

# Youth Community Arts

## Christmas in Toyland Lanterns 2014

This year's **Stony Stratford Lantern Project** was a sell-out success with 280 lanterns made! The frame-making sessions at local schools and 2 weekends of workshops saw York House Centre packed to the rafters with people of all ages - their happy chatter made for a great community atmosphere and Muffins provided a fabulous café to keep us all fed and watered with drinks, snacks and bacon butties.

The theme of 'Christmas in Toyland' inspired all the lantern-makers to create an **AMAZING** array of colourful lanterns including jack-in-the-boxes, lego men, trains, nutcracker dolls, toy soldiers and a host of Rubik's Cubes (there were 27 - we counted) plus 3 beautiful Russian Dolls and even a whoopee cushion!



Thanks to Derek Gibbons for the pics

Switch-On Day dawned with perfect weather and the streets of Stony Stratford were packed with crowds of excited onlookers as the Lantern Procession made its way to the Market Square. We were joined this year by Lobo Tren (the Wolverton street band), Stony Stratford Mummies and the Bernese Carting Dogs. Everything went to plan and we arrived in the Market Square in time to enjoy the festivities before the switching-on of the Christmas lights. A magical event for everyone involved, creating Christmassy memories to treasure!

Many thanks, as always, to the unstoppable team of over **50 Lantern Volunteers** who give hours of their time and a massive amount of energy to make this spectacular community arts project possible. And grateful thanks to our funders - Milton Keynes Community Foundation, Stony Stratford Town Council and Stony Stratford Business Association for their continued support.

Shall we do it all again in 2015?? Of course we will!! Make sure you pre-book your lanterns from 1 october 2015.

**Join our Facebook Group - Stony Stratford Lantern Project**



London Road Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1JQ

01908 563361  
[www.york-house.org.uk](http://www.york-house.org.uk)

admin@york-house-centre.co.uk

**Friday 16 January 2015**

7.30 pm to 10.30 pm

### **MacIntyre Fund-raising Quiz**

£7 per person: includes light meal. To book your place go to <http://bit.ly/Mac-Quiz-Jan2015> or [fund@macintyrecharity.org](mailto:fund@macintyrecharity.org) or phone: 01908 357012

**Saturday 24 January 2015**

8 pm to 10.30 pm

### **Ayres & Graces**

An evening with John Alexander as Samuel Pepys, music performed by Mr Simpson's Little Consort. Tickets £10 email [sue@pierssnell.force9.co.uk](mailto:sue@pierssnell.force9.co.uk) or phone 01280 812364. This event is part of StonyWords!

**Friday 30 January 2015**

8 pm to 10.30 pm

### **Troubadour Reunion**

Troubadour Reunion is an acoustic concert of popular classic 70's songs with one acoustic guitar and five singers.

**Saturday 31 January 2015**

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

### **The Crown of Feathers and Fins**

A tale of wonder, adventure and love with dancing creatures and talking horses [www.redphoenixstory.com](http://www.redphoenixstory.com)

**Saturday 7 February 2015**

11 am to 1 pm

### **Baby & Kids Nearly New Sale**

Sell your gently used baby and children's items and turn unused items into cash. £15 a table with limited numbers. Contact Emily 07990 52166 or [eheale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eheale@hotmail.co.uk) for details ASAP to reserve your table. Percentage of profits going to a local playgroup.

**Saturday 14 February 2015**

8 pm to 11 pm

### **S.S.Shanty 3 in aid of RNLI**

Entry is £5 which will go to the highly worthy cause of RNLI

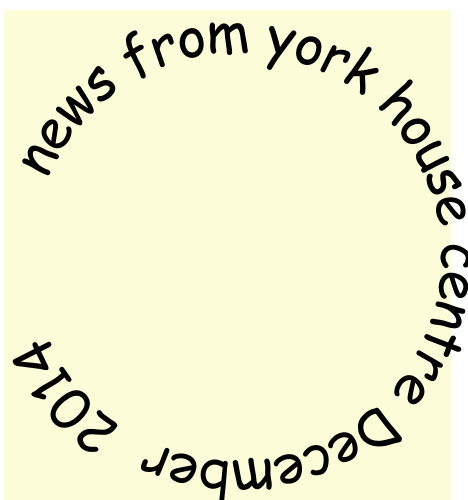
**Friday 20 & Saturday 21 February 2015**

### **13<sup>th</sup> Cock & Bull Beer Festival**



### **York House Centre requires a Leader in Charge Junior Youth Work**

to work independently without supervision to plan, deliver, manage and maintain our thriving weekly Junior Youth Club including social and educational activities for young people (8 to 12 years) that provide a wide range of play and other activities at York House, Stony Stratford from this January 2015 for one evening (Monday) a week during term time. Interested? Please send your application with two references to the address below.



London Road Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1JQ

01908 563361  
**[www.york-house.org.uk](http://www.york-house.org.uk)**

[admin@york-house-centre.co.uk](mailto:admin@york-house-centre.co.uk)

York House Centre (Stony Stratford) is a charitable company limited by guarantee. Registered in England and Wales no. 6283685. Registered charity no. 1122220. Registered office at London Road Stony Stratford MK11 1JQ

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.