

Volunteer Rangers

The Lower Windrush Valley Project are looking for volunteer rangers to support with routine checks of local footpaths, nature reserves and bird hides. This would suit somebody who lives locally and enjoys spending time outdoors. 1-5 days per month, days flexible. For more information please contact Lucy on 07557 082575 or lwvp@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Lower Windrush Choral Society
Musical Director: Terry McNamara
Organist: Francis Rumsey



SUNDAY 7 MAY AT 6.30 PM (doors open at 6.00 pm)
ST MARY’S CHURCH, CHURCH GREEN, WITNEY

- Handel | The King Shall Rejoice
- Vivaldi | Credo
- Monteverdi | Beatus Vir
- Vaughan Williams | Mass in G Minor (for choir and four soloists)

Tickets £10 (£12 on the door) Under 18s free
Available online www.ticketsource.co.uk/lowerwindrush or from:
Choir members
St Andrew’s Bookshop, High Street, Witney
Rapture, Woolgate, Witney
Enquiries to: 01993 773283

Eynsham Arts Group Spring Exhibition

Entrance is free to view this colourful display of recent work by local artists.

Original artwork, cards and prints are available to buy, or just come along and browse. Opening times are 10 am until 4 pm
Saturday 13th May, Sunday 14th May, Thursday 18th May, Friday 19th May, Saturday 20th May, Sunday 21st May

Please visit our website for further information www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk



Back Page Bird This months bird is Sally, and she is a Song Thrush, commonly just known as a thrush. Often confused with a lady blackbird due to looking similar (not black). Thrushes are awesome as they eat snails, opening them up using a rock as a hammer, which keeps them from eating the editors lettuces.



St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Drew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich ☎ 01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org
May Services (at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)
7th 9:30 Parish Communion and Sunday School
14th 10:30 Benefice Communion at **Northmoor**
21st 10:30 All Age Worship
6pm Taize Service

Thursday 25th 7pm Ascension Day Holy Communion **at Yelford**
28th 8:00 Holy Communion BCP
We will be running Confirmation Classes on Monday evenings at 6.30 starting on 13th March, in preparation for a Confirmation service on 21st May. Anyone interested please contact Rev Drew as soon as possible.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200
All regular services at 10am on Sundays
May
7th Informal Service
14th Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion
21st Mr Andrew Maisey
28th Mrs Dawn Haley
Coffee Mornings 10am - 11:30am
First Wednesday of each month

The Catholic Church of St Peter

Abbey Street, Eynsham. The Catholic Church for Sutton & Stanton Harcourt
Fr Mark Lagorio
☎ 01865 881613
stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com
Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children’s Liturgy
Saturday Mass 5pm

Special Services

THE BBC will announce that Thursday 25th May is the ASCENSION. They are right, but the Catholic Church in England celebrate it the following **Sunday 28th May** so that as many people as possible can be in Church to pray together and think what this aspect of the Resurrection means. Remember that Ascension does not mean going up into the sky, but going to heaven. St Augustine said “Jesus did not leave heaven when he came to earth and he did not leave earth when he went to heaven.” So there’s another misunderstanding.

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk
AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month’s contributors, reviewers, & deliverers

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Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton May 2017

- May**
9th Tuesday Girls
13th Village Market & Cafe
15th Parish Meeting
18th Village Hall AGM and Committee Meeting
20th Small Breakfast
27th The Village Inn at the Village Hall
June
17th Village Festival

The Village Inn

back again by popular demand!
"Get Inn!"
Saturday 27th May from 7:30pm

Settling into a routine good time at the village hall, come along and join inn! This month the Landlord and beneficiary will be FOSHS
For more information call Steve on 880306 or email steve.tuck@mail.com



Small Breakfast

Saturday 20th May 9 – 11
Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael’s Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

Village Voice Deliverer Required!

One of our excellent deliverers is retiring after many years hard work. We need a deliverer for the top of Sutton round which is 58 houses. Youngsters receive payment of 9p per copy, so £5.22 an issue for this round. This round includes houses on the main road so you need to be grown up enough to deal with bad drivers.
If you are interested in taking this on (subject to parental agreement) please contact the editor!
On behalf of the village I'd like to thank the deliverers for their hard work, and when the pub opens beer and chips for the deliverers are on the editor.

Village Cafe and Market (sat 13th)

On the second Saturday each month until the end of the year. It is a great way to catch up with village news and see folk you haven’t managed to bump into for a while and at the same time enjoy a cuppa, some soup/Ploughman’s and home made cake plus support our local stall holders. Our special in May will again be bacon baps so you won’t be able to resist the smell and have to join us (unless you are veggie/vegan in which case the soups etc are fab)



Tuesday Girls

Now that Spring is here our May meeting will hopefully inspire us all to get out and explore the wonderful countryside on our doorstep. Our speaker for the evening will be talking all about the Wychwood Forest and it’s surrounding Villages. So please come along and join us on Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm in the function room of the Village Hall. For more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

Election! Election!

Get your democracy ! if you don't vote you can't complain!
Oxfordshire County Councillor Election 4th May
Eynsham Electoral Division (1 seat)



The candidates are:

- Timothy Bearder – Liberal Democrats
- Elsa Dawson – Labour Party
- Nicholas Goodwin Green Party
- Charles Mathew – Conservative Party

Oxfordshire County Council provides many of the important services in your community, such as Fire and Rescue, looking after vulnerable children and adults, libraries, roads, waste disposal, school nurses and tackling rogue traders, to name just a few.

The county council elections are your opportunity to directly influence how these services are run in your area. The councillor elected in your area will be representing you and your community, taking important decisions that affect where you live. They will also be the person you get in touch with if you want to improve services over the next few years.

The elections take place from 7.00am to 10 pm. The election count takes place on Friday, May 5 in Abingdon.

If you care about local services, don’t forget to vote and remind your friends and family too!

General Election - 8th June

Four years have passed already?
Register to vote by 22 May to have your say!
Nominations for parliamentary elections end on May 12th, so we don’t even know whos running yet. How exciting!



Church 200 Club. April draw.

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| 1st 227 A Mathew | 3rd 224 A Moxham |
| 2nd 259 T Church | 4th 261 Mrs Chambers |

Sutton Singers

Anyone who enjoys singing, we would welcome you at Sutton Singers. We are a singing group who meet every Tuesday in term time, 7-8.30 pm at the Methodist chapel in Sutton. We are led by Lizzie, a fantastic Musical Director, who gets the best out of us. No auditions or solo singing, just good fun. Please call Jan Tomlinson on 881709 or Penny Swiergon on 596164 for more details. Or just come along.



Village Hall AGM and Committee Meeting

the Village Hall AGM and Committee meeting to the calendar, please? This is on **Thursday May 18th at 8pm** in the Function Room. All hall users and villagers are welcome to attend and give us their ideas for future initiatives. As volunteers ourselves, running the hall as a charity for the benefit of the village, we are grateful for the support we get from other volunteers with maintenance tasks and fundraising efforts.

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

www.facebook.com/StantonHarcourtDrama/
Annual General Meeting

I will be scheduling our AGM in the very near future. I'll email everyone I can think of and publish details on our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome, but you need to be a member to vote in any resolutions.

Steve Tuck

info@stantonharcourtdrama.com

01865 880306



Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2017!

"A Day at the Races"

Saturday 17th June

And our Festival Attendant is Sean Moran!

Congratulations to Sean Moran who is going to be our Festival Attendant this year and will accompany our Festival King, Adam Swiergon on the Royal Float. So that will be two Kings in a row! The Festival committee are busy planning another great Festival Day this year. The bunting will be going up early in June but you can all help get the village ready for it's day at the races by entering our "Best Dressed House" Competition.

Get your house all dressed up for a "Day at the Races" and you could win a prize for being the "Best Dressed" House. You could festoon your fences, dress up your driveways or garnish your gardens using our "racing" theme. Decorations need to be up and ready for judging before Saturday 10th June. (First and runner up prizes are being kindly sponsored by Breckon & Breckon)

On Festival Day we hope that you will all help to bring the spirit of Ascot, Henley or Silverstone to Stanton and Sutton by coming along wearing a suitable "hat". Adult and child prizes will be on offer for the "best hat" on the day!

There is a rumour that the elusive "Stanton Stig" will be making an appearance on Festival Day! Will you be able to spot the Stig and work out who the mysterious Stanton Stig is? You will have a chance to make your guess during the afternoon on 17th June!

Festival Stalls: To book a stall on the school field on Festival Day, contact Penny on 596164 or email penny.swiergon@gmail.com

Festival Week Events: If you are interested in organising an event during Festival week, please contact Mike Parker on 884435 or email mikeparker12@gmail.com.

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Richard Thomson (rich.thom@btinternet.com)

The Festival Committee



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info: www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk
32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 8th May 7:30pm

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 15th May

Elections on Thursday 4 May 2017

On Thursday 4th May there are the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) elections.

If you are registered, you can cast your vote between 7am and 10pm in the Village Hall.

Parliamentary (general) election on Thursday 8 June 2017

A parliamentary general election will take place from 7am until 10pm on Thursday 8 June 2017.

The list of candidates will be published on the WODC website after the closing date for nominations which is 4 pm on Thursday 11 May.

The count will take place immediately after the close of the poll; and the result will be announced after 3am on Friday 9 June.

Poll cards will be sent to electors by 13 May 2017. If you're already registered to vote you don't need to apply again. Please register to vote by midnight on Monday 22 May 2017.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May in the Village Hall. The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. Matters can be raised at the meeting without prior notice. For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

In addition to a report from the Parish Council Chairman, Speakers have been invited to update the Parish include Thames Valley Police, Eynsham Partnership Academy and Stanton Harcourt Primary School. The evening will also include representatives from various Community Activity Leaders providing more information about Parish activities.

Security.....

As summer emerges from winter, please be aware of the risk of leaving valuable items unprotected in gardens or garden sheds, doors and windows unsecured and unattended, and ladders obtainable for use.

....and Safety

At the same time, scams on the internet are prolific. Do not open emails if you do not know the sender, do not release confidential information even if the request seems authentic and beware - scams are becoming more and more sophisticated.

District Councillors

If you'd like to contact your WODC Councillors you can find their details at www.westoxon.gov.uk using the postcode search.

Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

trudigasser@rocketmail.com

Parish Council website:

<http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

Bridewell Gardens – Open Afternoon

The Walled Garden and Vineyard at Wilcote (OX7 3DT) will be open on Sunday May 14th 2017 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Admission £3.50, children free

Refreshments, plants, Bridewell produce, products and our own organic wine will be for sale. For further information please call 01993 864530 or go to www.bridewellgardens.co.uk
Mental Health Recovery. Reg. Charity 1158456



SCHOOL NEWS

The school is looking for volunteers from the local community to come and support us for some small projects. If you have any spare time, even a couple of hours, to offer us we would be very grateful.

We are looking for people to help with gardening, painting and decorating, sewing, knitting and many other hobbies. Please contact the school if you think you could offer us a little bit of time.

Rachel Crouch, Headteacher

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office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk



Cricket News!

Cricket season is upon us. First weekend of the season we had beautiful weather, lets hope we get as good a weather for the first league game. This weekend we played Radley in a friendly on Saturday and Oxenford on Sunday. We won both matches. Both games were close and competitive. Declan Wastie scoring his first fifty for the club

on saturday and Joel Graham scoring 81 on sunday, were notable performances for the Stanton.

Saturday the 29th April is the first league game of the season, against Watlington. It would be great to see some new faces up at the ground, we are the only licensed bar in the village currently, games are usually 1:30 till 6 and the fixtures are listed on the website!

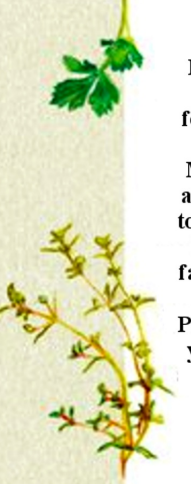
We also have some great news, we would like to announce our new Kit sponsors Which is Corne Motors of Standlake. If you are thinking of buying a new car why not try these guys out <http://www.cornemotors.co.uk/>. We are still currently looking for more sponsorships if you would be interested in sporting your local cricket club, please get in contact, we have many packages available. Please visit <http://www.stantonharcourtcc.co.uk/>
Here is to a successful 2017 season.

Art at Hunts Copse Barn

Visit Hunts Copse Barn, Wilcote during Oxfordshire Art Weeks to see the wonderful display of sculptures and paintings by some of Oxfordshire's most accomplished artists. 8 of the many pieces on display are being sold by Silent Auction to raise funds for Citizens Advice and the work that they do in our community. Through 50 volunteer advisers, help on all manner of social issues is given each year to around 5,000 residents of West Oxfordshire.

Please support this cause by making Wilcote Art one of your stops during Oxfordshire Art Weeks. **Hunts Copse, Wilcote, OX7 3DX.**
May 13/14/18/19/20/21 May 11am-5pm, 8pm on Thursday the 18th Registered Charity Number 1169110





If you would like to improve your meals for the whole family, reduce processed food intake and eat healthier, then please get in touch.

My name is Sophie, I am a French mum and school-qualified cook who would like to share my skills to help families to make homemade healthy meals for the whole family by spending a maximum of 30mins in the kitchen. Promise!

Please call, whatsapp or email me to book your first face-to-face session (free) and start setting up your personalised plan.

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