



# Youth Community Arts

## THE STONY ARTS CAPER



### FREE ARTS WORKSHOP

The Capers is on Saturday 6 June 2015 as part of StonyLive! 10am til 4pm, FREE entry including all materials. Volunteer Cafe will be running all day for hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes.

**Stony in Bloom  
Spring Plant Sale  
9.30 am to 12.30pm  
Saturday 25 April**

Family seed planting workshop at 10.30 am; homemade cakes, tea and coffee available throughout; tombola and seed swap



## StonyBreakdown! 3

Bluegrass & Old-Timey American Music Celebration. Saturday, March 28 from 8 to 11pm.

Well, shuck my corn and call me a possum! The ever-popular StonyBreakDown! Is back with more glorious banjos and some musical instruments.

Come and enjoy the wild and wonderful music of the Bluegrass State, and of North Carolina, Arkansas, and West Virginia, with Grinch Mountain, Valerie Vale & Her Aylesbury Aleyvators, The Band of Brothers, and those legends in their own socks, The Concrete Cowboys. It'll be more fun than danging a coyote.

Entry is a mere £5 for which you get a fistful of hollers, with the good, the never-bad, and the arguably ugly. "Uncle Eck" Daniels will once again be hangin' 'em high as he introduces the finest bands around. Tickets <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/310445>

A saloon with real ale and cider (plus other things, but no spittoon) will add to the pleasure. Proceeds to York House Centre. For more information, email [jukeofstony@gmail.com](mailto:jukeofstony@gmail.com) or as below.

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# S S Shanty Success



A magnificent show involving over 30 singers. All tickets sold, and so a whopping £762 raised for RNLI. Great Oakley beer was drunk. We had the superb Manchoir from Oxford, the wonderful voice of Pat Allati (from Stony), the jolly Sloop Groggy Dogg from Woburn Sands, the smoooooth Four Togs from various bits of MK, and the always riotously glorious 5 Men Not Called Matt from a small sea-faring planet of their own imaginations. A magical night, and a special thanks to the excellent Trim & Doxy who travelled down from Liverpool for the occasion.

## Parking

The recent work at the rear of the building has significantly reduced the paved area at the back. This has made it much more difficult for vehicles to park or to drive to our rear entrance.

The current arrangement is not satisfactory. It is not very safe and does not help those users who really need to drive to our back door

So. We are to install a lockable bollard at the entry to the side access road and any users who need vehicular access to the back will be issued with a key for the bollard. Many thanks to Cllr Liz Gifford whose councillor allowance is paying for this work.

## Comings & Goings

Some stalwarts have sadly left us in the last few months: Ron, our Admin Assistant since 2008, has moved to Huddersfield; Nic, our Junior Youth Leader since 2010, has retired; and Jason, our handyman, has also moved onto other things.

Good luck and many many thanks to them all.

Tina replaced Ron at the end of last year; Maria has recently replaced Nic; and we are now looking for a new handyman to replace Jason.

## Local Giving

After joining the LocalGiving scheme last year, a magnificent £1500 has been raised through donations and matched-funding. This will go towards community and arts projects such as Lanterns, Big Draw, Community Gardens.

A huge thank you to all who donated. More details are on our website via the LocalGiving link. Watch out for special match-funding events before donating your spare £millions!

## Volunteers wanted for Youth Club

Do you have a good sense of humour? Do you enjoy sharing your skills, humour and time? Do you want to make a positive contribution to Stony Stratford's young people (aged 8 to 12 years)? Can you spare two hours on some Monday evenings during term time from 6 to 8pm? If yes then we would love to hear from you, even if you could not make every week. You would need an Enhanced DBS Check (at no charge to you) and you have to be over 18. Please contact us as below or our Junior Youth Leader: Maria Miller at [msasham@hotmail.com](mailto:msasham@hotmail.com)

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