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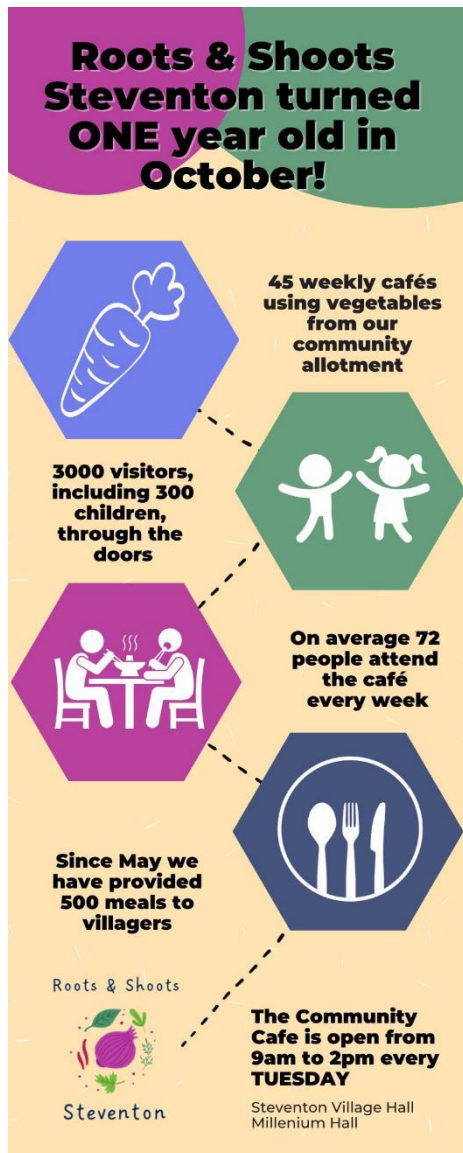
November 2023



*At the Vegetable Competition - see p. 2*

## Dates for November

4 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft & Gift Fair	15 <sup>th</sup>	SARINC meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup>	A Night at the Musicals
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ceremony of Remembrance	18 <sup>th</sup>	Steventon Ditching
12 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Sunday Lunch	19 <sup>th</sup>	Darby & Joan Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Steventon News Copy cut-off	21 <sup>st</sup>	WI Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	Damascus Youth Project AGM	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Darby & Joan Trip
			<i>Community Cafe every Tuesday 9am - 2pm</i>



## Steventon Annual Vegetable Competition

This year's competition was held on Sunday



8<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by the North Star. It was a delight to see so many entries and spectators attending. There were

three categories:

The Longest Runner Bean with winners being  
1<sup>st</sup> Doug Bolton

2<sup>nd</sup> Owen

The Heaviest Marrow with winners being

1<sup>st</sup> Ivor Mills at 46lbs

2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Beecham at 40lbs

The Heaviest Pumpkin with winners being

1<sup>st</sup> Doug Bolton at 85lbs

2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Fowles at 75lbs

Fun was also had by many playing guess the weight of the North Star Pumpkin with the winner being Chris Wilding correctly guessing the weight at 21lbs 8oz.

The afternoon was rounded off by mugs of soup, crusty bread and cheese scones, with participants making generous donations that will go local charity.

*Thanks to Martin for the words and Steve for all the Pumpkin related photos in this issue*



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**Vandalism in Drayton and Steventon**

We received a long letter from a Drayton Parish Councillor about some very disturbing vandalism that occurred in Drayton and spilled over into Steventon on 8 Oct. Here are some extracts

"..... signs that were erected in Steventon and Drayton advertising the Antique Fair, were either ripped to pieces, or simply removed altogether....."

".....three planks that someone took the trouble to paint black so that they wouldn't be seen, and each studded with at least thirty three inch nails, were laid on the ground leading into the hall car park just where the speed bump is, so that an unsuspecting motorist would drive over them and ruin their tyres. Fortunately, the first dealer to arrive, noticed them before driving over them, and removed them so that nobody would fall into the trap maliciously set to endanger property. This is when the police were called. ....more nails were scattered around the cars of the dealers, to cause further damage.....the perpetrators were spotted, but nobody associated them with the acts of vandalism at the time."

A full version will appear in The Drayton Chronicle.

Please report any suspicious activity around the village hall to the police.

**Steventon Friendly Association****WED 59 Club Results**

Week	No.	Winner
1200 20/9/23	50	Tom Feeney
1201 27/9/23	28	Jimmy Axford
1202 4/10/23	46	Ray White
1203 11/10/23	58	Trish Goodenough

**SAT 59 Club Results**

Week	No.	Winner
1419 23/9/23	13	Martin Thame
1420 30/9/23	52	Ron Miles
1421 7/10/23	26	J. Goddard
1422 14/10/23	48	Kerry Latimer

**SAT "59 Club Extra" Results**

495 23/9/23	13	Barry Nordin
496 30/9/23	52	Mr & Mrs Sandford
497 7/10/23	26	Brenda Lloyd
498 14/10/23	48	Elaine Walton

Congratulations to this month's winners.

Pat Hemmings, Chairman - SFA

**The Steventon Ditching** will take place on **Saturday 18th November.**

We are meeting at the village hall car park at 10am.

If you can spare an hour or two, please come along with a rake if you have one.

The ditching party usually meet twice a year, to clear any loose debris from waterways around the village. This aids the flow of water during the winter rains.

Please feel free to contact me if needed.

Martin Stimpson-Tame

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Dear Friends

#### A Safe Speed Through The Village

If I'm honest I do feel frustration at having to slow down through the village; I want to get from A to B as quickly as possible and being required to drive at 20mph just adds to my frustration and impatience. Life doesn't have to be an endless charge of getting through life simply to arrive exhausted at our destination. Ultimately, the endpoint of our life's journey is shaped by the way in which we travel. Imagine the difference to those who we meet today, if you arrive un-hurried, with loving attention. 'Love has its speed,' wrote the theologian Kosuke Koyama, who notes that 'Jesus himself was pedestrian; he showed that the love of God moves at a walking pace, so as not to outpace anyone'. Our 20mph speed restriction may add on average 1 minute to my travel time, but what a precious moment that could be if I pause to consider the patient, peaceful, listening love of God and the benefit of travelling and arriving with due care and attention for self and others.

Taking time to reflect, remember and pray is an instinctive part of human nature, especially during Remembrance tide and Advent. This season starts with our annual service to remember villagers, friends and family who have died and whose memory we treasure. The service is at 6.00p.m. on Sunday 5 November and will be followed by light refreshments. Please add the names you wish to be read out and displayed on the form at the back of church or contact me directly. An act of remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on Armistice Day (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.) at 11:00am; our service at 09:30 on Remembrance Sunday (12 Nov.) will be dedicated to those who served in theatres of war that we might live in peace and safety. Following this service an act of remembrance will be held at 11:00 as our king leads the nation in the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph.

May the memory of the lives who have loved and protected us inspire in us the resolve to seek your kingdom and to do your will for the world of today.

*Phil Sutton*

We offer you a warm welcome to our services in November

<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 Family Service  6.00pm	6:00pm Evening Prayer Sustainable Church Flower Arrangements Followed by refreshments. Village Service to remember villagers and loved
<b>Sunday 12 November</b>	9:30 Remembrance Sunday Service + Holy Communion 11:00 Act of Remembrance	Revd Phil Sutton
<b>Sunday 19 November</b>	9:30 Morning Worship	Mr Jack Jarvis
<b>Sunday 26 November</b>	9:30 Holy Communion	Revd Phil Sutton
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## Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday Lunch 2023



There will be the traditional very short ceremony of remembrance on Armistice Day at the Steventon War Memorial starting at 10.50 am on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November.** As it is a weekend the Steventon School children will not be attending this year. The Act of Remembrance will be repeated in St Michaels Church at 10.50am on Sunday 12 November after Morning Service.

Then, as in previous years there will be Sunday Lunch in Steventon Village Hall at 12.30 for 1pm. We hope there will be a good attendance. There will be a Curry Dish and also alternatives. The cost is £16 per head. Children aged 12 and under free.

Please "book in" as soon as possible, as time is short, by sending a cheque payable to Royal British Legion Steventon and Dist Branch or cash to Nick Thompson at 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon OX13 6SS. We hope to see you there.

## Steventon Darby & Joan Club

On 26th September some of us went to the Silver Threads Club at Rose Hill to share in their Harvest Lunch. We had a lovely time, the welcome as usual was very friendly. The meal was very good and enjoyed by all. The raffle, well, there were prizes galore and we finished up playing bingo. A really good afternoon.

**Thursday November 19th** we meet in the Hall at 1pm.

**Thursday 23rd November**, we are going to Cribbs Causeway for Christmas shopping. Leave the village at 9am. At the time of writing there are still some seats available, if you would like to come please contact Audrey Keller on 01235 834064.

We have only one meeting in December and that is the Christmas Dinner on the 14th.

## Halls for hire in the Village

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**For St Michael's Hall contact**

The Booking Clerk

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## SARINC (Steventon Allotments and Relief In Need Charity) – the allotments?

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.

Full time Students in further education who are residents of the village can apply to the Charity for an Education Grant. Application forms are available from the Clerk and applications will be accepted for the 2023/2024 academic year until 31 January 2024.

If you are applying for an Education grant, please make sure that you submit it with all the supporting documentation. We cannot accept incomplete applications.

The Trustees will next meet to consider grant applications and any other business on **Wednesday 15 November.**

Residents and groups can contact the Clerk or any of the Trustees to discuss any support. All requests will need to complete the Charity's application form.

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Our trip to Westonbirt Arboretum was very enjoyable and we learned many interesting facts about the trees

from around the world. This month we have our Annual Craft Fair on **Saturday 4 November**. Please come along, there will be a large range of handcrafted items for sale and food will also be available. Our meeting this month is on **Tuesday 21 November** at 7.30 in the Millennium Room when Janice Kinory will give a talk on 'Oxford Past and Present'. Members are asked to bring something unusual that is blue to the meeting. If you haven't been to WI and would like to attend please contact a member or telephone 01235 833009 for more details, you will be most welcome. The usual groups: busy hands, SWILL and book club will meet as usual.

### Steventon Choral Society

You may have heard the sound of Christmas music drifting across the green from the village hall on Thursday evenings... we are busy preparing a festive programme of music for our Christmas Concerts. This year they are on **Saturday 16th December** and **Thursday 21st December**. Please do consider coming along for a relaxed evening of Christmas music, drinks and nibbles, including audience carols for those who like to sing along.

Tickets will be on sale from Caroline Miller (01235 633166) from the **end of November**. Looking further ahead we are pleased to announce that our major choral work this year will be Handel's Messiah, which we will be performing in St Michael's Church in March. We are always keen to hear from singers interested in joining us. If you would like to know more about us have a look at [www.steventonchoral.org.uk](http://www.steventonchoral.org.uk) and get in touch.

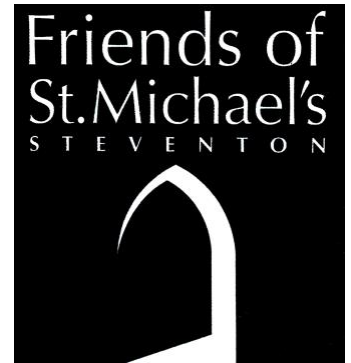
**Abingdon Damascus Youth Project AGM**  
**14th November 2023**  
at 7.30pm, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

### The Friends of St Michaels

The Friends of St Michaels was formed last year with a small committee. Its aim is to promote the use of our wonderful Grade 1 listed St Michael and All Angels

Church by the whole community and to preserve its fabric for future generations. Some funds have already been raised at Truck and other events, and the money will be donated to the Church Fabric Fund for major repairs as needed, for example the repointing of the South face and the Tower. Among its other activities the Friends have made and hung 60 illuminated stars along the Causeway and provided a life-size crib, both of which have added much to the appearance of our village at Christmas time. Meanwhile the committee will seek to attract membership with a modest subscription starting in 2024.

Andrew Loutit - Hon Chairman



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## Away with the Fairies this Christmas

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The activities of Steventon History Society continue to evolve and attendance at our monthly meetings increase.

At our September meeting, we were honoured to receive a presentation by Dr Christopher Currie, an academic historian who has published several papers on the history of our village. His main area of interest is the evolution of Steventon in the period from the Norman Conquest to the coming of the Tudors.

Among many fascinating topics covered, the origins of The Causeway featured prominently. Dr Currie favours a construction date of the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century and proposed that The Causeway cut across the already existing Green. He sees it as an early form of 'town planning'. As you can imagine, much lively debate followed!

The October meeting saw the first of a two-part talk (to be concluded in November) by one of our members, Steve Lucas. The theme is 'Stagecoaches, Turnpikes and Trains' and is giving an engrossing insight into the hectic few years after the arrival of the GWR in the village. Steventon station was, for a short period of time, the staging post for train travellers wishing to reach Oxford. A couple of statistics from 1842 illustrate the point: in that year, Steventon station dealt with 18,000 passengers and 13,000 tons of freight. The coming of the Didcot – Oxford branch line terminated our days of glory!

For more information on our activities, please visit our website: [www.steventonhistory.co.uk](http://www.steventonhistory.co.uk)

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### **Did you know this about The North Star?**

Steve Eaton sent us this

I recently came across this song (1), Fat Jack by the Underbellies, which relates to Jack Cox, ex Landlord of the North Star, I then followed it up on Historic England (2) which gives a detailed account of his reign, including the change of the pub's sign from a star to a railway engine.

1) <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PL3Ku3LW9Lg>

2) <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1182029?section=official-list-entry>

In case you don't have internet access here's a verse from song

*His name's Fat Jack and he runs a bar*

*And it's called the North Star*

*He don't move and he don't talk*

*He don't go too far*

The following is from the Historic England account The pub is named after the star in the sky, but the pub sign was apparently changed by the licensee Jack Cox to represent Stephenson's Great Western Railway locomotive which ran on the railway line roughly 200 metres to the south.

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### **St. Michael's C.E. Primary School**

We have had a fantastic start to term at St Michael's.

It has been wonderful to have everyone back at school and a delight to welcome our new children both in Willow class and across the school. The children have settled in so well and I am blown away by the learning that has already taken place. They have certainly hit the ground running. I have received some of the most completely incredible statements from Year 6 applying for the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, Prefects and Sports Leaders. Their passion for the various roles and the skills they could bring to each of them are compelling and it will be a very difficult task to choose.

Our Junior Leadership will be working with the school council and the Senior Leadership team to bring about change in school and to advocate on behalf of the children. This is a really exciting opportunity.

We will be focusing on our value of Courage this term. With a new school year and lots of change, this is the value we need the most! Our Monday worship will, as always, be centred around a book. We will share stories such as Tom Percival's The River to explore our emotions and how to make courageous choices even when we might not feel it, and The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig to explore our vision in action. We are also talking about courageous advocacy – when someone supports, champions and speaks up for a cause that is important and meaningful to them. Courage is needed to persevere and stand up for something or someone you believe in, to make a difference.

We look forward to sharing lots more of our exciting learning with you and the community over the next year.

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## Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with 8 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.

Sally gave an update on the Railway Bridge:

*"The bridge strengthening proposals have been further developed, but not finalised, particularly in relation to what finished road layout can be accommodated above, i.e. it might be possible to accommodate two narrow traffic lanes rather than making the priority system permanent. There are aspirations to improve cyclist provision across the bridge, which may only be able to be achieved with a priority system. There are some concerns with the current temporary priority system and consideration is being given to reversing the priority, such that traffic moving up hill has priority.*

*A series of rail possessions will be required to carry out the strengthening work from below the bridge, possibly 24 in total, all on a Saturday night -early Sunday morning. Network Rail have indicated that they have some longer duration possessions planned, but it is unclear whether we will be able to make use of these, as these may require engineering train movements, which would then block our access to the soffit of the bridge.*

*The earliest start now is likely to be April 2024, subject to rail possession availability, for which Network Rail have not yet provided a full response and are continuing to be chased for this. It currently appears that the works duration will be about half a year. The cost of the works is likely to be in the region of £100,000 for above bridge works, £280,000 for below bridge works with approx., £120,000 Network Rail possession costs, i.e. £0.5m in total.*

*Bat surveys carried out so far indicate that none are present, such that this ecological issue is considered less likely to impact the timing of the works. A possession is*

*arranged for October 28th/29<sup>th</sup> to gather information required for the detailed design".*

Steventon Neighbourhood Plan has now formally been submitted to the VWHDC for assessment. The VWHDC will consult on the draft plan for a minimum six weeks. All comments will be collated and passed to the Independent Examiner for consideration as part of the examination process. The examiner will consider if the plan meets the basic conditions and recommend modifications where necessary. Following this, the District Council will consider the examiner's recommendations and determine if the plan should proceed to a referendum. If the plan is endorsed by a simple majority of those who vote at the referendum, the plan will become part of the Statutory Development Plan. The policies developed in the Neighbourhood Plan have to be relevant to planning, and therefore can only relate to the development and use of land.

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**Dr Chris Wilding, Chair**

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We still don't know what the government will say to Thames Water, so please continue to write to your MP (details below) asking them to campaign for their constituents about the proposed reservoir.

The decision from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (currently Therese Coffey) will come after more deliberations by Ofwat and the Environment Agency. **Our information is that this will be after 20<sup>th</sup> November**, so until then it is still possible for our MPs to have influence.

#### Meeting with the Environment Agency and RAPID:

David Johnston helped to arrange a meeting for GARD with the EA and RAPID on 13<sup>th</sup> October. We discussed GARD's view that the Reservoir would not be as resilient to drought as the Severn-Thames Water Transfer; also, the fact that the reservoir water would be undrinkable in severe drought, contaminated by algal blooms because the emergency reserve planned by Thames Water is too shallow. The EA are going to look further at the issue. We made a strong representation that Thames Water had not answered our criticisms on this (and many other points) in their Statement of Response.

**Thames Water's Statement of Response:** do you feel that Thames Water have answered the points you made in your consultation response? As far as GARD can see in looking at TW's "Statement of Response", they did not actually answer any criticisms properly. To get your point across before 20<sup>th</sup> November, you can write to the Environment Agency and/or Ofwat and complain about TW's attitude. Here are the contact details (copy to your MP):

#### Environmental and water quality issues:

water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk

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Our thoughts are with Edna and the family at this sad time

Sue Rees, Secretary - Steventon News

One of Mike's covers from 1970



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the first seeds of the idea for the project were planted, that we have reached this incredible milestone.

If you haven't visited the Community Café yet, we would love to see you in the Millennium Room in the Village Hall we are open every Tuesday between 9am and 2pm for tea, coffee and cake, as well as soups and savouries so whether you want to come for breakfast, a mid-morning break from your desk, or a bite of lunch, or meet up with friends or family, or to bring a neighbour to meet new people, we would really love to see you.

We have a loyal bunch of regulars each week, but we are really keen to encourage younger people, including mums & dads with pre-school children to drop in, as we have a dedicated play area with toys and soft animals to enjoy so don't be shy, as a warm welcome is guaranteed to everyone aged 0 to 100 and that's a fact!

Of course, none of it would be possible without our wonderful band of volunteers, who take on various roles in the Community Café & Kitchen and on the Community Allotment so if you have even a small amount of free time to offer to help, such as providing a lift to someone who needs some assistance to come to the café, we would love to hear from you, and particularly if you would like to help on the allotment from time to time...no green fingers are required, just enthusiasm!

So to everyone who has helped to support Roots & Shoots, whether by donating at the café, providing grants, or help in kind and especially by volunteering we simply could not have achieved everything we have done without your generosity and loyal support over the last 12 months.



Thank you for believing in Roots & Shoots and by making this project the success we believe it has become it makes you realise what a special village Steventon is to live, work, learn, play and enjoy. We would love to receive your

feedback about ways we can develop the project, so please let us know your ideas about how to take Roots & Shoots forward in the years ahead. To provide feedback or for more information - e-mail [info.steventonrootsshoot@gmail.com](mailto:info.steventonrootsshoot@gmail.com)

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### Steventon Football Club

We are now in full flight and both teams won in October.

#### First Team

NBL: Steventon 1 Dorchester 3

A closely fought match with Stivvy going in at HT 1-2 with Michael Moss opening his account for the home team. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half saw Stivvy with most of the possession as they pressed to get even, but several one-on-one chances not taken proved costly when Dorchester scored late on to seal all 3 points.

MB Cup: Dorchester 1 Steventon 2

Stivvy got deserved revenge a week later, where the 1-1 HT score doesn't reflect the amount of possession Stivvy had with just a Dylan Burgess goal to show for it. Several near misses in a one-sided 2<sup>nd</sup> half, finally resulted in a late winner from Jona Green.

NBL: Abingdon Dev 5 Steventon 1

For the 1<sup>st</sup> hour Stivvy held a 1 goal lead thanks to Reece Burgess, until our centre half was sent off for a 'last man tackle' and Abingdon sent on 3 Hellenic League players. No shame is losing to the League leaders and reigning Champions, indeed plenty of encouragement taken from a good performance.

Steventon sit 7<sup>th</sup> in the top division having played one game less than those above, with 3pts from 3 games.

#### Second Team

Marcham 5 Steventon 0

Steventon v Berinsfield HW

It could be said that Stivvy Reserves 'didn't turn up' at Marcham! hence we were well beaten. (But in the next game, our opponents didn't turn up at all, so 3pts for Stivvy !

Steventon 3 Uffington 3

2 goals from Kwadwo Opong-Poku (no, we don't print players' names on the back of their shirts!) and a third from Rhys Terrana, nearly resulted in 3 pts.

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The final on-field action of the season was the now-traditional girls vs boys matches (pictured), which again produced some superb cricket. In the U13s pairs fixture, Lilidh Keymer took an astonishing 6-21 from 4 overs to nearly seal the win, before some flamboyant batting from Toby Haydon (22) and Bobby Bitmead-Peck (15\*) saw the boys home, just. In the U15s, Preston Ellis and Rowan Powell both posted superb 50s against an excellent girls bowling attack, who did well to restrict them to 132/3 after their flying start. In reply Ellis Major (4-14) did his Mitchell Starc impression to rip through the top order in a superb spell, and despite a valiant effort from Bella Mercer and L.Keymer, there was no way back. A brilliant end to the playing season though. Off the field, our end of season celebration & awards was

held in the Village Hall on October 7<sup>th</sup>, attended by over 120 people, including players from across all sections of the club, coaches, supporters and family members. A great evening was had, and the award winners were as follows:

### JUNIORS

Girls U11s: Player Of The Year – Elsie Thomas-Imrie

U11s: Player Of The Year – William Binning

Coaches' Player Of The Year – Wilfred Snuggs

Most Improved Player – Rhys Davies

Girls U13s: Player Of The Year – Katharina Pongratz

Coaches' Player Of The Year – Lilidh Keymer

Most Improved Player – Milly Hudson

U13s: Player Of The Year – Miles Cookson

Coaches' Player Of The Year – Charlie Rice

Most Improved Player – Harry Minter

Girls U15s: Player Of The Year – Bobbi Cookson

Coaches' Player Of The Year – Emilia Harding

Most Improved Player – Sasha Taylor

U15s: Player Of The Year – Rowan Powell

Coaches' Player Of The Year – Preston Ellis

Most Improved Player – Keiran Perris



### SENIORS

T20 Player Of The Year – Rob Alderman

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Player Of The Year – Chris Shaw

1<sup>st</sup> Team Player Of The Year – Joe Bennett

Women's Team Player Of The Year – Sarah Jones

Club Person Of The Year – Beccie Bitmead-Peck

The next organised cricket for club members will be winter indoor training in Abingdon, from mid-January. As ever, if you or your child would like to get involved with our community club, 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](mailto:SteventonCC@gmail.com), or use the website to find out more and get in touch, [SteventonCC.org.uk](http://SteventonCC.org.uk)

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