

# Stondon.net Newsletter August 2009



July 11th saw the first SRA Camp-out - and it was a HUGE success. Friends and strangers got together, played games or went on the bouncy slide, ate lovely fish & chips, had a drink, sat around the camp fire and chatted or listened to wonderful music from Stondoner Chris Markwick, and Dawn's beautiful voice accompanied by Ade. We even discovered another great Stondon talent in Banjo Bob Baldwin! You can see some photos of it all here: <http://www.stondon.net/gallery.php?album=72157621353748970>

It was such good fun that **everyone wants to do it again on**

## **August Bank Holiday Saturday (29<sup>th</sup> August)**

—and **the SRA** have bowed to public demand and **agreed to host it again!** This time we're throwing the gates open from **12 noon** so we've got more time for games – and chatting, of course! The Happy Plaice mobile chippy is coming along, and the SRA Barbie and Urn will be going full steam as well.

Why don't YOU come and join us this time? It'll be great fun, and at only £10 per pitch (£15 campervans) it's an economical day and night out too. All profits go to help fund the SRA's work in the village.

You can see the lovely new poster here:

<http://www.stondon.net/uploads/Camp%20out%20%20poster%2023-7-09.pdf>

*Also coming up in the village  
is the re-scheduled*  
**Stondon Masters Golf  
Tournament,**  
*which is now being held on*  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
September**  
*From 1 pm*  
*(All proceeds to the Stondon Recreation  
Association)*  
*Full details from*  
*Mount Pleasant Golf Club*  
*Or call Gavin on 07833 100799*

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July saw the Grand re-opening of Fakeswell Lane Park after the £42,000 re-fit. There was tea or squash with a cake for all of the LOADS of people who turned up - and the lucky ones got to taste the gorgeous samosas kindly donated by the Indian Ocean.

Parish and District councillors came along too (to see what they'd been spending their money on !), and the now retired pastor of the Baptist Church - Mike Ewings - did us the honour of cutting the ribbon and declaring the Park open in what may be his last public duty in the village before he moves home.

There are some pics here:

<http://www.stondon.net/gallery.php?album=72157621468086867>

Now that the major refurbishment of Fakeswell Lane is nearly complete, the SRA is turning it's attention to **Station Road playing field**. **If you live near the playing field** (or even if you don't!) and **would like to get involved with this project**, please "contact us" via the link on [www.Stondon.net](http://www.Stondon.net). We're looking for good ideas on how we can develop the site, and we're always keen to meet people who can come and give us a hand looking after the field. A few SRA stalwarts recently had a work party to clear back all the weeds from the hedge we planted earlier in the year.





As if that wasn't enough, work has started on a mosaic to brighten the walls of the pavilion in the Hillside Rd Rec. This is a pilot for a project we're working on in collaboration with the Lower School, when we hope to get the children making their own mosaics. More of this next month.

*Sandy & Astrid enjoying a well earned tea break.*

## Allotments



There is growing support (boom boom) for the campaign to get some allotments in the village – but we still need more ! If you're interested, *please* let us know – the more people we have who want one, the stronger our voice will be. And don't worry if you think a whole allotment is too big, we aim to share or have smaller plots available as well.

Please sign up at [info@stondon.net](mailto:info@stondon.net) or call Astrid on 01462 817341



The boys from the Blackstuff ( and their boys toys) turn up and strip and relay a section of Station Road in only 2 days.