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Welcome TO THE STRATTON PARISH NEWS

As the newsletter was going to press the sun still had its hat on but we are looking forward to the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer for the forthcoming Parish Festival.

So much has happened since the last edition. The Week of Action held at the end of March was very successful. Over 800 trees were planted at Watermead by the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, as well as local residents, to kick off the week and the Health & Wellbeing Open Day held at Stratton Leisure Centre was well attended with medical and fire fighting demonstrations among the many attractions.

The Annual Parish Assembly saw the first award of the Freedom of the Parish to Bryn Vaughan and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Gerry Lawson, Patrick Murphy, Iris O'Neill and Philip Steele. In addition four grants of £200 were awarded to Kids Club, Upper Stratton Baptist Church, Swindon, Grange Social Club, Seedlings and the Swindon Stroke Support.

Work has continued preparing for the forthcoming Stratton Festival and the pull out in this issue highlights some of the many events being put on in Stratton throughout July.

Finally, the Parish Council has three vacancies for Parish Councillors at the time of going to press so please do get in touch if you would be interested in joining the Parish for the next two years.

WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

In May the Leisure Centre hosted the Military Wives Choir who headlined an evening of Choral music. Nearly 400 people attended the evening which was held to raise money for the planned new War Memorial for the Parish of Stratton St Margaret. Over £1,000 was raised on the evening and a very enjoyable time was had by all.



The winner of the design competition for the proposed new war memorial won a family ticket to the Fairford Air show. Plans are now

being developed to formally design the new war memorial; secure a suitable piece of land for its erection and to continue to raise money to help to meet the costs. Thanks are extended to Barratt Homes for their support in enabling this project to go ahead.

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Parish Council News

Leisure Centre investment programme ready for

LIFT OFF!

Stratton St Margaret Parish
Council is about to commence
its investment programme at
Stratton Leisure Centre, Grange
Drive. The refurbishment
proposals include the creation
of a new Health & Fitness suite
with bespoke changing rooms
that are DDA compatible,
refurbishment of the main
changing rooms and toilets, a
new foyer and café area, a new
parish council administration
office and refurbishment works
to the Grange Bar.



It is hoped that work will commence towards the end of July although some of the proposals are subject to planning permission being granted.

The project has been developed to help address some of the issues currently being faced with a building that is over 35 years old as well as improving facilities for local residents and users of the Centre.

Look out for further news on the Parish Council website.



A NEW all weather grass pitch for Stratton is on its way!

An All Weather Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) is hopefully going to be on its way subject to planning permission being granted by Swindon Borough Council. The new facility will be sited to the rear of the Leisure Centre on the grassed area that recently hosted the Murphy's Yard.



The specification for the pitch will allow both football and rugby to be played on it and it will be constructed by S&C Slatter Ltd following an intensive tendering process.

The new facility will be available to hire by individuals, organisations

and local schools. It is hoped that the facility will be completed towards the end of September 2013.

Stephen's Road play area upgrade agreed

At the recent Recreation Committee meeting Councillors agreed to continue to invest in the programme to upgrade and improve all the play areas despite the financial challenges facing the Council this year.

A new Wicksteed Simba climbing frame unit will be installed over the next few weeks which will provide additional activities for the children. Further information will be posted on the Council's website as this project progresses.





It's not far...so ditch the car

Arrive by foot, bike or bus and visit Swindon's Travel Choices stand for a FREE smoothie plus your chance to win £20!



ANIMAL ZONE

The Parish Council is excited to be working with Drove Vets who are co-ordinating the Animal Zone at our Festival. They've organised an amazing array of fun activities for you, your family and your dog! All the money raised on the day in the Animal Zone will be donated to Hounds for Heroes.

HERE'S A QUICK RUN THROUGH OF WHAT'S TAKING PLACE:



Try your hand at 'operating' - have you got what it takes to be a first class veterinary surgeon? Or maybe life as a Farm Vet would suit you better? Experience what it feels like to wear the 'long orange glove'!



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A Really Fun Dog Show with rosettes for the first four places in each class, culminating with the



our Best in Show in the Main Display Arena at 4pm. Collect the programme and entry forms from Stratton Leisure Centre or simply download it at www.drovevets.co.uk



We've got the finale of 'Swindon's Own Hero' when our search to find a dog that has made a difference to its owners life, is judged. Hounds for Heroes and Allen Parton with his dog EJ, as seen on Chanel 4's Secret Lives of Dogs, will be helping us judge 'Swindon's Own Hero'. We feel very honoured to be joined by Allen and EJ.





Loads of stalls (too many to mention here) with doggie treats, pup cakes & cup cakes, beds and of course, a Hounds for Heroes merchandise stall where you can buy your very own 'doggie bandana' to show your support for this great charity.

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT DROVE VETS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND YOUR DOG. NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT TO SAY IS, KEEP EVERYTHING CROSSED THAT THE SUN SHINES ON THE DAY!



You can 'Ask the Vet' with any pet queries you've got or maybe you have a problem with your dog? Come along and speak to our fully qualified dog behaviourist Donna McDonnell who is here to help you.



We've got displays galore for you and your dogs! With some very special groomers, Birds of Prey, Nimrod Drug Detection Dog display, First aid sessions and a bandaging display.



Don't feel left out – you can book on to one of our 'Have a Go' agility sessions too!



Plus there's a husky group, a tombola, a Grand Raffle, Micro chiping for only £5 – and Pet-ography will be with us to capture your dog on camera ... all at special festival prices – you'd be barking to miss out on these savings!



Oh and did we mention the Andy's Animal Encounters? That's a huge tent full of every exotic creature you could think of from snakes to Iguanas -Andy has them all.







JUST A FEW THOUGHTS TO HELP EVERYONE ENJOY THE DAY:

- Please keep dogs on a lead at all times unless taking part in one of the organised activities in the main ring
- Scoop the Poop!
- Please respect other dogs' spacenot all dogs enjoy being bounced on



ZONE

WHEN YOU ENTER OUR KIDS' ZONE be prepared for bubbles, magic, Punch and Judy, drama, story telling, urban arts and more. All the entertainment and workshops are free. Take a look at the programme below to make sure you don't miss out. Places will be limited for the Urban Arts workshops so arrive early to put your name down. There's a small charge for face painting and glitter tattoos.



	Time	Who	What			
ı	11.15am	Colonel Custard	Bubble workshop			
ı	11.30am	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	11.30am	Scrapstore	Kids' Scrapstore Arts & Craft workshop			
	12.15pm	Professor Clive Denton	Clive and Lyn's Traditional Punch and Judy Show			
	12.30pm	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	12.45pm	Debutots	Story Telling and Drama Activities			
	1.30pm	Colonel Custard	Magic Show			
	1.30pm	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	1.30pm	Scrapstore	Kids' Scrapstore Arts & Craft workshop			
	2.15pm	Professor Clive Denton	Clive and Lyn's Traditional Punch and Judy Show			
	2.30pm	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	2.45pm	Colonel Custard	Circus workshop			
	3.30pm	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	3.30pm	Scrapstore	Kids' Scrapstore Arts & Craft workshop			
	3.45pm	Debutots	Story Telling and Drama Activities			
	4.30pm	Four Pence	Urban Arts workshop			
	5.30pm	Scrapstore	Kids' Scrapstore Arts & Craft workshop			
	(Program maybe subject to changes)					





KEY

- 1 Fire Engine Display
- 2 Vintage Vehicle Rally
- 3 Fun Fair
- 4 Toilets
- 5 Craft & Food Fayre
- 6 Main Display Arena
- 7 Animal Zone
- **8** Andy Animals Encounters
- 9 Punch & Judy
- 10 Scrapstore Arts & Craft workshop
- 11 Kids'Tent
- 12 Tea Tent
- 13 Radio 105.5
- 14 Control Trailer / Meeting Point
- 15 Urban Arts Workshop
- 16 Live Music
- 17 Beer & Cider Festival
- **18** Traction Engines
- 19 Miniature Steam Railway

MAIN DISPLAY ARENA

Time	Who	What		
11.00am	Don Rogers	Festival opening ceremony		
11.15am	Grange Infants	Djembe Drums		
12.00pm	Peter Watts	Vintage Car Rally		
1.30pm	Esprit Gymnastics	Gymnastics		
2.30pm	Kirsty Farrow Dance School	Dance		
3.30pm	Leadership Martial Arts	Martial Arts		
4.00pm	Drove Vets	Best in Show		
4.30pm	Drove Vets & Hounds for Heroes	Swindon's Own Hero		

CRAFT & FOOD FAYRE

Over 30 Craft & Food stalls plus live food demonstrations throughout the day.

Watch TV Chef Peter Vaughan, Chef/Proprietor of The Bistro & Cookery School and a Member of Academy of Culinary Arts chop, stir and share his culinary skills using locally sourced products. Don't miss the Cup Cake Challenge at 5pm.

The Swindon and District Bonsai Society will be showing their craft with their collection of bonsai trees.



FOOD ZONE

Feeling Peckish? Our Tea Tent will be serving ploughman's, afternoon tea, hot dogs and burgers all day. All freshly prepared on site by our Leisure Centre catering team.

Lavazza coffee and basket meals available in The Grange Bar & Café.

Ice creams and soft drinks also available.

Entertainment Inside

Grange Juniors perform Wind in the Willows.

Live music from...Charlie-Anne, The Syndicate, Night Shift, No Middle Ground and more...







Sample over 12 local ales & ciders including our very own Stratton Festival ale

Purchase a £6 Ale Trail tickets for your own souvenir half-pint tasting tankard, a special festival lanyard and 2 half pints of any beer or cider.

Tickets available from Holmes Music and Stratton Leisure Centre.

Or simply exchange your cash into some Stratton Groats and enjoy a few drinks - no ticket necessary.

Supported by:





Stratton Festival Barn Dance 7.30pm - 11pm

Celebrate Stratton Festival with our Barn Dance. We've got live music from Bees Knees Barn Dance Band and a Hog Roast. Tickets are on sale from Holmes Music and Stratton Leisure Centre.

Tickets price includes Hog Roast, Salads, Vegetarian options

Tickets Adults - £10

Under 15s £5

Under 5s Free

Optional fancy dress!

Stratton Churches Together 21st July

Churches in Stratton St Margaret are holding a joint service on Sunday 21st July 2013 as part of the Festival. It will be held at the Grange Drive Leisure Centre and it will start at 10.30am. Those involved include St Margaret's Church, St Philip's Church, Stratton Methodist Church, Upper Stratton Baptist Church, Swindon Youth

for Christ and the sermon will be given by Bishop Lee Rayfield (Bishop of Swindon).

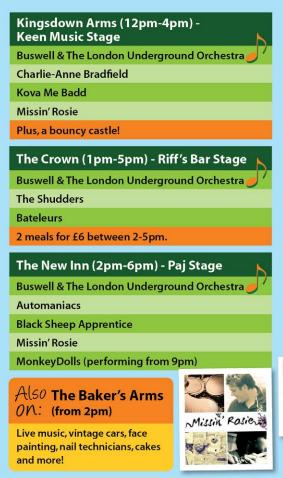
The service will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch. A combined choir and music group will be leading the singing. Everyone is welcome.

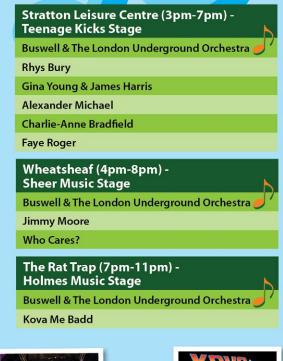




13th July 2013

Join in our stroll around Stratton taking in live music and great Arkell's beer (including our very own Stratton Festival ale). We've got some fab bands lined up to play at six of the local pubs.







Ale Trail passport in any of the Stratton Stroll pubs and get it stamped every time you visit a different pub. Bring your completed passports to Stratton's Beer & Cider Festival on Saturday 20th July at Stratton Leisure Centre to enter the competition.



will also be attempting to break
a Swindon record by performing the opening slot at each venue 6 performances within 7 hours!!

See the band timetable



If beer and live music isn't your thing then join the Woodland Trust's Nature Trail at Stratton Wood. The trail is marked out from the 13th July until 20th July.

Free to join.







2-5pm

MEADOWCROFT REC SN2 7JW

FIRE JUGGLING, BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY FREE BOUNCY CASTLES, BBQ LIVE PERFORMANCES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BUNGEE RUN STALLS, EXHIBITIONS, CAFE, COMMUNITY GROUPS **CHILDREN'S DOG SHOW, SPORTS**

A FANTASTIC AFTERNOON OF COMMUNITY FUN FOR ALL AGES

Organised by Upper Stratton Baptist Church as part of Stratton Parish Councils St Margaret's Festival

www.usbc.org.uk/festival www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk USBC: Serving God and the Community since 1862





Council meetings

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council is committed to making local government open and accessible. All of our meetings are open to the public and press and are held on Tuesdays* at the Council Offices.

Before every meeting the Agenda can be viewed on notice boards throughout the Parish and on our website. All minutes are uploaded on the website following every meeting.

Here is the current calendar until the end of October.

*some dates have been changed to a Thursday to avoid Swindon Borough Council meetings.

Date	Council/Committee	Start				
July	July					
2nd July	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
23rd July	Planning & Highways	7.00pm				
30th July	Council	7.00pm				
August	August					
6th August	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
20th August	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
27th August	Finance	7.00pm				
September	September					
3rd September	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
12th September	Recreation	7.00pm				
17th September	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
17th September	Community Centre	7.00pm				
24th September	Council	7.00pm				
October						
1st October	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
10th October	Allotments & Cemeteries	7.00pm				
15th October	Personnel	7.00pm				
22nd October	Planning & Highways	6.30pm				
29th October	Finance	7.00pm				

Stratton

We need volunteers to help at our Festival.

Do you want to help build the event, work at the event or take down the event? There are loads of opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Contact Georgina Morgan-Denn on 01793 823761 or email planning@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

Councillors Ward Surgeries

Swindon Borough Ward Councillors conduct Surgeries to keep in touch with the electorate. If you have a problem at a local level, please contact your Councillor.

Date	Location	Time				
Gorsehill & Pinehurst	Gorsehill & Pinehurst					
Cllrs John Ballman, Ray Ballman	Ilrs John Ballman, Ray Ballman					
Contact Cllrs John and Ray Balln	ontact Cllrs John and Ray Ballman for more information					
St Margaret and South Marston	t Margaret and South Marston					
Cllrs John Haines, Colin Lovell, F	rs John Haines, Colin Lovell, Russell Holland					
Last Saturday of each month (apart from December)	Stratton Leisure Centre	10.00am - 12.00pm				
Penhill & Upper Stratton	enhill & Upper Stratton					
Cllr Paul Baker	Paul Baker					
Last Monday of every month	John Moulton Hall, Penhill	10.00am - 11.00am				
Cllrs Teresa Page & Joe Tray	s Teresa Page & Joe Tray					
Second Saturday of every month	Upper Stratton Library, Beechroft Road	11.00am - 12.00pm				
Covingham & Dorcan	ovingham & Dorcan					
Cllr Julian Price						
Every second Saturday	Coleview Community Centre	12.00pm - 1.00pm				

Freedom of the Parish

At the Annual Parish Assembly held at Stratton Leisure Centre on 16th April 2013 Cllr John Foley, Chairman of the Parish Council, presented the Freedom of the Parish to Brynmore Vaughan, known as Bryn, in recognition of his outstanding service to the community and local voluntary groups.

As part of this award the bench opposite Arkell's Brewery is going to be dedicated to Bryn and a plaque placed on it to commemorate Bryn's award.

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There are currently three vacancies that exist on the Parish Council which will be filled by Co-option. If you feel you would be interested in contributing to the community of Stratton through the Parish Council please contact the Clerk to the Council.

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Rural North

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Highworth

Beat Manager: PC Sandra Higgins-Hughes 2514 PCSO Steven Wells 6230

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telephone

101 for non emergencies 999 for emergency calls