



# Youth Community Arts

## Stony Arts Caper 2015 George & the Dragon

Over 300 people of all ages joined together for an art-tastic day of making, decorating and drawing on Saturday 06 June at York House Centre as part of this year's Stony Live! Festival. The art and fun was led by professional artist and illustrator Jonny Boatfield and organised by Kate Davies and Fiona Trinder.

The stunning Volunteer 'Arts Crew' were all completely brilliant - many, many thanks to you lovely people!

As for the cake makers - we'd all like to thank them for so much tempting deliciousness - the Volunteer Cafe kept everyone fed



and watered all day. The day culminated with the 'Arts Caper Race' in the grounds - loads of fun for everyone!

Grateful thanks also goes to York House LocalGiving.Com Fund and the Business Association who financed the event to make sure we all had a stellar day for FREE!! Photo by Kate Davies

## Stony Open Gardens

York House Centre is open this weekend as part of Open Gardens. Tickets are £5 for the whole weekend; visit the Community Gardens; art exhibition in the Beechey room; refreshments available.

## Riverside Parks Music Acoustic Harmonies

...ideal music for a summer evening...

Friday 3 July from 8 to 11pm at York House

Delightful acoustic harmonies from some fine musicians: Neil Mercer, Ian Spratley, Heidi Carascon, Chris Allin, Kobold, and (from London) Acoustic Bridge. Tickets £5 on-line at <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/318764>, and there will be a raffle with splendid prizes. Proceeds go to support the Annual Stony Stratford Riverside Fair, at which all attractions and rides are free for the children. The Famous York House bar will offer local real ale and cider (plus wines, lagers and soft drinks). For more information, email [jukeofstony@gmail.com](mailto:jukeofstony@gmail.com) or below.

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## Stores

Storage may sound boring but it is a must for many of our users. We hoped to receive the outstanding £50,000 of the section 106 money from the Hayes project to complete the building work at the back with the 650ft2 storage block. However this money is now to go towards the new private day nursery at St. Giles. After much thought and discussion, we therefore approached our bank, Barclays, for a loan. They said yes in principle. The loan is to be secured against the building and is subject to their valuation.

If all goes OK then we hope to start construction work by the end of July and complete in October. Watch this space. Or rather the bit on the side of the Beechey room!

## Comings, Goings

The departures of Ron and Jason and their replacements with Tina and more recently Jim; the successful completion of the first phase of our rear extension project; our improved finances; the future...

This has given us much to think about over the last few months and we eventually decided to change our staff structure and make Fiona the Centre Manager as from the beginning of this month. We think this provides a more sustainable structure.

Good luck Fiona! And welcome Jim and Tina!

## Lanterns 2015



Workshop sessions at York House  
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15  
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22  
November

Switch on day  
Saturday 28 November

This year's theme is  
**Christmas in  
Wonderland**

## 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)

Lanterns relies on Volunteers to help organise and run the workshops and the procession. We are always on the lookout for new Volunteers. If you have any time to spare (even just a few hours) and fancy donning one of our lovely purple t-shirts and joining the Lantern Volunteers then please contact Fiona at the address below.

## Stony Folks

Another magnificent show that raised over £200 for cancer research. Thanks to everyone involved



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