

The Eynsham Medical Centre Patient Participation Group

The Eynsham medical practice has had an online group called the Virtual Patient Reference Group (VPRG) for some time. It has now set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG) drawn from members of the VPRG. I am a member of the new PPG. Some of the objects of the group are to:

Advise the Practice about patient and carer perspectives concerning the responsiveness and quality of the group's services;

Carry out research into the views and experiences of those who use the Practice;

Facilitate two-way communication with the patient population.

If you are a patient (or the carer of a patient) of Eynsham Medical Group and have any thoughts about how its services could be improved, please contact me at terrykp@kirkpatrickconsult.co.uk. Equally, I would love to know if there are any aspects of the service that you particularly like. (If you have any specific complaints about the Practice, they will be dealt with more quickly and effectively if you contact directly the practice secretary, Teresa Young (teresayoung@nhs.net)).

I look forward to hearing from you. Terry Kirkpatrick

Poop Report

We've had reports of Dog fowling along Blackditch, this was so bad the Council refused to cut the grass. Many thanks to the Blackditch residents who cleared it up to allow the council to do their job. Please Clear up after your dog! It is the law that owners clear up fouling in public places and you can get an on the spot fine if you don't.

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 Connie and she is a Coal Tit. Coal Tit's have a grey back and black cap (from coal mining obviously), although the youngsters have a greenish back growing up. Coal tit's are much friendlier than Great Tits (with a yellow belly) and hang out in flocks to find food, often in your garden!



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

April Services (at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)

9th 10:30 Palm Sunday Benefice Communion
Tuesday 11th 7:30 Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday 13th 7:30 Supper and Holy Communion at **Sutton Chapel**
16th 9:30 Easter Parish Communion
23rd 8:00 Holy Communion BCP
30th April 10:30 Benefice Communion at **Standlake**

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
April

2nd Informal Service
9th Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion
16th Mary Blow
23rd Service at Long Hanborough
30th Service at Long Hanborough
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

Maundy Thursday 13th April 8pm Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday Solemn Passion 14th April 3pm
Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil 15th April 8pm

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 April 2017

April

8th Village Cafe & Market
11th Tuesday Girls
22nd Great Village Run
24th Deadline for Festival Attendant Entries
29th The Village Inn at the Village Hall

May

15th Parish Meeting

June

17th Village Festival

The Village Inn

back again by popular demand!



Saturday 29th April from 7:30pm

The Village Inn proved very popular in March and raised more than £600 for The Village Hall and Sunshine Cat Rescue. Thank you to everyone that supported the evening.

The Inn will be back again on Saturday 29th April - this time raising funds for FOSHS, but first and foremost, it's an opportunity to catch-up with everyone and enjoy a drink or two in a relaxed pub atmosphere.

For more information call Steve on 880306 or email steve.tuck@mail.com

Village Cafe and Market

We are aiming to kick off the first village cafe and market again in the Village Hall on Saturday April 8th from 12-2pm and run it 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 and home made cake plus support our local stall holders. Our special in April will 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 are fab).



Tuesday Girls

Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April 7.30pm in the Function room of the Village Hall.

We will be having a Speaker who is a volunteer for Witney Taking News.

We all take reading the news or catching up with all the gossip on social media for granted so please come along and join us to hear all about the work of this local charity who help those that can't.

Non members are always welcome just pay £3 on the door on the night

For more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

New Bounce Dance Class

Age 11+
Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm

Commencing 27th April

Eleanor's Teenage Class is moving to Thursday Evenings after the Easter break. Combining Contemporary, Street and other styles the class is suitable for girls and boys who enjoy dancing and want to learn more and keep fit.

To book, please email Eleanor: eleanor@tucknet.co.uk

Jenny's Saturday classes for children and adults continue as normal:

Bounce Dance Children's Class

Age 7+
Saturdays 9am

Bounce Dance Ladies' Class

Saturdays 10am

To book, please email Jenny: jposselwhite07@aol.com

All classes in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Lend a hand for WOMSS

There will be a street collection for the West Oxfordshire MS Society in Witney on **29th April**. If anyone is able to spare an hour to stand in the street holding collecting tin, please contact Jane-Marie on 01865 731200. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Church 200 Club. March draw.

1st 289 G Mason	3rd 229 B Bell
2nd 194 T Church	4th 296 J Eagle

2017 Stanton Harcourt & Sutton GREAT VILLAGE RUN

Fancy Dress – come as your own super hero character



Saturday 22nd April 11.00am start,
Steady's Lane You can toddle, walk,
jog or sprint as far as you like!

Registration from 10.30am. Steady's Lane (the left turn at the Northmoor end of S.H) –the start is located where the lane becomes traffic free.

Entry £2 per person Money raised will go to Friends of Stanton Harcourt School.

Prizes: Easter egg for all children (under 16)

Bring your own water bottle and hat for the race

Refreshments: re-energise with drinks and cakes at the end of the run.

Please note:

No dogs please. No parking available at the start.

Parents remain responsible for their children at all times.

All entrants participate at their own risk.

The event will be postponed if bad weather.

SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to begin by introducing myself as the new Headteacher of Stanton Harcourt Primary School from April 2017.

It is with great pleasure that I take on this role in such a fantastic School. I look forward to becoming a member of the village community and getting to meet you all soon.

I am at present the Headteacher of St Nicholas' Primary School in Old Marston, Oxford. I have been Head for 11 years and love my job. I am ready for a move and look forward to a smaller journey as I live in Witney.

We would love some volunteers from the community to help in whatever way possible. Please contact the School if you are able to support us .

Please come and say hello and let me know your ideas for improvement.

Rachel Crouch

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

Festival Attendant required!

We are delighted to have Adam Swiergon as our Festival King this year. We are looking for a Festival Attendant to accompany Adam on the Royal Float this year and to take up the role of Festival King or Queen next year.

If you are in school year 7 or above and would like to be our Festival Attendant, then simply email your details to Penny Swiergon (penny.swiergon@gmail.com) before 6pm on Monday 24th April. Youngsters – please ask your parent or carer to email on your behalf so we know that they are happy for you to be nominated. Grown ups – please make sure that any young person you are nominating is happy to take on this role!

The names of everyone who has expressed interest will be placed in a hat and a name drawn out at the next committee meeting on 24th April. We will reveal the name of the lucky applicant in the May edition of VV.

Festival Stalls:

If you would like to have a stall on the school field on Festival Day then please 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. Mike is co-ordinating the schedule of events for the week so do let him know what you are planning so we can make sure that you are included in the Festival programme and so you can avoid any potential event clashes during the week.

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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Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 1st May 7:30pm

Environmental Report for The Airfield

At the December 2016 WODC Lowlands Planning Meeting, the Planning Application for 50 houses in a residential development and 450 sq.ft of office space on the old Airfield was deferred until a site visit (16/01054/OUT). This took place on the Thursday before the 9th January 2017 meeting where the Application was passed by one vote. On both occasions Charles Mathew spoke against the application. The reasons for his concern lay with the proximity of the Dix Pit landfill site, from which gases are smelt in the village. Indeed many of you will recall a village meeting exactly ten years ago this May to discuss with Oxfordshire County Council, the Environment Agency and Health Protection Agency with the operator WRG (now FFC), after which new piping was laid to capture the emitted gases. Undoubtedly this helped the situation but we are told that the presence of methane and the other landfill gasses (carbon dioxide, nitrogen, ammonia, oxygen, sulphides and various other gasses) will be present for some fifty or more years. Just at Christmas an audible and noxious escape of gas took place at the village end of Dix Pit.

In addition there is also the lack of sustainability in the village- no public transport, a small newsagent and a three day a week Post Office Outreach; Oxfordshire County Council objected to the application on this basis. Examination of the Agenda papers did not sufficiently cover the risks attached to this residential development either below or above ground. For this reason your Parish Council discussed seeking expert environmental advice on the risk attached to living in these new proposed houses and passed a motion to seek such advice.

Proposed sites at Sutton Courtenay and North Cerney, next to old Landfill, have recently been rejected at Planning meetings and there is considerable evidence to be found that suggests occupation near landfill sites increases the risk to health by a significant amount.

The plan is to address the concerns professionally to the Inspector of WODC's Draft Local Plan at his public meetings on 9th. to 19th. May and 11th to 21st. July in that the Airfield site was included in the November Local improved Plan sites (without discussion with the Parish Council) and this could be seen as rash. Recent Appeal evidence also suggests that there may have been irregularity in the evidence presented at the final Lowlands Planning meetings. The initial written report from ERM will cost £2,000 (see website for details) and a follow up, subject to the approval of the Parish Council, will be charged at £3,000 in addition.

Litter Pick

The Parish Council would like to thank the dozen or so participants who partook so efficiently. In total over 25 bags were collected.

Unfortunately, the litter pick has highlighted an issue with Dog Poo. Dog Poo bags had been thrown into the grass and nettles along the footpath by the Green. The Parish Council will be reviewing the dog bins in the village, but appeal to all dog walker to ensure that ALL BAGS are disposed of appropriately in the dogs bins provided.

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>

Annual Meeting of the Parish - 15 May

This year the format will be changed. Amongst other things, leaders of Village Community Activities will have the opportunity to give a brief talk and to 'set up a stall' so that they can answer questions after the meeting. Note the date, and read more in next month's Voice.

Speedwatch in Sutton and St Harcourt

Speedwatch is a national initiative operated locally by community volunteers jointly with Thames Valley Police in order to advance road safety. Motorists exceeding the speed limit can expect to be contacted by the Police.

We have now been operating Speedwatch in Sutton and Stanton Harcourt since November 2016. Our aim has not been to obtain speeding convictions for drivers passing through the villages, but to try to make them aware of the dangers to our residents due to their speeding and try to persuade them to drive more responsibly.

To date we have observed in excess of 8,000 vehicles driving through our villages and have recorded too many of them speeding (between 10 and 30 percent on any particular day), we even have some 44 who have been recorded speeding more than once (several 3 or 4 times). The maximum speed we have recorded so far is over 60 mph.

We believe we should continue to operate "Speedwatch" and we would like to have more volunteers to help spread the load. We aim to run twice a week, once on Main Road at Steady's Lane and once on the B4449 in Sutton. (The time can be anytime in daylight hours with good visibility) Peter Bartrip tends to run the Steady's Lane end and I the B4449 in Sutton, but we all interchange.

We have our own "Radar Gun" and a borrowed visual display (from Thames Valley Police, not always available) that shows vehicle speed to the driver of the oncoming vehicle.

If you would like to join ST. H & S Speedwatchers please contact:- Graham Dixon-Brown deansfarmhouse@btinternet.com

A Watermill Theatre production at the Village Hall on Saturday July 1st. Tickets on sale from May 13th or reserve yours early to guarantee seats.

We are really lucky to host this professional theatre production of a wonderful comedy about a slightly weird family. Linda is a self-confessed 'collector'. She has all the necessities: broken umbrellas to match any outfit, unopened Amazon parcels delivered in 2012, shoes that don't fit but were a bargain at 75 percent off and trainers because, one day, she will definitely take up running. To add to her collection there is Toby, an affectionately named rat who has taken up residence in her home.

With the arrival of Jonathan, a man who can't sleep if the sponge is in the wrong place by the kitchen sink, comes a more life-changing situation than Linda could ever have imagined. The journey that follows is one of love, loss and an infatuation with Stevie Wonder memorabilia.

A poignant new play by Ellen Robertson, Nesting is a funny and moving look at compulsive behaviour and finding love in the most unlikely of places.

Tickets will be on sale at the Village Shop from Saturday May 13th at £10 each or you can reserve them for payment and collection from lucy.heath1@gmail.com. Please state clearly your name and contact phone number and the number of tickets you would like to reserve. Alternatively you can post me a note at Coulings Cottage on the corner of Sutton Lane and New Road. All proceeds from ticket sales and the bar will go to village hall running costs and maintenance.

