



# Milton Keynes Celebrates!

## Stony Stratford Mummers

Collecting for charity for 35 years



We are an organically grown group of people living in and around Stony Stratford who like to:

- cover our faces in white make-up
- dress up in old clothes stitched with coloured ribbons
- wear funny hats
- enact strange plays in streets and pubs
- sing and dance to our own Mummers Band which includes concertina, melodian, violin, drum, recorder, mandocello, chalumeau, penny whistle, English bagpipes...
- collect money for charity
- keep an old tradition alive to enrich our present days.

We've been doing this practically every Christmas since 1973.

Our winter performance schedule starts with the town's annual 'Switching on of the Lights' celebration heralding the start of festivities at the beginning of December.

(From Vicki Shakeshaft [www.stonystratfordmummers.co.uk](http://www.stonystratfordmummers.co.uk))

*We're not the  
London actors  
that act upon  
the stage.*

*We are but  
country  
ploughboys*

*who work for little wage.*

*The mire is deep – so very deep. We've  
travelled far and near.*

*We ask you for a Christmas box and a  
pitcher of your best beer*

*... We wish you a merry Christmas and  
a cellarful of beer*

*And a pocket full of money to last you  
all the year!*

(from 'Bold Slasher' in the  
Christmas 2006 play)



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