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Dates for April 2023

3rd Truck Residents Ticket Application Open

4th Parish Council Meeting

8th Easter Fete North Star 3pm

9th Steventon News Advert Deadline

16th Steventon News Copy date deadline

19th SARINC Grant meeting

22nd - 23rd Milton Bowling Club open days

27th Darby & Joan

Bicester Garden Centre trip

29th Eve Goodman concert

Happy Easter





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Dates for Your Diary

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Sat 1st April North Berks Cup Semi-Final

Sun 2nd April Bingo with Mr Oz

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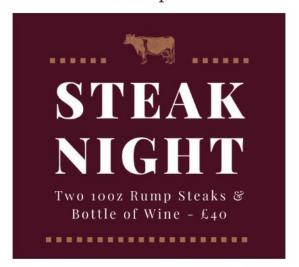
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Dear Friends

There really are good reasons to be hopeful...

As we get older our bodies go through many changes. Most of these changes seem to involve either tightening or sagging. Horrible idea, isn't it? Muscles get stiff and take longer to get moving while other parts of the body loose their elasticity and head in a downward direction.

I hope these images are not putting you off your Easter chocolate or causing you to seek consolation in a packet of custard creams! Why am I writing of such unpleasant human truths? As I experience the reality of the physical ageing processes, I rejoice that I am not trapped within a cycle of life, decline and oblivion. Physical ageing will continue its remorseless progress, but in doing so brings me closer to the glorious resurrection hope that Easter heralds. Jesus has risen; the inevitability of decline and death are reversed: there will continue to be life, love, laughter, radiant colour regardless of the effect of ageing. I don't have the words to explain how the hope of new life comes about, but I do believe in Jesus and his gift of life everlasting. The voice of the Servant King is as strong and reassuring as it has ever been. Such hope is not based on religious piety or a rejection of scientific understanding, rather it comes from the evidence of new life emerging out of the darkness. That life in all its fullness and wonder is appearing all around; the whole of creation speaks of resurrection life and is in stark contrast to the decline and death offered in selfish human activity. Resurrection life as C.S.Lewis says, will be full of joyful surprises.

I have had the privilege of seeing resurrection life emerge out of human brokenness, grief, rejection and disease; resurrection life becoming vibrant as physical life diminishes. My engineering, medical and chaplaincy training taught me to accept only that which is evidenced based. This discipline leads me to be hopeful because of the convincing evidence for resurrection life. "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II

Phil Sutton

Please join with us for our Easter services as we consider further the hope of resurrection life.

Sun 2 April	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	
	09:30 Family Service	Palm Sunday complete with palms and breakfast!
	18:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)	Mike Murray
Thurs 6 April	19:00 Holy Communion On Maundy Thursday	
Fri 7 April	19.00 Evening Service On Good Friday	
Sun 9 April	09:30 Holy Communion Family Communion on Easter Day	
Sun 16 April	09:30 Morning Worship	
Sun 23 April	11:00 DAMASCUS at All Saints, Sutton Courtenay	
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Sun 30 April	09:30 Holy Communion	
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GARD UPDATE

GARD's Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Millenium Room, Steventon Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who made a response to the Water Resources SouthEast (WRSE) consultation and to Thames Water's draft Water Resource management Plan (dWRMP). We have been copied into at least 150 WRSE responses, with many more known to have been sent, an encouraging number. At time of going to press, the Thames Water responses are still being written, and many have been copied to GARD.

Where are we now with the proposals and responses?

This stage of the Reservoir proposal features a 'triple bill'. As well as the closed Water Resources South-East and Thames Water dWRMP consultations (the latter closed 20th March), there is the RAPID Gate 2 process on the individual Strategic Sources.
RAPID (Regulator Alliance for the Progressing of Infrastructure Development) will produce a draft decision on the Strategic Sources (eg Abingdon Reservoir and Severn Thames Transfer) on 30th March. Stakeholders (ie GARD, OCC, the Vale, Parish Councils) then have until 11th June to make representations. GARD will be making representations to RAPID, and we'll keep you informed.

The response of the Councils and of MPs has been very encouraging.

Layla Moran, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said in her WRSE response: 'Relying on large, expensive and time-consuming infrastructure projects has created a regional plan that is not adaptable to changing future conditions. True drought resilience must include more urgently tackling leakage and improving water efficiency.' Later she also says: 'I do not believe that consumers should be bearing the cost of constructing new water resources, when water companies are failing to fix their own existing infrastructure, resulting in significant waste of water.'

Councillor Pete Sudbury, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment and spokes-person for the Reservoir issue said:

"We have consistently opposed this reservoir proposal, which we believe could turn out to be a damaging white elephant that will not be resilient to the kind of multi-year droughts we are seeing in many parts of the world. The South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) will have significant and potentially unacceptable environmental effects. The WRSE regional plan should bring forward the Severn Thames Transfer (STT) earlier than indicated in this draft plan. ... Given the concerns, the SESRO should be removed from the WRSE regional plan and the company plans, and not pursued as a strategic resource option."

The Vale of White Horse District Council said, in a media release on 6thMarch, that water companies should forget the reservoir and focus on fixing leaks. They added that SESRO should be removed from the plan and is urging water companies and regulators to instead carry out further research into other water resources and to focus efforts on fixing leaks and improving water efficiency.

Cllr Bethia Thomas, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "Building a reservoir would cause permanent and irreversible harm to an enormous area of the Vale countryside and potentially result in a significant increase in carbon emissions. We should be doing all we can to tackle the climate emergency and much more attention must be placed on the climate impact of this proposal."

We look forward to seeing you at the GARD AGM

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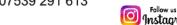
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Everyone greatly enjoyed the recent talk by Rev Sutton on Assistance Dogs. 'Buster' definitely stole the show! We heard about his training and the

eventual work it is hoped he will do with a hard-ofhearing person. The scope of the fantastic work done by assistance dogs is much wider than we imagined. All the best Buster and we hope you make the grade!

There won't be a speaker in April due to group business and the finalising of resolutions but the list of speakers for the coming year will be released shortly.

If you would like to come along to a meeting you will be most welcome. Meetings are held in the Millennium Room at the Village Hall on the third Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm. For more details please phone 01235 833009 or speak to a member.

Church Flowers for Easter.

After the weeks of winter and of Lent, we look forward to being able to decorate the Church for Easter with the lovely spring flowers which are coming out. Easter Sunday is on April 9th this year.

We will be in the Church on Saturday April 8th from 10.00 until 12.00. Flowers will be provided but if you have any greenery or daffodils please do bring them.

If you would like to help to decorate the Church, do come along; no expertise is needed, just your enthusiasm and enjoyment of flowers.

Do join us for coffee and hot cross buns too.

Mary Thompson 01235 832077

SARINC (Steventon Allotments and Relief In Need Charity) – 2023

SARINC is a charity which was established in 1987 with two main roles:

- To maintain the allotment site for the villagers of Steventon
- To support any residents or groups within the village who are in need

In April the Trustees will visit the allotments to review the tidiness and ensure the allocated allotments are being maintained and used.

Allotment rents are now due for 2023 – you can now pay via bank transfer, please contact the Clerk if you would like to pay your allotment rent in this way.

The Trustees will next meet to consider grant applications and any other business on **Wednesday 19 April**.

Residents and groups can SARINC to discuss any support. To request a grant application form, please contact The Clerk or any of the Trustees.

Email <u>info@sarinc.org.uk</u> Call 07361 250 922 Post 19, Lime Grove, Southmoor, OX13 5DN

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent cards, gifts and best wishes, on my recent retirement from Steventon Post office and Coop.

After 52 years of service and at the age of 80, I thought it was about time!

A BIG THANK YOU has to go to the present members of staff, for making my last day extra special.

The memories of both The Causeway and High Street Stores, are many, as are the staff, whom I've worked along side, throughout the years. I remember them all fondly.

Jean White







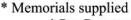


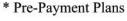
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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 7th March with 7 Parish Councillors, Sally Povolotsky, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Councillor and Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) and several members of the public being present.

We have received an update on the protracted delay in removing the Chicane on Hanney road and replacing it with a new one:

"The traffic calming and access works being delivered by unfortunately I cannot confirm a time frame of when the Agreement will be completed. Vistry cannot undertake the works without a signed Section 278 Agreement and currently the agreement is with Solicitors to agree but is not yet in place. Both parties are actively working on progressing this agreement to completion. Once the agreement is in place, a date will be known for the works, which then OCC can inform of.

The Section 278 works were delayed initially due to a land issue (not in OCCs control) that needed to be resolved before the agreement could be progressed. There is no agreement or associated Bond with Agreements Team for these works that enforce upon can and the Developer is willing to deliver these works but has to follow procedure in order to do so.

We have recently forwarded on an email regarding the existing highway to maintenance team for their attention.'

The proposed 20mph speed limit in Steventon deferred was at the February OCC cabinet meeting to March 23rd due to a complaint from the bus company.

We have received an update from Matthew Barber. Police Commissionaire regarding Emergency vehicle access across the railway barriers on The Causeway and Stocks Lane:

"Since we went live on our contact platform management (CMP) October 2020 there have been seven grade 1 incidents to locations south of the railway line. The Force Incident Manager has reviewed these incidents and none have any mention of delays in attendance due either of the level crossings. I have discussed the use of "flags" on CMP however these may not be visible to the call taker, as it's not iust about houses but also buildings but other locations, it would take management to ensure it is always updated even if visible to the call taker. Even if visible we would have to consider what action they would generate. We would need to know when the police vehicle will be at the crossing in order to request the crossing is opened. This will be very difficult to estimate due to traffic and being cancelled or diverted.

However there is an alternative solution. We have previously added to our local police area briefing slides for all local officers awareness that there are alternative routes to these houses in Steventon. We have had to do this when there has been repair works on the line. This involves access via a track that is south of the line accessible from the road bridge over the line. This is a short distance from the crossings. The lane has been checked (specifically between what three words BRIEF.SOGGY.GUM and HIGHS.BLEMISHES.UPGRADING). This is a lane marked on our GIS

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An update from Rob MacDougall, OCC Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer was less helpful:

"This situation has remained the same since we were last asked to review this. Crews have two options to enter the village either over the level crossings or via a tight track. Getting a fire engine along the track is very time consuming and therefore crews would normally see using the crossing as the best option. If the crossing just happens to be down when they get a call, then they would wait for it to reopen which isn't expected to cause a significant delay."

Vale of White Horse District Council has voted to adopt an updated Local Development Order (LDO) for Milton Park subject to a legal agreement being finalised. Once adopted, the updated order will help to fast-track planning approvals, and unlock even more of the award-winning science and technology community's potential.

Reminder that Parish Council elections take place on 4th May, you will need photo id to vote. Applications to become a Parish councillor are open from 21st March to 4th April, please volunteer. Applicants can deal direct with the Vale of the White Horse DC or contact the Parish Clerk, Angela, who is available to help with applications.

The Copse has many trees suffering from ash die back and work will be commencing soon on felling the worst. Please be sensible and keep away from the Copse in bad weather, particularly high winds.

The Parish Council has had to put on hold the S106 application for an Eco Park. This is due to the original owner not wishing to approve the use of the land for an Eco park.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday April 4th, 2023, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Dr Chris Wilding Chair



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser

In the past four years the splendid team of volunteer door-to door collectors in Steventon, Milton and Milton Heights, together with kind businesses including those in Milton Park, the Interchange and Milton Hill have collected over £20,000 for the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We now need a volunteer to organise and lead the local Appeal in the next few years as the current incumbent has retired as Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO)

There is little involved for 10 months of the year except ordering, but in early October there is lots of communication and planning, with the Appeal starting at the end of the month continuing November until Remembrance Sunday. Collecting and counting has to be complete by 1st December. Help and advice will happily be provided. Contact :-Thompson, 27 Nick Stocks Lane. Steventon. Tel 832077 email or nickandmaryt@hotmail.com



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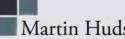


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Village Hall Committee.

Steventon Darby & Joan Club

ON the 9th March we had a very interesting talk by Aged U K on the subject of Scams and entitlements. On Scams as how to identify them and what to do about them. Regarding benefit entitlement, we were encouraged to apply and see what we are entitled to. I must say, I did try but there was/is pages and pages of questions so you must ne patient.

At the time of writing we have not had the meeting on the 23rd March which was our Annual Meeting, our 70th. So yes we are in the 70th year of the Club. Well done everyone.

Thursday 13th April we have our lunch on the first meeting of the month, these are going very well.

Thursday 27th April we are going to Bicester Garden Centre, it will cost you £11.00. We leave the village at 10.30am. All welcome if seats available, ring Audrey on 834064.

Spring is here let us enjoy it.

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WED 59 Club Results

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Week	No.	Winner	
1169	14	Eileen King	
15/2		_	
1170	9	Mrs Spinks	
22/2		-	
1171	35	Alan Hutchings	
01/3			
1172	22	Tracey Simm	
08/3		-	
1173	36	Sandie West	
15/3			

SAT 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1388 18/2	29	Gordon Stewart
1389 25/2	35	Liam Howard
1390 04/3	7	Nikki & Lec Oleksiw
1391 11/3	49	Anita Earl

SAT "59 Club Extra" Results

Week	No.	Winner
464	29	Keith Fowels
18/2		
465	35	Robert Green
25/2		
466	7	David Goodenough
4/3		
467	49	Denis Hastings
11/3		

Congratulations to this month's winners

If you would like to go on the waiting list for a lucky number in any of the 59 clubs please contact a committee member: Jim – Lisa – Shirley – Martin - Steve

Pat Hemmings, Chairman- SFA 01235 831462 07808086603

MILTON HILL BOWLING CLUB

We are inviting you all to our open days on:

Saturday 22 April 2pm until 4.30pm

Sunday 23rd April 10am until 12.30pm

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If this is not convenient contact us and we will arrange to meet you at a suitable time.

Rod/audrey clewley tel: 01235 831206.

Senior Citizens Summer Trip 2023

This years trip will be on Sunday 16th July:

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Steventon Cricket Club

The season is fast approaching! Senior 1st & 2nd teams start their Cherwell League campaign on May 6th, while the Women's team kick off in the Home Counties league on May 14th. We have yet to receive junior fixtures from Oxfordshire cricket, but those will start in the last week of April; we'll publish all available fixture info in next months News.

Winter training continues to go brilliantly, with our last indoor session in Abingdon on April 2nd - do get in touch for more info - before training moves outdoors, and we can start using our wonderful new nets facility, which the eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted under construction, and which should be complete by the time this is published. We would like to reiterate our thanks to the FCC Communities Foundation for the generous grant, and to the Parish Council for their assistance in making the project into a reality. It will be an excellent and transformative resource for the ever-growing village cricket community.

At time of writing our summer term 2023 junior softball programs are almost full, just 1 or 2 spaces left in Allstars (for ages 5-8) and 4 or 5 left in Dynamos (for ages 8-10). We do keep a waiting list - please do get in touch with any queries.

We also have junior cricket for girls and boys at U15 / U13 / U11 age groups. and we welcome new players of all ages, male or female. If you or your child would like to get involved with our community club, whether playing, umpiring, scoring, doing groundwork or coaching, do get in touch. As well as being a fantastic sport, it's a great way to meet new people, in a fun and sociable environment. Contact Joe on 07966 592381, email SteventonCC@gmail.com, or use the website to find out more and get in touch, SteventonCC.org.uk

"CROWNING GLORY"

A Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th,7th,8th.

Many thanks to all who came to the meeting on February 28th to discuss plans for our flower Festival on May 6th. We have had lots of offers of help and were delighted to welcome representatives from village organisations. Ten of these have volunteered to take part with displays of flowers and artefacts.

If you would like to join us for this village event or need any more information, please do get in touch.

Contact : Mary Thompson and Hilary Otterburn and

St Michael's Church Flower Arrangers.

coronationflowers23@gmail.com





Roots & Shoots Our Community Café, Kitchen and Allotment

just keep on growing!

It's hard to believe that it has been seven months since Roots and Shoots sprang into life. In mid-March, we held our **16**th **Warm Space Café** in our new HQ in the Millennium Room at the Village Hall.

As well as meeting friends and making new ones, on the menu were drinks home-made cakes, soups and cheese toasties, which our volunteers are now able to make on site

But there was one surprise visitor who walked through the door just before 9.30am that week, in the shape of the South and Vale Food Safety Team inspector, to conduct an unannounced spot check. Almost two hours later and we were thrilled to receive a **5 Star Food Hygiene Rating**, much to the delight of everyone.

As Spring gets underway, we have decided to change our name to the **Roots** & Shoots Community Café.

But none of this would have been possible without the generous donations by visitors and the following:

- SARINC
- Steventon Parish Council
- OCC Councillor Priority Fund -
- The Causeway Trust
- VOWH Climate Action Fund
- Connecting Communities Fund
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 John Howson

For further information contact info.steventon.rootsshoots@gmail.com

Steventon update from Cllr Sally Povolotsky

I am pleased to see life springing back on the causeway, and the hive of activity stepping up back in the allotments. It is great to see Roots and Shoots community allotment starting to take shape, even more so after the award of a grant from the Vale of White Horse Community Action Fund.

The Speedwatch group are out in force and not only catching speeding in the village but also Non Taxed / MOT / Legal vehicles. I must say, the whole team are doing a wonderful job, and great to see the Speedwatch Zone signs up now.

Harding Vale, we are pursuing the legal for adoption, it is a very slow process but I am assured, its proceeding without issues. We didn't get any luck in February at the Cabinet Members Decision on Highways for the 20mph zone, despite local support, the Bus Company sent a damning letter with the threat of removing off peak services if the speed was made 20mph on the Hanney Road. I hope this will be back on the Agenda in April.

The next Megavoir consultation response will be the OFWAT Rapid Gate 2. I want to give a HUGE thanks to GARD and all the volunteers.

This May sees the Vale of White Horse elections (District council), for the Steventon & Hanneys Ward seat, which, of course, there was the by-election last May. On May 4th. You now need ID in order to vote, see link below voting is YOUR democratic right. Please take time to read the link below

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I am fully committed to representing you the best that I can, please reach out if I can be of any help. Cllr Sally Povolotsky Facebook - @sally4hendredsandharwell Whats app - 07939912997