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4th District & Parish Council Polling Day

6th-8th Coronation Celebrations

8th History Society Meeting

9th Parish Council Meeting 7pm

13th Book Sale 10am

14th Steventon News Copy date deadline

16th WI Coronation Party

17th SARINC Meeting

18th WI Annual Coffee Morning

22nd Steventon Village Hall AMG



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Dates for Your Diary

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(Has got to be won!)

Sat 6th May First Cricket match of the season

Sun 7th May Big lunch on the green, bring your own or
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Fri 12th May Dynamos/All Stars cricket starts

Sun 28th May Easter Hunt and Activities, plus live music
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Dear Friends

This month will certainly be a momentous one; possibly we will witness the only Coronation in our lifetime. King Charles III's coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. This historical service will be set within a Eucharist (*thanksgiving*), the most central act of Christian worship. Prior to act of coronation, the King and then the Queen Consort are anointed with holy oil as a reminder to them and all who watch, that the authority and power vested in the monarch comes from God. The oil spooned onto their heads symbolises God's blessing being poured out on their heads as they are set apart to serve the people of our nation and Commonwealth with joy and humility. In essence the Coronation is a celebration of faith, service and community.

At the end of the month, on Sunday 28th May, we will again be celebrating an anointing and setting apart for faithful service and community building. This time the anointing is not on the head of a monarch or elected head of state, but on ordinary people; God bestows his blessing from the riches of his love and grace. The occasion is Pentecost or Whit Sunday, when the church celebrates God's blessing and anointing of his life giving Spirit not just on his first 12 disciples but on his disciples throughout time. Ordinary people resourced to show God's extraordinary love in all places and circumstances. Pentecost is regarded as the Church's birthday, the day when the Church started to live out the message of God's love throughout the world. We make a misjudgement if we consider the Church as historical buildings or institutions; the church is ordinary people, with diverse understandings of faithful living, seeking to show out the light of God's love in acts of compassionate, graceful giving. Pentecost is a call from God to live out our faith by receiving his strength which is made perfect in the weakness of our humanity. I pray that this coming month we will discern God's blessing to enable us to faithfully serve one another.

Phil Sutton

Sun 7 May	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09:30 Village Service 18:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)	<u>Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III</u> Mike Murray
Sun 14 May	09:30 Holy Communion	
Sun 21 May	09:30 Morning Worship	
Sun 28 May	09:30 Holy Communion	Celebration of Pentecost – <i>Called to live and serve</i>
Every Wednesday	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by Jack Jarvis

CROWNING GLORY – Festival of Flowers, Music and art for the Coronation

Saturday 6 May 14:00-18:00 Festival open – Refreshments available

Sunday 7 May 14:30-15:30 – Music to celebrate the Coronation & followed by a Cream Tea Party

Monday 7 May 10:00- 18:00 Festival open – Refreshments available

Further information on the events or participating in the Festival, appear in this edition.

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Steventon Cricket Club

The season is upon us! At time of writing, construction has finished on the new nets facility and they will shortly be available for use. There will be a celebratory launch event on the green on Sunday April 30th from 3pm onwards, featuring guest appearances from 2 veritable BBC broadcasting legends, "whispering" Bob Harris and Charles Dagnall of Test Match Special, plus an exhibition match and other fun activities. Do come down to the club if you can. 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 nets project into a reality. It will be a transformative resource for the growing village cricket community.

The 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. Junior fixtures begin on May 1st. All home fixtures are listed at the bottom of this article.

At time of writing our summer term 2023 junior softball programs for ages 5-11 are about to start (on Friday May 12th). We do keep a waiting list - please do get in touch with any queries.

We 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

Home Fixtures (Subject to change. Weekday games 6pm start)

Sun April 30th pm - Nets launch with Bob Harris & Charles Dagnall

MAY

Mon 1st - U15 v Oxford Blue

Thurs 4th - U13 v Hendred

Sat 6th 1pm - 1st XI vs Golden Sparrows

Sun 7th 10am - U11 v Sunningwell

Wed 10th - T20 v Evotec

Thurs 11th - U13 v Horspath

Sat 13th 1pm - 2nd XI v Letcombe

Sun 14th - women's 8 away at Hendred, 1.30pm

Mon 15th - U15 v Abingdon Vale

Thurs 18th - U13 v K.Bagpuize

Sat 20th 1pm - 1st XI v Cumnor 3

Sun 21st 10am - U11 v Witney Mills

Mon 22nd U15 v Hendred

Wed 24th T20 v Didcot

Thurs 25th U13 v Ab.Vale

Sat 27th 1pm - 1st XI v Bampton 1

Mon 29th U15 v Oxford Yellow

Tues 30th Girls U15 v Moreton

Wed 31st Girls U13 v Ab.Vale



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Steventon Women's Institute



Members had great fun at the recent alcohol ink workshop and were pleased with their

creations. It is hoped to have more craft workshops this year.

On Thursday 18 May we will be holding our annual coffee morning in aid of Sobell House so please come along.

As it's the Coronation this month we will be having a King's Coronation Party on 16 May.

The Busy Hands Craft group and the Banner group will meet and the SWILL group will be lunching out.

If you want to find out more about our group you will be most welcome at one of our meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Room.

Please speak to a member or phone 01235 833009 for more information.

Hello everyone

Sally Povolotsky here, as well as being your councillor many of you may know I am also heavily involved with the HEG Larder and Environment Group.

We are launching a new scheme called HEG Grows and working with the Community Cafe on Tuesdays we will be dropping a few kits for you to grow at home from flowers to micro greens and then into May and June vegetable plants too! If you would like to be a part of HEG Grows, or even grow on from seed to donate to the Roots & Shoots Community allotment then drop me and email -

HEGLarder@gmail.com

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.

The Charity will be contributing to the Parish Council Annual meeting and following this the annual report will be available to review.

The Trustees will next meet to consider grant applications and any other business on Wednesday 17 May. Residents and groups can contact the Clerk or any of the Trustees to discuss any support. To request a grant application form, please contact The Clerk or any of the Trustees.

Email info@sarinc.org.uk Call 07361 250 922

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Don't forget allotment rents are 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.

Steventon Village Hall

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting of the charity that manages the village hall.

This will be held in the Millennium Room at 7.45pm on Monday 22 May or get in touch via steventonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or call 07561 209421.

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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 4th April 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.

Milton Park have given an update on the proposed cinder track cycle path. There were still some land ownership issues which may need to be dealt with through a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process. The hope is that with the guaranteed funding being provided by Milton Park for this scheme, this will give OCC the ability to proceed with the CPO process if that is what it takes to deliver the Cinder Path cycle path. There is a concern that legal requirements might add an unnecessary burden to the process for delivering the path and it is hoped that OCC would keep pushing for a speedy delivery of the project. Realistically we are probably looking at a year or two before a new Cinder Path cycle path opens.

Milton Park have also given feedback on Oxfordshire Bus Company's (OBC) objections to proposed 20mph speed limits being introduced. Their objection relates mainly to the blanket policy approach that with the principle of 20mph speed limits in areas where vulnerable road users mixed with heavy traffic. A blanket enforcement in all built up areas would have a detrimental effect on the bus timetable and would in some (but not all) cases, result in a reduced frequency of bus services. OBC's other point is that 20mph limits are rarely enforced and that buses are more likely than cars to observe the speed limit.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday May 9th, 2023, at 7pm in St. Michael's School Hall.

Dr Chris Wilding - Chair

St. Michael's C.E. Primary

The children at Staff at St Michael's have been working incredibly hard over the last term. We finished the Spring with our Easter Service at the church and enjoyed hot cross buns very kindly provided by the Children's Ministry Team.

As we start the Summer term we are looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation and would like to invite the community into school from 2:30pm on Friday 6th May.

We are also starting our programme of improvements around the school grounds. If there are any keen gardeners who would like to lend a hand with the reinstatement of the raised beds either on a ad hoc or regular basis please contact the school office - we would love to hear from you!

We look forward to seeing many of you at our open day!

Hayley Leyshon-Brady Headteacher
St. Michael's C.E. Primary
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Mary Thompson. 832077

STEVENTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Recent weeks have seen a couple of SHS events – a guided walk for members by Owen Sutcliffe looking at the archeology and geology of the village (see separate article) and a talk by Roger Orchard About the coming of the GWR to Steventon. This was very well attended and donations from the public raised £378 for charity.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on 8th May at the North Star. Everyone and anyone are welcome to join us there.

Lent Lunches 2023

Soup and bread lunches on the six Saturdays of Lent were well attended; many thanks to all who contributed and supported in any way.

We are delighted to have raised £947.00 for Christian Aid.

Mary Thompson

STEVENTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Report for May 2022

At the time of writing and with 3 games each still to play in a busy April, both our teams lie 6th in their leagues with a realistic chance of finishing 5th 🤔

The First team maintained their place in the Division One, having won one drawn one, since the last report

Played 15 Won 5 Drawn 4 Lost 6 = 19 points;

They have a game in hand over rivals Drayton, so we may get the last laugh after all!

Meanwhile, the Reserves have been the form team of recent weeks winning 4 of their last 6 games, losing narrowly to the other form team Benson in the Cup semi-final 2-4

Played 17 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 7 = 24 points

They currently have two games in hand over Stanford, and whether they finish 5th or 6th it's top half and a huge improvement over last season

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Steventon Choral Society

THANK YOU to the fantastic audience who came along to our performance of Mozart's Requiem in April, we hope you enjoyed it.

We'll be back in the church leading the singing as part of the village celebration of the Coronation on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May. Our summer concerts this year feature songs from the musicals and are on Saturday 10th June and Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We are still on the look-out for singers to join our friendly tenor and bass sections. We rehearse on Thursday evenings 7.30-9.30 in the Village Hall and sing a mix of classical choral works and lighter music. Please get in touch with Helen Pearce on 07748 152967 to arrange to come along to a practice or two to see if it's for you (no auditions necessary at any point!) Find out more at www.steventonchoral.org.uk



Steventon Darby & Joan Club

I realize that this is well in advance. On Thursday 8th June the Club has it's Birthday Lunch, this will take place at the Toby Carvery Friary in Swindon. If places are available we will open it up to none members, at this point in time I cannot give accurate cost, but imagine it will be in the region of £30.00 each. It is of course free to members. Please contact Audrey on 834064.

Thursday 11th May we are having our final Lunch in the Hall with entertainment from the St. Michael's School Choir. We always look forward to this.

Sunday 14th May a service in church followed by a salad supper in the Church Hall.

Thursday 25th May we Meet in the Hall.
Is Summer here??

Jack Jarvis 831395

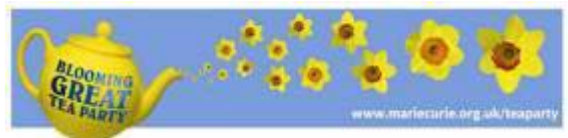
SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Blooming Great Tea Party, in aid of Marie Curie, will be held on Saturday 8th July 2023 at The North Star.

Raffle, Afternoon Tea and Live Music from 3pm, with Duck Racing afterwards.

Donations of raffle prizes in advance are most welcome, as are cakes on the day. Please contact Nicola Kelly on 07884 443849 if you would like these collected.

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Steventon Friendly Association

WED 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1174 22/03	10	Sara Collins
1175 29/03	37	Dave Dunsdon
1176 05/04	46	Ray White
1177 12/04	5	Mike Toplis

SAT 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1392 18/03	58	Barbara Warwick
1393 25/03	28	Alan Hopgood
1394 01/04	49	Anita Earl
1396 15/04	29	Gordan Stewart

SAT "59 Club Extra" Results

Week	No.	Winner
468 18/03	58	Chris Wilding
469 25/03	28	Elaine Walton
470 01/04	49	Denis Hastings
472 15/04	29	Keith Fowles

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
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Pat Hemmings, Chairman- SFA
01235 831462
07808086603

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

Our Coronation Flower Festival is nearly here !We will be setting up in the Church from Wed May 3rd and opening to the public on Saturday May 6th . We are delighted that representatives from many village groups and organisations will be taking part, do come to have a look at their displays !

We plan to buy flowers grown locally as far as we can; if you have flowers or greenery in your garden which you can give us , or contributions for teas and cakes , these will be most welcome.

If you would like to help us, stewards for the event will be needed, as will help serving teas, and will be much appreciated.

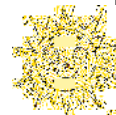
Contact : Mary Thompson and Hilary
Otterburn . coronationflowers23@gmail.com

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