

The Big Draw comes to York House!

Saturday 9 October from 10am to 4pm

Bring your granny, brother, neighbours, friends, mum, dad and teacher and join us at York House Centre for a glorious imagination busting day of drawing, decorating, making, stories, competitions and loads of FUN, FUN, FUN! Help create a "Pop-Up High Street" with professional artist Jonny Boatfield. This is a FREE event, refreshments will be available.

York House gratefully acknowledges funding for this event from Stony Stratford Business Association and Arts Gateway MK.

York House News

is published regularly by York House Centre and distributed to members. Membership is free and open to anyone who lives in or has a strong association with Stony Stratford and is over the age of 18. If you are interested in becoming a member or want to know more about any of the events in this newsletter then please contact us at the address below. And if you are already using York House and want to put something into the newsletter about your activity or group then please tell us.

StonyWords

Milton Keynes' only literature festival is scheduled for January 23rd to 30th 2011
www.stonystratford.gov.uk

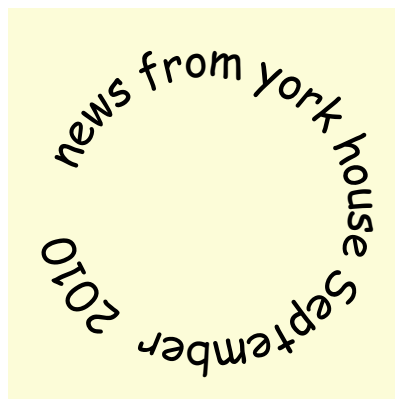
Youth clubs

We have offered Nic Holmes the job of running the junior club and Tim Gallagher the senior. Hopefully both should start very shortly. Want to help? Want to come along? Then please contact the office shown below for more details. And many thanks to the town council for funding these clubs.

**York House
Centre
AGM
7.30pm Wednesday
22 September
at
York House**

Website

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



Lanterns 2010

Well it's that time again! Time to get creative and make a lantern ready for this year's Switch-On Fun Day on Saturday 27 November. Leaflets and posters will be appearing around the town inviting you to join us at the York House sessions on:

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th
November
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st
November

Sessions run from 10am to 4pm and a cafe will be available throughout for snacks, drinks and light lunches.

Due to the massive success of last year's project we are limiting the number of lanterns made this year to 270 - we can't fit any more into York House! We are offering you the chance to "pre-book" your lantern(s) this year - this doesn't guarantee you a time-slot at any particular session but it does ensure that you will be able to take part.

Cost is £4 per lantern - please contact the York House Office on 01908 563361 for details. York House gratefully acknowledges funding from Stony Stratford Town Council, Stony Stratford Business Association and Grassroots Grants for this project.

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Beer festival

Phew! That's the 4th Cock & Bull Real Beer Festival over with, and it was even more of a ripping success than its predecessors.

Want the statistics? 1330 pints of beer of 19 species, plus 144 pints of real (ie it has apples and no archery in it) cider, were sold, and that allows for the bit of spillage and the small bucket of leftovers which gave the allotment pumpkin a Sunday treat. As a result, a magnificent £1,723.21 was raised for York House Community Centre. Can't imagine where the 1p came from.



First real beer to run out was York Brewery's "Centurion's Ghost". On the cider front patriotism triumphed as the Wolverton Mill-based "Virtual Orchard" dry cider (a nippy 7%abv) was drained even drier.

How many people came? The best statistic we can offer is "everybody in Stony Stratford and the surrounding area" – at least, that's how it seemed.

And thanks to the Fairtrade team some rather tasty wines and juices were available, and another statistic is that they sold "shedloads"

MANY thanks to all those who volunteered services behind the bar and elsewhere, with special thanks to Anne & Fred for 24 hours of door work. Thanks too, to Andy of www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/mk11 for the excellent "tasting notes" brochure and publicity.

Thumbs up to Frog Island Brewery, who commissioned, delivered and man/woman-handled the beers and ciders. Great music on the Saturday night from "Good Time Jazz" (catch them again at The Fox & Hounds on Tuesdays).

Want some more? Book February 25th & 26th 2011 in your diaries for festival number 5.

Futures group

What next for Stony Stratford? Want to be involved or to know more about future plans for the town? Then go to the AGM Monday 15 November, 7.30pm at the Oak room, Cock Hotel

Tenants

Sadly Milton Keynes Mind closed their offices at York House at the end of July. They had been with us for many years despite a break during the underpinning. We shall miss them.

We may have a new tenant shortly. Headway, who run courses for people with severe head injuries, may be moving in this winter.

AGM finances

Our audited accounts show an income of £57,235 for 09/10 compared with an expenditure of £61,368. A loss of £4,134 leaving a balance of £11,570 either in the bank or money owed to us.

Expenditure includes major building works. £42,000 in 08/09 and £15,000 in 09/10.

Our main source of income is room hire. Over £33,00, up from £24,000 in 08/09. We also increased income from room rental and storage from £4,000 in 08/09 to over £8,000 last year.

Hayes Mews

Barratt Homes are making progress next door and have started the Guinness Trust housing

We met the council to talk about the money (£150,000+) due from Barratts for community facilities. We can use much possibly even all of this money to improve York House. They will decide our allocation when they get the money from Barratts and this is unlikely to be before next Summer.

Barratts provided us with a dilapidation survey of York House and we have submitted to the council conservation department our initial ideas for the back.

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