### Guild

The Stratford sub Castle Guild is a friendly group of men and women who meet in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to July to hear a talk and socialise. Our talks cover an eclectic range. Recent topics have included 'The true story of The African Queen', 'The Devenish family at Little Durnford Manor' and 'Old Sarum, the Pitts and their Diamond'.

We are always happy to welcome new members or visitors.

Contact: Jenny Stone

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### **Garden Club**

The Garden Club meets in the Reading Room at 7.15 for 7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month from September to November and January to June. The club is open to everyone with an interest in gardens, plants and gardening and is especially useful if you are a new gardener or have just moved into the area and want to know which plants thrive in our soil. We have a good programme of speakers and visits throughout the year and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Contact: Rob Barclay 07867 655642 Robbarclay1@gmail.com

### **History Group**

The History Group came about partly because of the wealth of material left in our neighbours' lofts when they shuffled off this mortal coil. We are in the process of cataloguing and preserving photographs and documents so that they will be available to future generations. We are also planning to undertake research on a variety of topics which the rich history of the village is calling out for. If you have an interest in history do consider joining us.

Contact: David Balston (Chairman) 01722 411628

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### **Summer Cafés**

A community café in the Reading Room is organised once a month on a Sunday (May to September) from 2.30-4.30pm offering beverages and cakes, kitchen and garden produce and preloved books for sale. We also have a Christmas Special lunchtime café on a Saturday in December from 11.00am to 2.00pm. All café proceeds to local charities / community. Come along or, even better, volunteer to help. Either way you will be most welcome.

Contact: Barbara Mayall

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Whether you have been here for ages or just arrived, here are details of activities, clubs, societies and the regular events held at the Reading Room (opposite the church).

Details of village events are published in the **Parish Magazine** - delivered to all houses in the village once a month, on the **Village Noticeboard** and on the village website: <u>www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk</u>

### **Hall Hire**

Our village hall (The Reading Room) is available for hire for events and parties. For more information go to the website: www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk/village-hall

#### St Lawrence Church

St. Lawrence is a friendly, active and growing village parish church. Details of services can be found in the Parish Magazine and on the website:

# www.saintlawrence.org.uk

St Lawrence is part of the Small Pilgrim Places network, spaces which lend themselves to quiet prayer and reflection. St. Lawrence is open between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm for this purpose.

Contact: John Walsh (Churchwarden)

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### **Church Flowers**

We are a friendly group of flower arrangers who decorate our church in a sustainable way. If you enjoy being creative with flowers, please contact: Anne Nash 07935 903398 anne.nashbb@amail.com

# **Bell Ringing**

Bell ringing is a team activity that stimulates the brain, helps keep you fit and makes a glorious sound! Practice nights are Mondays 7.30 – 9.00pm. If you would like to try it out contact:

Alison Clayton (Bell Ringing Tower Captain) 01722 446634 stratfordscbells@gmail.com



### The Friends of St Lawrence Church

The Friends is a Charitable Trust set up to help provide funds for the upkeep of the Church and the Church grounds. It was specifically structured to involve the wider community in the task of conserving and improving the building and churchyard and thus many of the members are not churchgoers. It regularly organises events within the village which are designed not only to raise money but to help engender a good community spirit among the residents.

Contact: Rosemary Winson (Membership Secretary) 01722 325183 rosemary.winson@gmail.com

# **Stratford sub Castle Village Website**

The website is accessible 24/7 and is updated regularly with local news, events, planning applications, rubbish and recycling information, local history, images and lots more. Contributions welcome.

View at <u>www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk</u> or type stratford sub castle village website into Google (other search engines are

available). Alexa or Google Assistant will find the website, or you can scan this QR code.



Contact: Rosemary Winson sscvillagewebsite@gmail.com

### **Village Noticeboard**

Posters for village events are displayed on our noticeboard situated at the entrance to the Reading Room car park. If you have a village event you wish to advertise, we may be able to add it to the noticeboard subject to space available.

Contact: Carrie Walsh 01722 500845 carolynblanch@me.com