address below.



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