



Stondon.net Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Stondon.net newsletter, and thank you for signing up for it. We've been working really hard to make Stondon.net the best village website possible, and judging from the amount of positive feedback we've had, a lot of you seem to agree with us. We're still looking to improve the site though, so if you have any suggestions, or if you'd like to **include your business or club**, or **publicise your event**, please do get in touch with us. And if you have any **good photos of the village** – we want to update our banner pictures. See below for further details.

In the meantime, we hope you'll come back to the site often, to catch up with what's going on in the village. Remember to **look here first** if you want to

- ✓ find a local business
- ✓ join a local club
- ✓ find out what's on at the cinema
- ✓ go for a nice walk
- ✓ check on train times
- ✓ etc etc etc !

On June 18th, the Stondon Friendship Club is organizing a day trip to Lowestoft – if you fancy a day at the seaside, please get in touch with them. Their contact details are on the Local Info page - www.stondon.net/localinfo.php



The next main event in the village is the **4th Annual Stondon Masters Golf Competition** on the 20th June. It is an 18 hole Stableford (individual) competition open to all residents of the village with an official club or society handicap. Why don't you come along to this charity event (all profits go to the SRA) and prove that you're the best golfer in the village ? There are prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, plus nearest the pin and longest drive. It's a fun day out that starts with a bacon roll and coffee in the clubhouse, and finishes with a delicious 2

course meal in the evening that you can bring your partner to as well if you want. For full details go to the events page - www.stondon.net/events.php . Closing date for entries is June 14th – so don't delay, apply today !!

Then, make sure you put **Saturday 11th July** in your diary as well – it's the **SRA Camp-out** at The Rec. This too promises to be great fun – whether you want to blow the cobwebs off your camping gear ready for the summer holidays, or just try out a night under canvas without having to drive for miles and miles. We're going to organize games, a treasure hunt in The Rec and music –we may even have a sing-along !

We're trying to get the mobile Fish & Chip van to call by on the Saturday night, and we'll fire up the SRA bar-b-q in the morning to cook bacon and eggs for all of you that don't want to cook your own! It's only £10 per tent pitch (£15 Camper vans) and more details will be on the Events page shortly.



The **Central Beds Play Rangers** came to The Rec on May 19th with a trailer load of toys and craft equipment. Loads of kids turned up with their mums, and a great time was had by all. They were all very keen for the rangers to come back again, but sadly this isn't likely to happen until the Autumn at the earliest. Watch Stondon.net for the first news of a firmer date. We did take some photos of

everyone having fun, and these are now on the gallery page – www.stondon.net/gallery.php - go and have a look !

There are very exciting things about to happen down at the playing field in Fakeswell Lane. The SRA has spent the last year or so raising the funds for a massive overhaul of the equipment down there. Despite the great efforts of our stalwart neighbours in keeping the park looking great, most of the equipment down there is well past its sell-by date. We now have the opportunity to install a whole load of exciting new things. Look out especially for the fabulous Motoric Unit. Many thanks must go to the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group administered by WREN, Central Beds Council, and Stondon Parish Council who have all provided very generous funding. At long last, the end is in sight, the



equipment is ordered and we're just waiting for installation dates. Watch Stondon.net for the latest news, and details of the GRAND Opening !

Finally, you may have noticed that all our banner photos were taken in the dead of winter - to meet our deadlines for the site – and now we're out and about again to get some sunnier and greener shots. Do you have any lovely photos of our village you'd like to submit for consideration? If so, we'd love to see them. Just remember we're going to crop them to fit our long thin format, so any photos with an interesting "slice" that we can use will be most welcome.

Wishing you all a fun – packed summer

The Website Team at the SRA