

STEVENTON NEWS

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The grand opening of the new cricket nets. The ribbon was cut by broadcasting legend Bob Harris, with BBC Test Match Special and Sky Cricket commentator Charles Dagnall - see p.18

Dates for June

3rd Plant Sale

6th Parish Council Meeting

8th Darby & Joan Birthday Lunch

18th Steventon News Copy cut- off

20th W I Meeting

21st SARINC Meeting

24th History Society Trip

1st July Church Fete

Warm Space Cafe - every Tuesday

Sharon O'Loughlin
Charity Bike Ride
Cycling London 2 Paris for Cure Leukaemia - 8th-12th June 2023



When asked why this challenge, **Sharon said** "I'm doing this with a group of like minded friends who share a common goal. In supporting this fantastic cause to raise money for those who are in real need. We all know people who are living with or have been impacted by this dreadful disease"

"It is a **punishing ride** over 4 days with a **distance of 500km** & an **elevation: 3767m**
After 2 years of my own health challenges, I'm excited to be involved in this challenge & all that it brings.

I understand that times are hard, if you feel you are able to support my journey, in any way, then I'd be eternally grateful.

I've made it easy, simply scan the QR code to donate. **Thank you so much"**

CROWNING GLORY

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



Many thanks to all who came to the Church to see the Flower Festival during the Coronation weekend, we were delighted to see you all!

Thank you too to all who worked so hard setting up and made the Church look so wonderful, and a big thank you too to all who made scones and cakes.

We are hugely grateful to all those who helped in any way.

Mary Thompson and Hilary Otterburn and

St Michael's Church Flower Arrangers. coronationflowers23@gmail.com

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PANTO - February 2023.

A huge thank you to all who supported us, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did putting it on. All bills now paid and there is a wonderful profit of £6,187.90 which has been donated to the NSPCC.

Many thanks.
Margaret



*Steventon
Speedwatch Group*



Steventon Speedwatch Group has been running for nearly a year now. We've received a huge amount of support from local residents which we really appreciate. Our team has grown to 13 members and we now have additional sites around the village. We all give about an hour a week of our time on a voluntary basis to monitor the traffic. Since July last year, between us, we have spent circa 100 hours doing our speedwatch sessions and recorded over 1100 speeding motorists with a top speed recorded of 59mph. Of these vehicles, approximately 5% were without MOT or Tax and the police have followed up on these. Look out for us when you're driving around the village and if you have any questions, please do let us know. Thank you again for your continued support.

St Michaels Church Fete on Saturday 1st July at 2pm on the village green.

Stalls, coconut shy, face painting, teas and raffle, a dog show and much, much more. Come and join in the fun.

Any offers of help, raffle prizes, cakes would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Hilary Otterburn or Caroline Miller for any inquiries. On 07540 098157 or 07860 382556 or hilary@otterburn.me.uk

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Church Warden: Dr Hilary Otterburn (01235 834725)

Deputy Warden: Mr Alan Binning (01235 820009)

Dear Friends

I could do with a holiday this summer

June, the start of our meteorological summer, when our hopes turn to restful warm sunny days in the garden or perhaps going on holiday. Looking forward to a much needed break from the gloom of the crises and threats which surround us, or the gloom of the weather and our tiredness.

Pentecost heralds the start of summer – the time when the church remembers and gives thanks for God's gift of His life giving, life enhancing, Spirit. To the early church, God sent His Holy Spirit to be their strength in times of human weakness and vulnerability. As our energy, faith and hope diminishes, Pentecost reminds us again that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Pentecost makes me realise that our sense of emptiness is not a negative thing, it is a capacity. We read on containers the capacity they hold. Capacities are there to be filled. Without the Holy Spirit we are nothing. It is only through the Holy Spirit, God within us, that we come to believe in God's refreshing love. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we can pray at all; for true prayer is always the Holy Spirit praying in and through us. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we are capable of any genuine good, for that which is of God within us is good. Without the Holy Spirit we are an emptiness. But this emptiness is a capacity waiting to be filled.

W.J.Carey, Bishop of Bloemfontein from 1921-1934, wrote a prayer which he suggested should be 'prayed slowly; or brooded over; or thought and felt.' This prayer includes the lines: 'O Holy Spirit of God – come into my heart and fill me ... I offer to thee the one thing I really possess, my capacity of being filled by thee.... Fill me so that I may live the life of the Spirit; the life of truth and goodness, the life of beautyand guide me today in all things.'

The full prayer can be found at <https://prayerandverse.com/2019/02/05/holy-spirit-fill-me/>

This summer may God grant you restful and refreshing 'holy-days'.

Phil Sutton

Our Sunday & Midweek Services for June

Sun 4 June	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09:30 Family Service 18:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)	Saints alive service featuring St Hilda Led by Mike Murray
Sun 11 June	09:30 Holy Communion	Revd Phil Sutton
Sun 18 June	09:30 Morning Worship	Mr Jack Jarvis
Sun 25 June	09:30 Holy Communion	Revd Helen Kendrick
Every Wednesday	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by Jack Jarvis

If you are planning restful or creative time in your gardens this summer, then a visit to the Plant Sale at 27 Stocks Lane on the on 3 June is a must. Further details on p.7.

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Steventon Darby & Joan Club

On Thursday May 11th we had a good afternoon. A fish and Chip lunch, which was very nice. Then we were entertained by St. Michael's School Choir, this we all really enjoyed, the singing was very good and all the children looked as though they were enjoying it. Well done, thank you.
Thursday 8th June is our Birthday Lunch, when we are going to Tobies at Swindon. We will leave the village at 10.30am.
Thursday 22nd June we meet in the Hall at 1.30pm.
Enjoy the fine weather.

Jack Jarvis 831395

Plant Sale on JUNE 3rd.

After all the excitement of the Coronation and the Flower Festival, we hope to hold our annual plant sale on Saturday June 3rd at 27 Stocks Lane from 10.00.
If you have any plants which you would like to bring along, we will look forward to seeing you. Please ring if you would like transport.

Mary Thompson. 832077

Family Funday Fundraiser in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity **Saturday 17th June**
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siobhan105@hotmail.com for more details



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Announcing a great history event for this summer - Coach trip to historic Salisbury and tour of THE RIFLES Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum on Saturday 24th June 2023

This trip is a follow up to the very popular Steventon Memorial Poppy Trail last autumn. It will include a tour of The Rifles Museum, led by Martin Macintyre, the speaker at our 'Steventon at War' presentation last November. Entry to the Rifles Museum is not mandatory; those wishing to use their time in Salisbury to visit the city or other attractions are welcome to do so.

The trip is open to all Steventon residents and friends and, as places are limited and demand expected to be high, an early booking of your seat on the coach is advised. The coach leaves Steventon at 9.30 am and returns at 5.00 pm. Cost is £15.00 for the coach and a further £4.00 for the museum tour. To book your place, please complete the form below and return it **before June 14th** to Tim Owen at 1 Brewer Close, or Dick Bosley at 21 The Green, or Steve Lucas at 2 Stonebridge Road. We would prefer payment in advance (cash only), otherwise on the day. Full details, conditions and itinerary can be found on our website: www.steventonhistory.co.uk

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I wish to book ____ coach places for the **Steventon History Society trip to Salisbury** at £15.00 each.

I wish to book ____ places on the tour of the Rifles Museum (optional) at £4.00 each

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At our last meeting the WI's Annual Meeting resolution 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife' was discussed and a vote to support it passed. It is of particular relevance for us as we live in the Thames Valley. The resolution will be discussed further at the WI National Annual Meeting and, if adopted, plans to implement the resolution will begin. Members, the public and government will be urged to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on stretches of local rivers. This will be as instrumental to cleaning up rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at beaches.

This month's meeting is on 20 June with a talk on 'How to take better photos' and a competition: 'Your own favourite photo'. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Millennium Room, visitors are always welcome and further details can be obtained by phoning 01235 833009.

What can SARINC (Steventon Allotments and Relief In Need Charity) do for you?

SARINC is a Steventon 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

If you (or someone you know) are experiencing difficulties and would like to apply for support, contact the Clerk or any of the Trustees, for an application form.

Please be assured that all applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence and on an individual basis. The Trustees must comply with their governance and the Charity Commission's rules.

Applications are reviewed at monthly meetings. Wednesday **21st June** is the date of the next meeting.

Clerk's details:

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From Cllr Sally Povolotsky

Dear Residents

Thank you so much for re-electing me as your District Councillor for the next 4 years. Every vote matters to me and I promise to serve you to the best of my ability and to working with you all.

It's a busy month as we realign political groups and the council's direction.

Please do follow me on facebook for updates @Sally4hendredsandharwell

Once again, thank you.

Cllr Sally Povolotsky FRSA (She / Her)

County Councillor for Hendreds & Harwell

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From Anne Curtis

Please Join Me at My Ordination to Priesthood and My First Eucharist Service



I have been enjoying my Curacy in Radley, Sunningwell and Kennington since last July when I left Damascus parish and became a deacon. This summer I will be Priested and I would like to invite all of you to come along to support me in this. I would love to see as many of you as possible. So many people, especially in Steventon, welcomed and supported me during my ordination training and I am so grateful to everyone. Your prayers for me during this time would also be very gratefully received!

My Ordination to Priesthood in the Church of England will be at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday **25 June** at 10.30 am with Bishop Gavin. This is the service where the Bishop will ordain eight of us, by laying hands on each of us in turn and praying for us.

My first Eucharist service, which is the service of Holy Communion where I will preside for the first time, will be Sunday 2 July at St Swithun's Church, Kennington, at 10 am. This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. You are very welcome to come along to either or both of these two services. There is no need to book or get a ticket or anything for either of these, you can just turn up on the day. There is plenty of parking at both places.

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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 9th May with 7 Parish Councillors and several members of the public being present.

Apologies were received from Sally Povolotsky, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Councillor and Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC).

The meeting was the first of the new Parish Council for the next 4 years. The Parish Council currently has 8 Councillor's, and we are looking to co-opt a further 1 to bring the compliment up to 9 Parish Councillors.

Please contact any parish councillor or the clerk to express an interest.

Following a Freedom of Information request from Nextwork Rail for information on level crossing "down-times at Stocks Lane and the Causeway we have received data for March 2022 and 2023 for comparisons. We are currently looking at the data and will be forwarding the information to the County and District Councils together with the Emergency Services. The data will allow for the Emergency services to adjust their procedures for attending incidents south of the Railway crossings. In this respect on the 2nd March this year the barriers were down between 12.00 and 13.00 for 50% of the time, between 13.00 and 14.00 they were down for 77.5% of the time!!!

Oxfordshire County Council have now granted a 20mph speed limit through Steventon. We look forward to its introduction.

The dangerous Ash trees in the Copse have now been felled. New trees will be planted. The spaces in the vicinity of the trees in conjunction with discussions between the Parish Council, the school (Forest Club) and the arborist who carried out the work will allow for a thriving nature habitat.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday June 6th, 2023, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Dr Chris Wilding
Chair**

Steventon Friendly Association WED 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1178 19/4	37	Dave Dunsdon
1179 26/4	17	Alan Hutchings
1180 3/5	25	S Hodson
1181 10/5	12	Mrs Enoch

SAT 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1397 22/4	46	Barbara Bond
1398 29/4	59	Pauline Hedges
1399 6/5	7	Nicki & Lec Oleksiw

SAT "59 Club Extra" Results

Week	No.	Winner
473 22/4	46	Mandy Fowles
474 29/4	59	Mrs Enoch
475 6/5	7	David Goodenough

Congratulations to this month's winners
Pat Hemmings, Chairman - SFA
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Senior Citizens Summer Trip - booking form is on p15

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GARD UPDATE

GARD's Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 2nd May in Steventon Village Hall. There were forty-three people present (including the committee and two District Councillors), from seven villages, South Abingdon and Wantage.

Where are we now with the proposals and responses? There will be news in June. We await the responses of WRSE and Thames Water to our opposition (Thames Water by 13th June). Responses to RAPID (Regulator Alliance for Progressing of Infrastructure Development), the third leg of 'triple bill' of responses, are now in (11th May). RAPID produced its draft decision on the Strategic Water Sources (eg Abingdon Reservoir and Severn Thames Transfer) on 30th March. Responses have been sent from Stakeholders (i.e. GARD, OCC, the Vale, Parish Councils, Wantage and Grove Campaign Group). So far, we see that RAPID wishes both the Reservoir and the competing Severn Thames Transfer to move on to the next stage of evaluation. GARD does not agree with this position on the Reservoir. GARD believes that the Reservoir should not be allowed to proceed for further evaluation UNTIL a proper public assessment of the Reservoir's safety and flood risk potential has been carried out and published. We oppose wastage of further public money on the Reservoir in these Ofwat/RAPID studies (your water bills are paying). We are canvassing support from our MP on this. RAPID's response will be issued on 28th June. If they do not listen to our concerns, we will seek a meeting with them, local MPs and County Council. Our response to RAPID and to Thames Water are on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter for more information.

GARD is considering the next moves and needs to build a fighting fund. We will possibly have to consider a legal challenge. We shall continue to work on publicity and increasing opposition support, perhaps via a petition. We ask you to continue lobbying your MP and Councillors, and we would urge all members and supporters to consider a contribution to our campaign fund (donations will be matched by our major and organisational donors). The proposed Reservoir has no justification and, as Oxfordshire County Council stated in its January 2023 Press Release, it is "a destructive scheme, both environmentally and in its impacts on local people".

website: www.gard-oxon.org.uk, Facebook: [@abingdonreservoir](https://www.facebook.com/abingdonreservoir), Twitter: [@GARD_OXON](https://twitter.com/GARD_OXON)

Steventon Friendly Association - Senior Citizens Summer Trip

.This will be on SUNDAY JULY 16th leaving at 9am and returning around 7pm.

This is open to senior citizens of the village

If you are 65 or over you are entitled to come ! Married couples as long as one is 65 you are both welcome. If you wish to attend please fill in and return the form below asap. The closing date is **June 30th**. Pick up details and times will be through your letterbox nearer the time.

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Steventon Football Club

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Played 16 Won 5 Drawn 4 Lost 7 = 19 points;

And guess what, joint 5th with.....rivals Drayton ☺
But we can celebrate Dylan Burgess being the 2nd highest scorer in Division One with 17 goals from 17 games (inc Cups)

Meanwhile, the Reserves couldn't quite keep their winning run going to the end of the season losing to 3rd place Kingston 3-1 in their last fixture having wins of 5-0 and 3-2 prior to that. Meaning that with stats of:

Played 20 Won 9 Drawn 3 Lost 8 = 30 points,
they finished joint 4th above Wantage Town, left to reflect what might have happened if they'd won their closely-fought Cup semi-final.

Thanks go to the players and management for their effort and commitment through what became a long season and busy April.

Next month I hope to have details of our intentions for next season.

We've found it nigh on impossible to find a manager for our Under 16 team, but have had interest for starting up Junior football next season, probably just at Under 7 level. If you are interested in helping us start plant the seeds of the future Men's teams in whatever capacity, or know of anyone who has or wishes to acquire a Juniors Coaching badge, then please contact us.
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Steventon Cricket Club

Sunday April 30th was a momentous day in the ongoing progress of the club, with the grand opening of our new nets. The ribbon was cut by broadcasting legend Bob Harris, with BBC Test Match Special and Sky Cricket commentator Charles Dagnall in close attendance, and both made entertaining speeches to a large crowd on the green, before Dagnall bowled a few deliveries down to Bob (who looks like he could 'do a job' for us in the top order!), and also bowled at a number of our women's players and juniors. We're very grateful to Bob and Dagnall for giving up their time to support the club.

In junior cricket, the weather has meant a number of cancellations, but the U13s put in spirited performances against Abingdon Vale (player of the match Aaron Poulton) and Horspath (PoM Toby Haydon). The U11s meanwhile pulled off a surprise 6-run victory at Kingston Bagpuize (with

as many as 5 players playing their first ever hard ball game), Lilidh Keymer and Susannah Bennett starring with bat and ball respectively.

In senior cricket, the Wednesday team were overwhelmed by a strong Hendred side despite a 99-run partnership between Glen Willett and debutant Dave Tudor-Griffith, while the Saturday side had a tricky start (after the washout of week 1), falling to defeat at Clifton Hampden. After letting them get too many runs with some profligate bowling & fielding, we failed to capitalise on new skipper Dominic Harding's 54, and fell to a heavy defeat. The 2s game followed a similar pattern, honourable mention to Jon Allen for his -2-40 and unbeaten 25 on debut.

The women's team got off to a fantastic start at Hendred on Sunday May 14th, with 2 great team performances winning a couple of nail-biting thrillers. We beat Oxenford by 5 runs, with special mention to Sarah Jones (2-7, 17 runs) and Emilia Harding (21*) who kept a cool head to finish the game off. 2nd game of the day was against our hosts, and it was a great batting effort, with 3 players (Bobbi Cookson and debutants Sophi Butler & Steph Jones) making double figures. Hendred made a good go of the reply, and it needed some fabulous bowling from B Cookson (4-17) and Sasha Taylor (2-11) to close it out for a 16-run win, and a great start to the season!

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 JUNE (Subject to change. Weekday games 6pm start)

Sat 3rd, 2s vs Didcot 4

Sun 4th, Women vs Hendred (11am) and Oxford CC (4pm)

Tues 6th Girls U15 v Cumnor

Wed 7th vs E&W Hendred

Sat 10th, 1s vs W.Ilsley

Thurs 15th, U13s vs Cumnor

Sat 17th, 2s vs Marcham

Sun 18th 10am U11s vs Eynsham, 1.30pm Women vs Tiddington

Tues 20th Girls U15 vs Oxford

Wed 21st Girls U13 vs Oxford

Thurs 22nd U13s vs Faringdon

Sat 24th 1s vs Oxenford 2

Sun 25th 10am, U11s vs K.Bagpuize,

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Walking Through Time: The Evolution of Steventon Parish

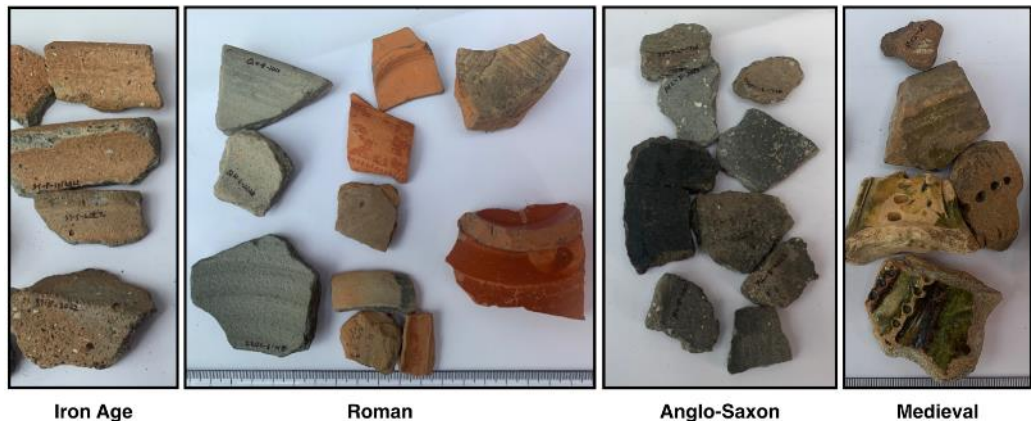
Owen Sutcliffe, Steventon Historical Society

I am firm believer that every walk should have a purpose and a pint at its end! Steventon Historical Society achieved both goals during two informal walks in winter 2023. The purpose of the walks was to share with the society an appreciation for the organisation of the landscape and how this provides context for the historical and archaeological evolution of the parish. It is impossible to provide a complete review but a brief summary is provided below. In essence, the walks attempted to integrate data from:

- Observations of the landscape
- Age-determinations of ancient pottery (see images below)
- Drone photography
- Remote sensing data (google maps and LiDaR data)
- Information from the Heritage Gateway and
- Written documents that translate (from Anglo-Saxon) the description of parish boundaries.

What is clear from these data is that we can now start to challenge conventional historical wisdom.

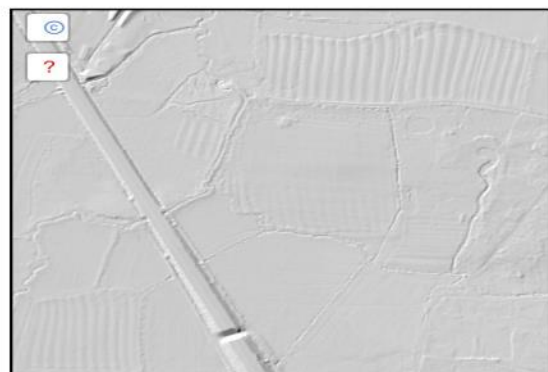
What is now apparent to the Society is that the area around Steventon has been occupied almost continuously since the Iron Age and was likely to have been a place of strategic importance.



Indeed it can be inferred that this location sat at the interface between rival communities trading between the chalk lands to the South and the those occupying the Thames Valley to the North and East. However, whilst the occupation was continuous, the distribution of settlements changed and only really nucleated into its present form in Medieval times. In addition to Iron Age settlements, Roman occupation is noted that also occurs beyond the current boundaries of the village. By Anglo-Saxon times, the parish boundaries had consolidated being defined at obvious geographical features (such as streams) or more subtle topographic features (that are still evident today). Once nucleation occurred, so the development of extensive open Medieval field systems progressed. These systems are now in various states of preservation but are evident as corrugated systems of ridges and furrows that can easily be observed in LiDaR imagery (see below).

In summary, it is clear that Steventon Historical Society are expanding our understanding of the Parish beyond what has been widely published today. As we move forward we will attempt to communicate these finding with you. If there is interest in the Society repeating these walks, contact us through the "Contact Us" tab of our website - www.steventonhistory.co.uk.

Examples of some of the Medieval ridge and furrow field systems preserved in and around the parish of Steventon (images from www.lidarfinder.com)



Spring has sprung on the Community Allotment

Work continues on the community allotment with working parties of volunteers meeting at 11am every Sunday. We are steadily increasing the growing area and have planted potatoes, carrots, parsnips, onions, broad beans, peas, brassicas and some salad vegetables. Soon we will add warm weather vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, squash and sweetcorn and some flowers. We still have a lot of work to do to clear more of the plot and weeding is a constant task, but the summer and autumn months will reward us with our first harvests.



If you are interested in joining a working party – contact info.steventon.rootsshoots@gmail.com

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All the vegetables that are harvested in the summer and autumn will go to the Community Kitchen to make delicious soups, salads, quiches and other meals.



REMEMBER: The Community Café continues to run every week on a Tuesday morning from 9am to 2pm in the Millennium Room in the Village Hall.

Food is now prepared on-site and new dishes are added every couple of weeks. Did you get to enjoy the quiche at the Community Café in May? It was delicious! Remember to check the Roots & Shoots Facebook site on a Monday to see what will be served the next day - or scan the QR code below to go to the Facebook site.

And finally, huge congratulations to Jo, Sue, Chris and others who prepared the amazing exhibit at the Coronation Flower Festival. We hope that those who took the packets of seeds have planted them and that they are germinating and will produce lots of peas or sunflowers in the summer!

