

# VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

May 2023

## Calendar for May

**3<sup>rd</sup> May – 10am Coronation Café at The Chapel**

**6<sup>th</sup> May – The Coronation**

**8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Bank Holiday**

**15<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm Parish Meeting, Village Hall**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – 7.30pm Parish Council AGM, Old Guardroom followed by Parish Council Ordinary Meeting**

**Every Tuesday (Term Time) – 7pm Sutton Singers (see entry for contact deets)**

## A word from your editor

Hi everyone – sincere apologies that April's paper edition wasn't delivered. An online version is available on the Parish Council website under the menu tab "Village Voice".

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/stanton-harcourt-and-sutton-parish-council-13404/home/>

And a quick reminder that:

If you want to run a stall on the school field on Festival Day contact Lucy on 07775 604466 (email [lucylowe1974@gmail.com](mailto:lucylowe1974@gmail.com).)

If you are interested in holding an event during festival week contact Keith Hickson.

(07764 132178, email [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk))

If you have a local business and would like to place an advert in the Festival Programme booklet then contact Gill ([gill@gillmason.com](mailto:gill@gillmason.com))

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Jo Wilby ([jowilby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jowilby@hotmail.co.uk))



## The Festival Committee

## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2023

### "Stanton in Wonderland"

**Festival Week Events: 17<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Festival Day: Saturday 24th June**

## Congratulations to our 2023 Festival "Royals"

We are pleased to announce that our Festival Attendant will be **Victoria Wrembel** this year and will take over from Kyra as Queen next year. Our Festival Prince will be **John Trevor-Allen** and our Festival Princess is **Luna Winter**. We look forward to cheering them all on during the parade on Festival Day.

## Stanton in Wonderland - House Decorating Competition

We will be rolling out the bunting and transforming the village into a "Wonderland" for this year's Festival and would very much like you to join in by decorating your own houses. We will be offering prizes for the most "wacky wonderland" decorations!

## Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

*Lynette Nicholls*

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  - Bus. email: [lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk)
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## Your Oxfordshire County Council councillor is:

*Dan Levy*

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## You Member of Parliament is:

*Robert Courts*

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## Your Parish Councillors are:

- Matthew Judson, Chairman, [matthew@shpc.co.uk](mailto:matthew@shpc.co.uk)
- Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, [rachel@shpc.co.uk](mailto:rachel@shpc.co.uk)
- Keith Hickson, [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk)
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- Tony Pentland, [tony@shpc.co.uk](mailto:tony@shpc.co.uk)

## Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. [Clerk@shpc.co.uk](mailto:Clerk@shpc.co.uk)

### **Village Shop & Post Office**

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Tuesday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Wednesday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Thursday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00



### **Be kind to the countryside and way of life.**

With the lighter evenings and the weather beginning to warm up people naturally want to get out into the countryside and enjoy the outdoors. There are lots of Public Rights of Way, both Footpaths and Bridleways in your area. Please stick to them for your own safety and keep dogs under close control, preferably on a lead round livestock, ground nesting birds and other wildlife. Please don't leave litter and dog mess. Get an O/S Landranger map and make yourself aware of where Public Rights of Way are and familiarise yourself with the Countryside Code (you can download both onto your mobile). Protect the Environment, enjoy the Countryside and respect those who live and work in it.

**Thank you. Stanton Harcourt, Sutton and Northmoor Farmers Group**

### **This month Charlotte is reading...**

#### **The Bird Cage – Eve Chase**

When half-sisters Lauren, Flora, and Kat are unexpectedly summoned to the Cornish house where they spent their childhood summers, it's the first time they've dared return. Because the wild cliffs and windswept beaches hide a twenty-year-old secret.

The truth about what they did.

Someone who remembers them lurks in the shadows, watching their every move.

And there are other secrets, even darker than their own, waiting to be unearthed . . .

(Ed: I bought this Charlotte for 50p at a carboot, best 50p ever for silence for hours!)

### **Church News**

#### **Lower Windrush Benefice**

Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm we have a short service of Compline via Zoom.

Thursday mornings we have Early Bird Prayer at 7:30am via Zoom.

All Zoom codes can be found on [www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)



*For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice*

*(Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush benefice website:*

[www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

#### **St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham**

For information about services at St Peter's please visit

[www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/)

#### **SUTTON CHAPEL**

### **May in the garden**

1. Start planting out summer bedding plants towards the end of this month in warmer parts of the country.
2. Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year
3. Remember to open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
4. Optimise your watering regime — watering early and late to get the most out of your water — and start collecting and recycling water whenever possible.
5. Mow the lawn – have a beer

### **This month's recipe – Spring Chicken in a Pot.**

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
500g boneless, skinless chicken thigh  
300g small new potato  
425ml vegetable or chicken stock  
350g broccoli, cut into small florets  
350g spring green, shredded  
140g petits pois  
bunch spring onion, sliced  
2 tbsp pesto

Heat the oil in a large, heavy pan. Add the onion, gently fry for 5 mins until softened, add the chicken, then fry until lightly coloured. Add the potatoes, stock and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, then bring to the boil. Cover, then simmer for 30 mins until the potatoes are tender and the chicken is cooked. Can be frozen at this point.

Add the broccoli, spring greens, petit pois and spring onions, stir well, then return to the boil. Cover, then cook for 5 mins more, stir in the pesto and heat through.

## Poetry Corner "Spring" William Blake

Sound the flute! Now it's mute!  
Birds delight, day and night,  
Nightingale, in the dale,  
Lark in sky,— Merrily,  
Merrily, merrily to welcome in the year.

Little boy, full of joy;  
Little girl, sweet and small;  
Cock does crow, So do you;  
Merry voice, Infant noise;  
Merrily, merrily to welcome in the year.

Little lamb, here I am;  
Come and lick my white neck;  
Let me pull your soft wool;  
Let me kiss your soft face;  
Merrily, merrily we welcome in the year.



## Oxfordshire School Aged Immunisation Service

The School Aged Immunisation Service offer the following vaccines to eligible school aged children aged 5 to 16:

- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (TDP)
- Meningitis (ACWY)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Flu (seasonal)

### If your child is educated at home:

- They can attend a local Community Based Clinic
- Please contact us (details below) to book into a clinic and to provide consent

### If your child is in school:

- They will be offered their vaccinations at School
- The School will contact you directly with details

Contact us through our web address, by scanning the QR code or by calling 07920 254400

Or visit [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms)

To translate our webpages to other languages please click:



**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month  
[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)**

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## Sutton Singers.



Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesdays during term time at 7pm.

Would you like to sing? Come and join in the joy and fun of singing together? No auditions needed. We welcome new members, have parties sometimes and our Musical Director is a joy to work with, fun, encouraging and says everyone can sing!



Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson on  
Phone: 01865 881709 or  
email: [janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

**A date for your diary - Our Summer Festival Concert will be on Tuesday 20th June 7 for 7.30pm at The Chapel.**

Sutton Singers have recently performed at Chipping Norton Music Festival in the Adult Choirs section brilliantly guided by our fabulous and popular Musical Director Lizzie Soden to a Commended grade. It was a joyful experience. The photo shows us after the performance feeling very happy with our singing! We sang: Rise Up by Karine Polwart; I'm into Something Good by Gerry Goffin and Carole King; Winter Branches by Cristy Carey Miller; Let's Twist Again by Dave Appell and Kal Mann.

Come and join us to share in the fun!



Why are waterbeds so bouncy?  
They're filled with spring water.

Does February march?  
No, but April may!

Which month of the year is the shortest?  
May. It only has three letters.



**FREE ENTRY!!!**

**Sutton Village 2023**

# Classic Vehicle Show

Tuesday June 20th

From 6pm onwards...





**"Akeden"**  
Sutton Lane  
Sutton  
OX29 5RY

• CARS • TRACTORS • BIKES •  
• LIGHT COMMERCIALS •

BBQ • Refreshments • Raffle  
Aunt Sally Competition!

All proceeds to local charities

More Info 07795 371294

## Parish Meeting Monday 15 May 2023 7:30pm – till about 9:30pm

This is a meeting for the Parish, which is facilitated by the Parish Council.

All parishioners are welcome to come along and give feedback to the Parish Council, and meet local community groups, clubs and organisations.

We are inviting all co-ordinators of local groups to attend and market your organisation – you could put up a stand/table so attendee can come and talk to you.

Please contact Keith Hickson [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk) to reserve a table on the 15th May. If you cannot be there in person, you could provide A5/A6 information slip that tells people a little about your club/organisation, and who they should contact if they want to join your group.

This is an ideal opportunity to welcome new parishioners and remind our community about all the local clubs and organisations.

Speedwatch is still struggling to get enough active members on the system. We now have a scheme registered with the police but can't use it until we have enough volunteers. The volunteers will need to pass a simple online test to be registered. Without the right numbers the scheme will not be able to operate, which means we cannot monitor speeding traffic through the village.

This is an important initiative, if you can spare the time, please contact [tony@shpc.co.uk](mailto:tony@shpc.co.uk) for more information.

## CORONATION CAFE AT THE CHAPEL



WEDNESDAY 3 MAY  
10.00 – 12.00



FRESH ROASTED COFFEE  
SELECTION OF TEAS  
TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT  
BUTTERED TOAST.  
BOOKS AND GIFT TABLE TO BROWSE  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

### Final Word...

Loneliness is often called the "silent epidemic", as bad for your physical health as it is for your mental wellbeing. It's almost impossible to believe, in today's world of constant connectivity, that anyone should feel isolated and cut off. But they certainly do. We have people in our community who are suffering and need YOUR / OUR help. Please let us know what organisations exist in our community to help OR if you have some free time to befriend a neighbour.