

STEVENTON NEWS

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[Sharon O'Loughlin completes her epic cycle to Paris - see p3 to find out more !](#)

Dates for July

3 rd	Rainbows Summer Fair	16 th	Steventon News copy cut-off
3 rd	Truck Trust grant applications cut - off	18 th	WI Meeting
4 th	Parish Council Meeting	20 th - 23 rd	Truck Festival
8 th	Blooming Great Tea Party	26 th	SARINC Meeting
13 th	Darby & Joan & Rose Hill Silver Threads Meeting	27 th	Darby & Joan Meeting
16 th	Senior Citizen's Summer Trip		

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Care and support through terminal illness.

From Sharon O'Loughlin - pictured on p.1

We did it! Our team of amateur cyclists cycled from London to Paris, a challenging distance of 500km in 4 days as part of a fundraising event organised by the charity **Cure Leukaemia**. We are proud to say that our team 'Portcullis' have raised an astonishing £22k so far ☺ All the money raised goes to the charity to fund specialist research nurses & clinical roles at 12 blood cancer centres across the UK. These roles form the Trials Acceleration Programme (TAP) network giving patients access to pioneering and potentially life-saving treatments through clinical trials.

As our friend's little boy who is having treatment says *"it's going to help a lot of kids in the future who get leukaemia and that's good because I know what it's like to get leukaemia and it's horrible"*.

We want to take this opportunity to thank people for their support and generosity in helping us to raise money for **Cure Leukaemia**. A special thanks to Lucy and the membership to the Steventon Sports & Social Club for their kind donation and hosting a collection tin, Amy Perkins who has also donated a prize. Our team challenge to cycle London to Paris is over but we recognise that some families live with fear and heartbreak as they have loved ones battling leukaemia and their challenge is not over. If you would like to donate it's not too late, here is the link to our team Portcullis "just giving" pages: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/portcullis>

We would also like to take this opportunity to raise awareness that Stem Cell/Bone Marrow donations are a very important part of treating leukaemia and if anyone is interested in donating stem cells, you can find out more at <https://www.bbmr.co.uk/> or <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>

In summary **"thank you"**, we feel very lucky to be part of such a strong Chelsey/Wallingford/Steventon community and together we have done something amazing, we've supported a mission to find better, less painful and risky treatments for blood cancer and ultimately save lives.

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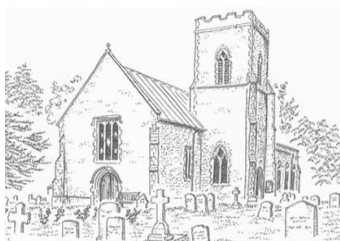
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Dear Friends

At the time of writing my article, rumbling thunder and lightning flashes are all around. The air is oppressive, and the constant crashes of thunder and lightning bolts makes us unsettled.

There really is little difference between meteorological and political storms - both resulting from rising columns of hot air, resulting in copious precipitations on our heads from a great height!

Whilst wind and flame may seem to sweep through the corridors of political power with increased energy, the church's cycle of bible readings remind us that the Trinity is not comprised of Anger, Blame and Recrimination, but the Power, Truth and Creativity of God's love. Throughout the turbulence of global events in the last year, St Michael's School has been a model of steadiness and hopefulness by focussing on their ethos to *"do to others as you would have them do to you"* and to use the core Christian values of **Respect, Perseverance and Courage** as the way to enable staff, children and families to flourish. It has been a great privilege to see how the children have grown in all aspects of learning and citizenship; I am very proud to be both a governor and minister of their school and to see firsthand how they are thriving in its values based teaching and learning under our Headteacher's leadership. They whole school now thoroughly deserve a long and restful summer in preparation for even further growth in the academic year to come.

Perseverance in the care and respect for community life have been at the heart of the success of our Community Café which having served as a warm space during a cold winter and spring, continues to flourish and has secure plans to continue its community service for the rest of the year and into a second autumn and winter. Food is now not only served each Tuesday, but meals are available for people who are finding it hard to provide or prepare meals at home. Please drop into the café to discover just what is on offer regardless of anyone's ability to pay.

Phil Sutton

Sunday & Midweek Services for July

Sun 2 July	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09:30 Family Service 18:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>'Saints Alive'</i> Led by Mike Murray
Sun 9 July	09:30 Holy Communion	Rev'd Phil Sutton
Sun 16 July	09:30 Morning Worship	Mr Jack Jarvis
Sun 23 July	TRUCK Weekend	The church is open for personal prayer & stillness. Holy Communion is available if required.
Sun 30 July	09:30 Combined Parish Service	To be Held at Drayton – No service at Steventon
Wednesdays	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by Mr Jack Jarvis

Please set aside time on the afternoon of Saturday 1 July to enjoy our Church Fete on the Green and an opportunity to see the 'Denton Crew' vintage tractors and vehicles.

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Steventon Rainbows Summer Fair !

Rainbows will be holding their Summer Fair on **Monday July 3rd at 5.30pm** , in the Village Hall.

As part of their Take Action badge, the Rainbows have chosen to support Water Aid and the Abingdon Food Bank.

Do come along !

Mary Thompson, Rainbow Guider

steventonrainbows@gmail.com

Steventon Darby & Joan Club

For our Birthday Lunch (to celebrate 70 years of the Club) we went to Toby Carvery, where we had a very good meal and enjoyed each other's company.

Thursday 13 July we entertain Rose Hill Silver Threads. Please note this meeting begins at **2pm**. There will be entertainment and a good raffle.

Thursday 27th July, back to **1pm** start meeting in the Hall.

On **Thursday 10th August** there is a seaside trip to Pool. The coach will leave the village at 8.30am. This is open to non members as we have a 53 seater coach, cost £12.00 each providing we can fill the coach. If you are interested please contact Audrey Keeler on 01235 834064.

The Coronation Flower Festival and the annual Plant Sale

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Coronation Flower Festival and those who came to enjoy the displays.

We would like to thank everyone who generously made donations enabling us to raise £722.19 for the Church and for local charities.

The Plant Sale on June 3rd raised £546.00 for the Church Fabric fund.

Thank you all for your generous support !

Mary Thompson and the St Michaels Church Flower Arrangers.



This month our meeting on **18 July** will take the form of a fun games evening. Some of the games are still being finalised but there will be bingo! This might be a good time to make a visit if you have been thinking of joining WI, so come along and join in the fun! The usual contact number is 01235 833009 or speak to a member. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Millennium Room at 7.30 pm.

Last month our lunch club last enjoyed a meal at the Fox at Denchworth and several members had a specially arranged visit to Rousham House. Blewbury WI kindly took us on an interesting guided walk of their village. Busy Hands and the Banner Group have been progressing with the banner. Some members usually meet at the Community Cafe each week and last month a member also kindly held a coffee morning at her house.

Senior Citizen's Summer Trip - Sunday 16th July .

If you have not yet returned your reply slip please do so before **30th June** to Pat Hemmings 38 Hanney Road 01235 83162 /07808086603 or Shirley Green, 7 Stocks Lane

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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 6th June 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.

The Parish Council welcomed John Rice as a co-opted Parish Councillor. There is still a vacancy for 1 further Parish Councillor. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Steventon speedwatch group has now been operating for 1 year. It is run by 14 volunteers who give up some 20 hours of their time on a weekly basis. During this time 397 vehicles have exceeded speed limits and been reported to the DVLA. Of those exceeding the speed limits some 11 were found not to have an MOT. The Parish Council thanks the speedwatch team for the invaluable work they are doing.

Sally Povolotsky has had her suggestion for Hanney Road to be used as a trial for new road surfaces taken up. On the day, the Hanney Road, Steventon will be closed between 9:00 and 3:00 and will be divided up into sections and in each section we will have a different operational method of pothole repairs being demonstrated, the purpose of this is to get a direct comparison of the different methods available in the market.

South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Council are inviting you to have your say on their [Draft Air Quality Action Plan 2023-27](#).

Their action plan includes both area wide actions, which apply to the whole of both districts, as well as actions targeted at specific Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs). Currently, there are six AQMAs in South and Vale: Abingdon, Botley, Marcham, Henley-on-Thames, Wallingford and Watlington.

The survey asks a few questions to find out your views on both area wide and targeted actions. The six-weeks consultation runs from

Thursday 15 June to **11.59pm on Thursday 27 July 2023**. Comments can be made online at: <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/AirQualityActionPlan/?m=73149806d2h84>

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

Dr Chris Wilding
Chair

Your Steventon Councillors

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Further to Santa's post in the April issue.

The donations collected have now been distributed to four local charities:

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Reservoir planning: there is some news about the proposed reservoir: Thames have filed a Planning Application to build a test model dam embankment on Cow Common (halfway along the Steventon-Hanney Road). GARD welcomes the trial build but is puzzled that it is rather small, only three metres high and not very long. Will this be useful?

RAPID: we are expecting RAPID to deliver its Gate 2 decisions at the end of June. We have been requesting a meeting with RAPID to urge on them the importance of early, independent evaluations of the Reservoir safety, flooding Impact and true costs. They have agreed to meet, but we do not yet have a date. It is possible that RAPID will delay its decisions as well, in line with the water companies.

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1183 24/5	18	Dorothy Hill
1184 31/5	48	Barry Norton
1185 7/6	50	Tom Feeney
1186 14/6	3	Mrs Spiller

SAT 59 Club Results

Week	No.	Winner
1400 13/5	28	Alan Hopgood
1401 20/5	20	Brown 7 Serring
1402 27/5	54	Ray Howard
1403 3/6	17	P&N Stimpson
1404 10/6	3	Andrew Louitit
1405 17/6	21	Eamon Kelly

SAT "59 Club Extra" Results

Week	No.	Winner
1400 13/5	28	Elaine Walton
1401 20/5	20	Les Lloyd
1402 27/5	54	Mr & Mrs Philips
1403 3/6	17	Amber Berry
1404 10/6	3	Judith & Jennifer Berry
1405 17/6	21	Mrs Spinks

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

In recent months SARINC has been delighted to contribute to village groups in support of the Coronation. They has also been pleased to see the progress of Roots and Shoots on their plot on the Allotment.

The two main roles of the Charity are to:

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

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Following the death of my husband David (Dunsdon) I would like to thank all of my family who has been supportive and truly amazing.

Also I thank our friends for their kind words and support.

Everyone's words and support have been so kind and very much appreciated at this sad and difficult time for me.

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Joanne.



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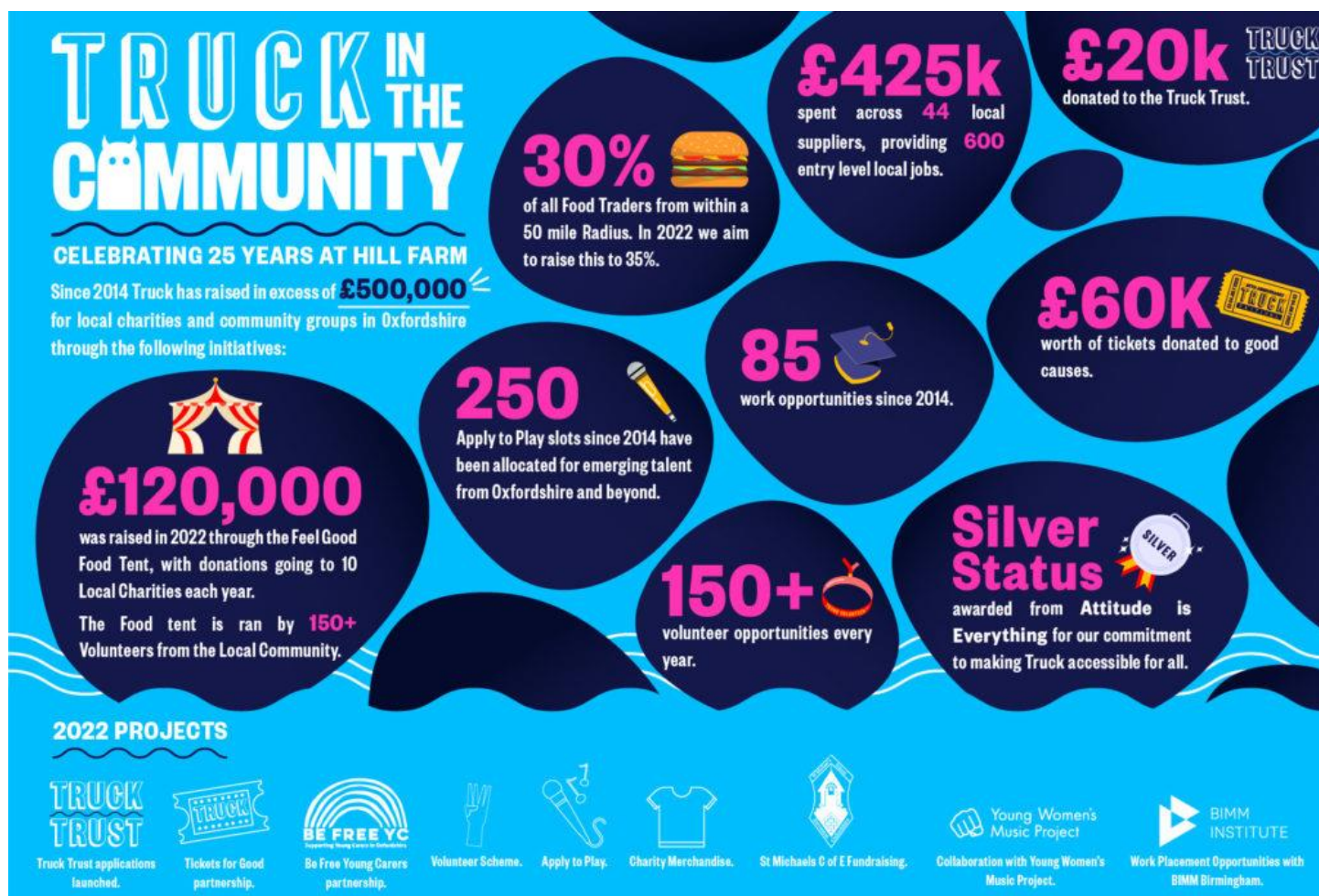
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If you can't use them by the deadline you can go to www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps to get a form or you can pick up a 'Swap Out' form from the Post Office along with a freepost envelope – but the Post Office won't be able to actually swap your stamps for barcoded ones. Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps (like those pictured below) without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.



Help out the Hedgehogs

A recent report on The State of Britain's Hedgehogs found that in urban areas a stable population might be recovering, highlighting the importance of gardens and green spaces, but rural populations remain low and, in the last two decades, have continued to decline by between a third and three-quarters nationally. You can find the full report at <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/about-our-hedgehog-street-campaign/stateof>
There are certainly hedgehogs around Steventon and they will appreciate your help if you can safely leave out some food and water in the evenings .

Here's some advice from The Woodland Trust on what to put out for them

- Meat-based cat or dog food
- Specially-made hedgehog food
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Steventon Cricket Club

A lot of cricket to report this month! The women's team had some excellent pairs games in the league, getting a good win against Freeland thanks to an excellent team fielding/bowling performance (Ava Tanner 2-10, Violet Thomas 2-1) and some good runs from Emilia Harding, but coming out on the wrong side of a close game with Oxford CC, despite Rosh Embrey taking 2-7 and putting on nearly 40 runs with Emilia in the last pair. They now begin their 11-a-side campaign in Division 3 South, and will have home games on July 2nd, 9th & 16th, do come down to support! The women's softball also had a great game and a 12 run victory against our friends from Freeland women (see below)



The Senior Saturday sides experienced mixed fortunes this month. May 20th; the 1s hosted Cumnor 3, and posted an imposing 217-7 thanks to Kester Matthew (71), ably supported by David Tudor-Griffith (32) and a string of middle-order cameos. Cumnor never looked like chasing it down, in the face of a disciplined team bowling performance and some outstanding catching (Ben Granville take a bow), and we secured a 67-run win. The 2s went to Faringdon and made 189 all out, thanks to Dave Webb (46) and Andrew Kellagher (44). It looked like a good score but despite tidy bowling by Chris Shaw (3-17), Faringdon got home with 4 wickets and 2 overs to spare. May 27th - 1s hosted Bampton who chose to bat. We did well to drag things back after they got off to a flyer, but in the end 207-7 felt like 30-40 more than they should have got. At 21-3 in reply, all looked lost, but Rob Alderman stepped up with a counter-attacking 54, and when he fell, Joe Bennett (53) picked up the baton. At 187-7 we could almost touch victory, but a tumble of late wickets saw us lose a cracking game by 12 runs. The 2s went to Abingdon Vale, where Adam Rees' excellent 4-34 helped dismiss them for 186. Only Lokesh Kempaiah (45) was able to muster

significant resistance with the bat, in a 56-run defeat. June 3rd - a top order collapse saw the 1s in danger of not reaching 3 figures before a breezy 30 from Bennett, but 112 never looked enough on a good track and so it proved. The 2s were outplayed by a very strong Didcot team. June 10th and another rollercoaster game vs our friends from West Ilsley. A disciplined bowling performance (Granville 3-28, Lalit Chablani 3-44, Bennett 3-19) saw them all out for 151, though again we felt we'd maybe let them get 30 more than we should have. We had another top order collapse, but while Kester Matthew (40) was there, the game was in our grasp, unfortunately not to be and a 37-run defeat. The 2s played a thriller at Ardington vs Hendred 3s, 57 from Webb with support all down the order led to a competitive 162 total. Hendred looked to be on target before the change bowlers led by Lokesh Kempaiah (3-30) caused wickets to tumble and Hendred were the ones holding on for a draw, 9 down, in the last over. June 17th - the 1s went to Risinghurst 2, and on a challenging track ground out a solid 156-6 thanks to Richard Chapman's 45 with support from Tudor-Griffith and a string of middle order cameos. Tom Cannon then bowled a legendary spell of 3-6 in 9 miserly overs to set the game up for the spin twins Chablani (3-44) and Bennett (4-45) to bowl out our opponents who never stopped swinging for the ropes. An excellent 37-run win. The 2s put up 193-9 at home to Marcham 2, thanks to 61 from Dave Imrie and 46* from Andrew Kellagher. Unfortunately Marcham never went for it, which made wicket-taking tricky, and we had to settle for a winning draw with them 6 down.

In the Juniors there have been some outstanding performances. The U11s got a brilliant 6-run win at Kingston Bagpuize, as well as a convincing 53-run win (with 5 successful run outs!) at Oxford Downs, and another thumping victory by 65 runs at Witney Mills, William Binning starring with 27 runs and 2-6. The U13s pipped Abingdon vale 2nds by 3 runs in a last-ball thriller, and also gave their 1st team a scare, thanks to Charlie Rice's 31* and Charlie Wood's triple-wicket maiden! Miles Cookson's excellent efforts (18* and 3-20) weren't quite enough for us to get a win vs a strong Oxford Downs side, and a great team performance at Horspath saw us just lose out by 4 runs in another last ball thriller; all in all the group making exceptional progress.



The U15s had a good game against Oxford CC, keeping them to 118 from their 20 overs, then getting themselves into a great position at 79-2 thanks to M.Cookson (20) and Preston Ellis (30) before a clatter of wickets saw us fall to defeat. An excellent team performance vs Cholsey saw us post 135/6 (M.Cookson 25) before Ellis (3-10), well supported by Bobbi Cookson (2-3) and Lottie Hart (2-13) tore through the Cholsey batting to keep them to 106-9, for an excellent 29-run win.

The girls U11s had an excellent softball tournament at Didcot CC (see photo)



and the girls U13s had their first ever hard ball league game vs a strong Cumnor side.

Several of the U13s have also very bravely stepped up to the girls U15 squad.



(we would also like to thank PC Chairman Chris Wilding for our fabulous Zinger light-up stumps!), getting our first league win thanks to a brilliant 57 from E.Harding as we posted 140-6 from our 20. Cumnor were always in the chase but some brilliant tight bowling from our whole team under pressure kept them to 128 for a 12-run win. The girls also played 2 games in a day, vs Cumnor & vs Oxford, losing out to Cumnor in a last ball thriller, then going 1 better and having a last ball TIE against Oxford, Bobbi making 23 and Emilia and Evelyn Hamilton both taking 2-5 from 4 brilliant overs each. 2 amazing games of cricket! 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 JULY (Subject to change/additions.

Weekday games 6pm start)

Sat 1st, 2s vs Wantage 2
 Sun 2nd, U11s Women vs Oxenford, 1.30pm
 Wed 5th T20 vs Metal Box
 Sat 8th 2s vs Golden Sparrows 2
 Sun 9th U11s vs Oxford Downs 10am, Women vs Beaconsfield 2s, 1.30pm

Sat 15th 1s vs Clifton Hampden
 Sun 16th Women vs Maidenhead 1.30pm
 Sat 22nd 2s vs Faringdon
 Tues 25th GU15 vs Moreton
 Wed 26th GU13 vs Tiddington
 Thur 27th U13 vs Faringdon
 Sat 29th 2s vs Ab.Vale 4