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## For parents and carers of children 0-4 years

The Mill Children's Centre has two new toddler groups in the area: Chilcompton Village Hall every Tuesday morning from 10.15-12.00 noon and Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall every Thursday from 10.00-11.30 am. Both groups run term time only. Why not come along, have a coffee and meet other families?

For further information telephone 01761 233847, choose option 4 and ask for Sian or Bev or, alternatively, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Diary Dates

IF YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLICITY FOR AN EVENT YOU'RE HOLDING FOR CHARITY, OR FOR A SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE, WE ARE HAPPY TO LIST IT HERE.

### >> NOVEMBER 2012

**14 SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH**  
 12 noon to 2pm at St Benedicts Parish Centre. In aid of Mary's Meals.

**15 BAGS 4 VILLAGE HALL**  
 Please drop any clothes, bed linen or curtains etc in to Fosseway House (opposite Middlemead) BEFORE 9am for collection. You can start dropping bags off now. All proceeds go to the Village Hall.

**23 WACKY RACES**  
 8pm, King's Arms. Races all night, £1 a bet. All money raised goes to the Village Hall car park fund.

**25 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
 10am to 1pm. 7th Christmas Craft Fair at the Village Hall. There will be 17 stands including our wonderful home-made cakes and chutneys table with Barb and Sarah. There will be stands selling jewellery, homemade soaps, Christmas decorations, furniture, bags, sweets and so much more. There will be bacon butties, teas and coffees, mince pies and mulled wine served all morning from the kitchen. All proceeds from the morning will be for Sands (the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society) and the Princess Anne Wing at the RUH. Phone Rachel for details on 233651.

### >> DECEMBER 2012

**13 CAROLS & SUPPER**  
 King's Arms, £10 a ticket to include supper and a drink.

**24 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
 3pm at St Vigor's Church. See St Vigor's Church news for more details.

# STRATTON-ON-THE-FOSSE Issue 53 November/December 2012 Village Newsletter

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## BULBS FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Calling all gardeners: we are looking for donations of flower bulbs to help us make the wilder spaces in the Community Garden look gorgeous every Spring. If you are thinning out your flower beds ready for next Spring, and have some bulbs left over,

please contact Sue on 0780 172 1162 and I will collect them from you – or give them to a Community Garden Committee member.

We are also planning to put one more basket swing in the garden – at the request of the village children, and we will clear the area between the silver birch trees and use it to make another picnic area with a table and a space for more people to enjoy the garden – as well as planting more shrubs and flowers.

There will be a Wacky Races Race Night at the Kings Arms on Friday, 23rd November from 8pm. There will be eight races including tractors, lawn-mowers and pigs! Please come along for a really great night. Derek will be hosting the evening so there will be plenty of fun. Bets will be £1 per race and all money raised will go to the Village Hall car park fund.





## NEWS FROM ST VIGOR'S CHURCH

Our Harvest Praise Service and Supper on 30th September was a super event, and after supper (in the recently re-painted Village Hall) a "Good Old Days" ensemble provided the entertainment. We were treated to a number of favourites, including "In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia" (Laurel & Hardy's version!), "Underneath the Arches" complete with jokes, and "My Old Man (Said Follow the Van)". We also enjoyed two hugely entertaining Marriot Edgar monologues "Albert and the Lion" and "The Battle of Hastings" and a splendid solo rendition of a U2 song. We all joined together to bring the curtain down with "Down at the Old Bull and Bush".

Next year we are considering holding the Harvest Supper on a Friday or Saturday evening as we would love to see more people from the village come along – watch this space!

## Carols & Supper

Our next event will be Carols & Supper at the Kings Arms on Thursday, 13th December 2013, £10 to include supper and a drink. Tickets sell fast! Christmas Eve at

3pm sees our wonderful Christingle Service, a very enjoyable service for all – don't miss it. Our Christmas Eve Communion will be at 10pm and on Christmas Day there will be a Said Communion at 9am. We'd love to extend a warm welcome to all our services.

## Church services and information

- All Age Service, every third Sunday at 9.45am
- Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 am, except fourth Sunday
- Evening Prayer every fourth Sunday at 6.30pm
- Mid-week short Communion Service every Tuesday at 12 noon.

### Information:

- Rector: The Revd. Chris North, 232219, c.north123@btinternet.com
- Curate: The Revd. Stephen Burrow, 233801, s\_p\_burrow@yahoo.co.uk
- Parish Office: Kate Crossley, 07970 867659, stvigor-stjohn@hotmail.co.uk
- Parish Office opening times: weekdays 12-4pm, except Wednesdays
- Website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/stratton](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stratton)



# STRATTON-ON-THE-FOSSE VILLAGE 2013 CALENDAR



- The popular village calendar returns for 2013
- 13 beautiful photographs by local residents
- Printed and sponsored by local businesses

Also available from Rachel 01761 233651 or Richard 01761 232321



## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Village Hall Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th November at 7pm in the pub. Please come along and join our committee and help keep the Village Hall running. Also remember that hall bookings can be made by phoning Jane Parfitt. Why not hold your birthday party, anniversary party or run a club in your hall. We need your support! The cost of hiring the hall is £7.50 per hour. See the box on the Classified Ad page for details.

## BAGS4VILLAGE HALL

The next collection of Bags 4 the Village Hall is on Thursday 15th November. Please leave any unwanted clothes, curtains, shoes, etc at Fossey House. Any time is convenient, just leave outside the front door if nobody is at home.

## LOTTERY RESULTS

### SEPTEMBER 2012

1st Alan Fussell £20  
2nd Derek at the Kings Arms £10

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## TalkTalk proudly sponsors Stratton-on-the-Fosse Village Hall: Next generation network comes to the area bringing best value broadband

TalkTalk, the home phone, broadband and mobile provider, is proud to be sponsoring Stratton-on-the-Fosse Village Hall for the next 12 months. The funding will be used to purchase new chairs and a chair trolley for use in the hall.

Residents in Stratton-on-the-Fosse and surrounding areas will also benefit from a £50,000 technology investment by TalkTalk, which is expanding its Next Generation Network to provide residents with access to fast, reliable, better value and more secure broadband. Built into the broadband network itself and unique to TalkTalk is the award winning network-level security service HomeSafe™. HomeSafe™ gives customers control over the type of websites their household can access across every single device that connects to the internet in their home.

Tristia Clarke, Commercial Director at TalkTalk says: "TalkTalk is at the forefront of developing new services for our customers and by investing in the exchange in Stratton-on-the-Fosse we will be able to bring our great value offers to even more families in the area as well as access to our fantastic security service HomeSafe™. We are proud to be supporting the fantastic work being done at Stratton-on-the-Fosse Village Hall. They are at the heart of the community and we wish them every success with their endeavours over the coming months".

By installing TalkTalk's own equipment in the local exchange, TalkTalk can offer even better value services and innovative products to its customers. The NGN enables speeds of up to 14Mb and customers who have recently been upgraded to the new network experience an average increase in broadband speed of 50%. And it's never been a better time to sign up to TalkTalk's great value service with broadband packages now starting from only £3.25 a month.

TalkTalk's Next Generation Network covers Stratton on the Fosse, Whitehall, Holcombe, Chilcompton, Emborough and Ston Easton.

For more information visit [www.talktalk.co.uk/](http://www.talktalk.co.uk/) local.

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

### LITTLE ANGELS TODDLER GROUP

Meet 1.30 - 3.30pm each Thursday (term time only) in the Village Hall. The cost is £2 per family and we have trikes, scooters, activities and crafts, baby area plus refreshments. Come and meet new friends (grown ups and little ones too!)

### BED AND BREAKFAST

In a quiet, tucked-away corner of Stratton on the Fosse. One double and one twin bedroom. Private bathroom. Tel: 01761 233099 for details.

### GROW YOUR OWN VEG

If anyone is in need of somewhere to grow vegetables etc, I have a plot of land 6.5 x 6.5 metres they can use. It has been regularly cultivated for the last 20 yrs and is clean and tidy. If interested ring 232698.

### ACOUSTIC/ELECTRIC GUITAR

#### LESSONS

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### JAMES' GARDENING SERVICES

James is a teenager trying to raise £4,000 for a trip to Madagascar as a voluntary helper. He is trying to earn money by helping people in their gardens. He can cut lawns, rake leaves, stain fences, weed, dig over flower beds - and is happy to take on lots more gardening work. Call James on Stratton 01761 233019.

## FREE ADS

This free service is only open to Stratton-on-the-Fosse villagers and their families.

Please email [bartucca@btinternet.com](mailto:bartucca@btinternet.com) with your announcements and classified ads.

## Village Hall

**FOR HIRE**

Stratton-on-the-Fosse Village Hall is available to hire for events, classes, weddings, christenings and children's birthday parties. It costs only £7.50 per hour to hire the main hall, plus a returnable deposit. Sorry, no 18 or 21st birthday parties please.

Call Jane Parfitt on 01761 232748.