



Welcome to March's newsletter. Well, what a start to the year we've had! Thanks to all your support we have now shored up the stable block wall. We still have a long way to go. However we are really excited about what the future holds. We have so much happening so read on for more information!

Save the Stable!



As many of you will know the far side wall of the old stable block, which housed The Space and the Music Room, had deteriorated and was bowing significantly. We carried out various surveys and it appears that when the refurbishment work was carried out in the late 1970's the old windows were filled in but this work has deteriorated. Unfortunately when we stripped out inside the building to assess the situation further we discovered that similar practices were used on both the gable end and nearside walls. Therefore the repair of this building will be a much bigger project, but the exciting part is that it will give us two new amazing spaces for the community. Working with our

fantastic building team, Sibek Construction and B&G Property Maintenance, we have estimated full repair and renovation of the stable block will cost approximately £60,000. So how can you help?

- Book York House for your special event, you can speak to Tina on tina@york-house.org.uk
- Donate a one off amount to our Appeal page [HERE](#)
- Become a York House Champion and give a regular amount monthly [HERE](#)
- Come to our Fundraising events
- Fundraise for us! Do you run marathons, climb mountains, bake cakes? Why not do it for York House?

Coming Up

For March events, York House is the place for you! We have lots of public events as well as our usual array of fantastic user groups. You can find all the information you need about what is coming up at York House on our website

[Here](#)

WHAT'S ON @ YORK HOUSE MARCH

- 1st - Eat Street 5-9
- 2nd - Whose Turn 7.30-10.30
- 8th - International Womens Day 7.30-11
- 15th - The wilderness Yet @ The Song Loft 7.30
- 16th - Bearcats 7.30
- 19th - Business Networking 7.00
- 22nd - First Couscous of Spring 7.30
- 24th - Community Gardening Day 10-2

Scan here for more info on all our events & groups

www.york-house.org.uk

Hiring Space at York House

Don't forget our wonderful rooms are available to hire! They can be used for a whole host of activities from Pilates to Parties! Our Main Hall has just become available all day on a Friday, this is a unique opportunity and doesn't come up often so get in touch if you have been itching to get something started!

Contact tina@york-house.org.uk



Meet Our Users

Every month we are going to introducing you to our wonderful user groups. This month is the turn of the three fantastic groups that have joined us since Christmas. Have a look and get involved in their great activities.



North Bucks Woodturning Club

What is your group and who is it for?

North Bucks Wood Turning Club.

For anyone interested in Woodturning from beginner to professional.

When and where do you meet?

We meet at York house every Saturday 0930 - 1330. In our

Spanish Lessons

What is your group and who is it for?

My classes are for those interested in Learning Spanish, initially at the beginner level but hopefully all levels soon enough. I try my best to plan and deliver lessons that

Total Performance Training **What is your group and who is it for?**

Total Performance Training, Multi-Sport and Martial arts for 2 - 12 year olds.

The purpose of the Club is to provide accessible, inclusive, and high-quality training in a variety of sports, including Taekwondo martial arts. Our primary goal is to remove financial barriers and promote success for all participants.

You can contact us at <https://TPTEngland.com> or email Coach@TPTEngland.com

When and where do you meet?

workshop on the third floor

[What do you love about York House?](#)

The facilities are really good and all the staff are really nice and always helpful.

are easy to understand and which include a bit of grammar, listening and speaking. Everything revolving around a strong fundamental base.

[When and where do you meet?](#)

We meet once a week at York House, although currently I have a number of different sessions on different days.

[What do you love about York House?](#)

I love that whatever day I am going in to teach, and whatever time, there is always someone or something interesting going on which really creates a nice community.

Feel free to pop along any Tuesday at Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes,.

York House Centre
2 - 5yr olds - Multi-sports
Tuesday 14:30- 15:15

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6 - 12yr olds - Multi-sport and Martial Arts
Tuesday
16:00 - 16:45

[What do you love about York House?](#)

Its accessibility for all, and is at the heart of the local community.

Meet The Team



Who are you and what do you do at York House?

I'm Kim McDonald and officially I'm the Admin Officer but in reality I do anything and everything that needs doing.

Why York House?

I fell in love with York House twenty years ago when I first worked here and over the years I have volunteered with many projects including Lanterns and Coffee Mornings, I even served on the Board of Trustees. I feel passionate about York House and its role within the community. We are a fully inclusive charity, which is incredibly important to me and ensuring all users feel comfortable here is what gets me out of bed. I absolutely jumped at the chance to come back and now I love coming to work.

If you could arrange for any musician to play at York House who would it be?

Dolly Parton!



Stony In Bloom

Our wonderful community gardens are still being beautifully cared for by Stony in Bloom who are working hard to ensure they look phenomenal as we approach Spring. As ever they need as much help as they can get and have another wonderful Community Gardening Day coming up so if you can help please do pop along.



*Stony Stratford
in Bloom*



Community Volunteering Day York House Community Gardens Sunday March 24th

pop along to help any time between
10am & 2pm

We achieved a huge amount at the November Community Volunteering Day, but there's still a lot of work to do, so come along and help to make your community gardens the lovely haven you want them to be



- Moving dead wood and brambles
 - General tidy of the area
- Weeding gravel and flower beds
- Removing any bindweed and brambles
 - Repairing raised beds



**Please bring gardening gloves, secateurs
and any other gardening tools you may have
Refreshments available**

Any queries - judith.deveson@gmail.com - 07985 671379

N.B. Due to building work, access is to the right of York House

Community Larder

Don't forget our fantastic Community Larder and Community Cafe run every Tuesday between 10 and 11. You don't have to be a member of the larder to

come to the cafe and get a free drink and biscuit and have a chat with new friends.

If you want to learn more about the Community Larder and the great work Sofea does to tackle food waste and support vulnerable young people you can visit Sofea's website which explains all.

[Sofea Website](#)

Our Projects

Don't forget we still have all our wonderful Projects running. If you want a stay and play for your under 5's Yo-Yo's, led by the fabulous Jennifer Wilson-Marklew is a lovely welcoming group, meeting on Monday mornings in term time at 9.30-11.30. If you have older ones they can come along to our fantastic Youth Club on a Wednesday from 5.30, run by our partners Youth Network and kindly funded by Stony Stratford Town Council. Lastly if it's you that needs some well deserved 'me-time' then pop along to see the superb Emma Philips and the lovely group running Crafting for Change on a Tuesday morning at 10.30. As ever, all details are on our website or click on the icons below.



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