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GREAT NEWS !!

The SRA has quietly been beavering away for a couple of years now planning and obtaining funding for a complete re-vamp of the playing field at Fakeswell Lane. And now we've done it !

All the ancient old swings have gone and been replaced by brand new ones. There's a new roundabout, and best of all, there's a WONDERFUL new Motoric unit. The final checks are being done now, and the gates should re-open this weekend (4th /5th July).

We're having a Grand Opening at 3.45 pm on Wednesday 15th July and everyone is very welcome to come and join us for a celebratory cup of tea (or a squash) and a piece of cake. You could even try out the scary new bumpy slide !!

This project was made possible thanks to a £30,000 grant through the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group (WRG) administered by the Environmental Body WREN, and further grants from Central Beds Council and Stondon Parish Council. We are extremely grateful to all our funders without whom none of this would have been possible.

It's the great new SRA Camp-out at The Rec next weekend (Saturday 11th July)



The SRA is holding a great new event this year - a Camp-out at The Recreation Ground, Hillside Road, Stondon!! **Everyone is invited!!**

Think how much fun it could be - a night under canvas without a long and tedious drive to the camp site! We could play **rounders** or 5-a-side **football**. We'll have a treasure hunt and a 'wide game' (what's that? - come along & find out !) We've got a bouncy castle coming (tbc), **giant games** like Connect 4, Jenga and Snakes & Ladders, or you can just chill out and let the kids go and play on the swings and things in the park.

We hope to have some **music in the evening** - and if anyone wants to bring their own guitar (or whatever) and give us a tune or two, then please do!!

A **mobile fish & chip van**, "The Happy Plaice" is going to be there serving between 5 and 7.30, (with sausages & a veggie option, cans & water too), for those that don't want to cook for themselves. In the morning we'll fire up the SRA barbie for **bacon and eggs** etc - and the brand new SRA Urn will be boiling away over the weekend for lashings of **tea, coffee, and hot chocolate**.

There are WCs in the pavilion (which will be open and lit all night), and hot and cold water. There's one private shower (join the queue !) or communal (single sex) showers in the changing rooms.

The whole thing kicks off around **3 pm on the Saturday** and goes on into Sunday afternoon if you want. Pitches are £10 per tent or £15 for a camper van. You can book your tickets, or ask us any questions here: <http://www.stondon.net/contact.php>

So why not come along for a laugh - and get your friends to come along, too ! Try something different at the same time as supporting the SRA who are trying to improve YOUR playing fields and develop our community.

The kids would love it !! We hope to see you there !



Do you wish you had an allotment ??

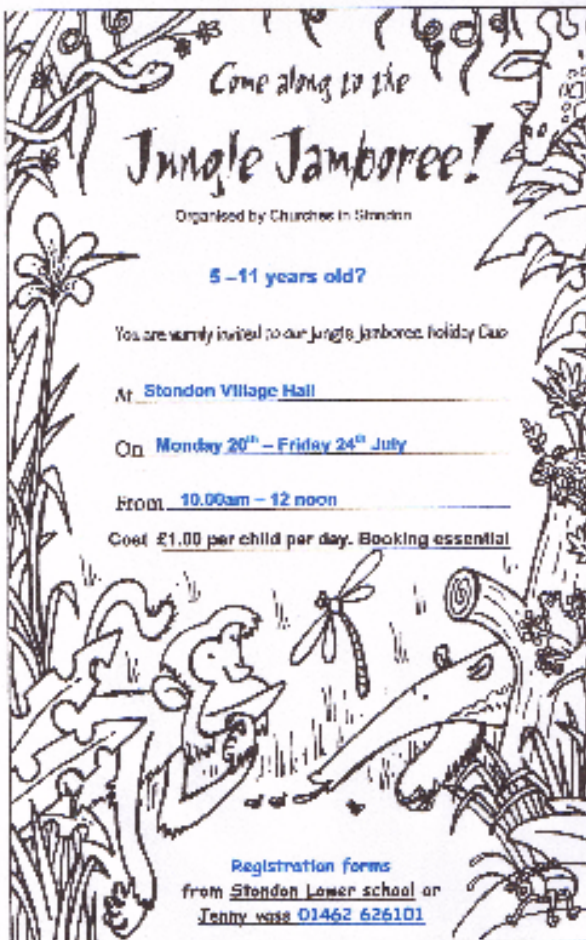
More and more people are wanting to grow their own food. There's nothing to beat an hour or two pottering in the vegetable garden on a nice day, followed by a meal with the freshest, tastiest vegetables and fruit imaginable !

With increasing worries about food miles and chemicals in our food, not to mention the increasing cost of food in the shops, people are looking for allotments so they can grow their own fruit and vegetables.

There are currently no allotments in Stondon, but did you know that if only 6 people in the village request one, by law, the Parish Council have to seriously consider providing them?

Are any of you secretly yearning for an allotment !? Do you hanker for a bit of home grown grub !? Do you relish the thought of tending your crops out in the open air !?

If so, drop us an email, and let's see if there's enough support to start lobbying the council !



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Kids explore the new equipment at Fakeswell Lane for the first time !

