

# Village Voice



The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

October 2014

Welcome to October, the weathers turning, half term at the end of the month and Hallowe'en! Don't forget the clocks go back 2am 26<sup>th</sup> October!

## Royal British Legion



### 'Poppy Concert'

In the Village Hall  
25<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30

Includes Sutton Singers & Others  
Entry: £5 Adults, Children Free.

## The Summer festival Committee

will be starting meetings in the very near future to plan the Festival for 2015.

If you would like to take part and join in these fun meetings to create an event that the whole village enjoys, please do get in touch.

We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas.

Contact: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk – 07881900920



## The Village Hall News Quiz!

The Village Hall Quiz will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
7.30pm for an 8pm start, hot supper included.  
Teams of 6. Tickets £10/head from jo@marketing-sense.co.uk  
or the village shop.

## Village Markets

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October,  
1<sup>st</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December,**  
all from 12 till 2pm at the Village Hall  
*New stall holders always welcome. Email  
jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.*

Bookings for Stanton Harcourt Village Hall - please contact: Jane Eagle (880736) or jane@goldenbridge.freeserve.co.uk for details of hiring charges and availability.

*If you are interested in giving a few hours a month to help run this fantastic facility for the village, our next meeting is on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Come along and meet us at Village markets or the Quiz.*

## FOSHS Hallowe'en Party

at the Village Hall  
31<sup>st</sup> October from 5-7pm



## This Month's Brain-Teaser!

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

*Answer to last month's: 'Because they're all married!'*

## PLEASE VOTE FOR SHAPE!

Our village play area project is in with a chance to win up to £3000 from the Lloyds Bank Community Fund.

**Have you voted yet? Have you used all the different methods to cast your votes? We really need your support!**

Voting closes on **10 October** so please act now...

This is how you can vote:-

**SMS TEXT:** send the message '**VOTE WGB**' to 61119 (standard SMS rate – no additional charge)

**ONLINE:** Go to [bitly.com/voteshape](http://bitly.com/voteshape) - click on the green box to vote – you will receive an email which you need to click to verify your vote

**TWITTER:** Tweet **#COMMFUND WGB**

**BRANCH VISIT:** Pop in to the Witney branch of Lloyds to collect a token to place in the SHAPE slot of the voting stand (you can do this as many times as you like)

Don't forget – you can vote more than once i.e. each person can send a text + go online + visit Lloyds + tweet

Finally – please do everything you can to share and encourage your teenagers, husbands, wives, partners, family, friends, colleagues to VOTE FOR SHAPE!

**THANK YOU!**



## A Moust-Do!

I will be participating in Movember this year and would like to extend an invitation to the men of the village to join in.

Behind the facial japery, there is serious intent to change men's attitude to health issues that affect them, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.

When I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in February, at the age of 48, I knew next to nothing about it, yet it is the most common cancer in men - 1 in 8 of us will get it and every hour one man dies from prostate cancer in England.

I will be shaving my beard off on 1<sup>st</sup> November and growing a mo this year to help raise awareness of men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer. If anyone would like to join me, they'd be very welcome!

To find out more about Movember, join my team or donate, please visit:

[MOBRO.CO/pickledwalnut](http://MOBRO.CO/pickledwalnut)

Mo'ver and out.

*Steve Tuck*

The new school term is well and truly underway and the children have an exciting curriculum planned. Our topics for the term include Fire & Festivals, Built to Last and Romans. The staff are working hard to meet all the new changes in education as this year sees not only our move to being part of the Eynsham Partnership Academy (EPA) but lots of reform from the government.

Being part of the EPA is already making a difference to how we work in school and the seven schools in the EPA are working more closely than ever and sharing resources to support the ever-changing picture of provision for 2-19 year-olds in our wider community. For us, this means that we have a little more money to play with (but please still keep supporting our wonderful PTA, FOSHS!) and we can work to provide a curriculum with more continuity across all six primary schools so that children transfer to their secondary school having had a similar experience beforehand.

Enriching that experience in a creative and exciting way is still our priority and we welcome as many members of our community into school as possible so, if you have a skill to share (whether or not you have primary school aged children) or would like to support reading in our Key Stage 1 class (children in Yrs 1 and 2) please do get in touch with our office at: [office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk)

*Karen Jupp, Headteacher*

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

On behalf of Anne James and Family we would like to thank everyone who attended the consultation event on 15<sup>th</sup> July and also to those people who sent us their comments regarding the development proposals for

**"Greensleeves", Blackditch, Stanton Harcourt**

We are now reviewing those comments and will keep the community informed

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WASHBOURNEFIELD

## Vodafone rolls out rural network coverage

Fed up with a poor mobile phone signal in Stanton Harcourt and Sutton? Vodafone UK has teamed up with the National Association of Local Councils and the Countryside Alliance to encourage more communities to apply to its Rural Open Sure Signal programme which will give 100 rural communities across the UK the opportunity to have 3G

mobile coverage. An Open Sure Signal unit is a larger version of the standard Sure Signal (which creates 3G signal in your home or small office). It's also 'open', so as long as you're within range and have a 3G device, you'll automatically connect to it. This means you'll be able to make clear calls and get online in rural locations where you couldn't before. Open Sure Signal would require the mounting of around 5 small, low-powered 3G mobile base stations, just a bit larger than your home broadband box and mounted high onto a chimney breast, pole or wall in a vertical position. There's a choice of coloured covers to ensure they blend in to the surroundings. It works with a local broadband connection to create a 3G signal. Please check out the Vodafone website <http://www.vodafone.co.uk> for more information. If you think this would be a good initiative for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton please email Nigel Elliott – [nigellelliottv8@gmail.com](mailto:nigellelliottv8@gmail.com) so that we can gauge the level of support and decide if an application for rural open sure signal is viable.

## Parish Council News

### NEXT PC MEETING

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm.

### Do you have any photos of the old Blackditch Nissen Huts?

A request for anyone who has personal photographs of the Nissen huts in Blackditch from WWII to let us know, as someone who was born in one would love to have a copy!

### WODC and the Local Plan

WODC has recently published its Local Plan and a member of SHPC attended WODC's consultation presentation earlier this month to find out what the implications are for Stanton Harcourt.

Key points are: WODC said that West Oxfordshire is now subject to many and sometimes speculative housing development plans – but no large scale 'serious' plan had been submitted for SH; in many ways, SH was far more fortunate in this respect than some surrounding villages that are currently subject to relatively large expansions; the importance of maintaining the distinctiveness of SH and Sutton; one of the factors 'protecting' us from large scale expansion was our low level of sustainability, i.e. few resources or amenities to support large expansion; in the absence of relatively large scale s106 payments being available (which there aren't), the Sutton bypass is currently not scheduled to go forward.

Overall, SSHPC was encouraged by WODC's understanding of SH and slightly comforted. However, we must be **very, very** vigilant if we want to preserve the rural nature of our village and community.

*Glyn Jones*

### Chicane Crossing - Notice from Oxfordshire County Council Highways Dept

The Parish Council and SHAPE's project to develop Jubilee Field as a children's play area has given careful consideration to the safety of children crossing the main road to reach Jubilee Field. We have been working with Oxfordshire County Council's Highways Dept to develop a scheme to improve pedestrian safety, and OCC's proposal is now ready for viewing.

A summary of the proposal is as follows:-

*“The County Council acting at the request of Stanton Harcourt Parish Council are proposing to introduce a traffic calming feature at the entry to Stanton Harcourt. The proposed traffic island or “build out” is to be located on Main Road just north of Flexneys Paddock. The island will be built across the approach lane into the village and supplemented with advance warning signs and “priority working” signs. Incoming vehicles will be required to slow and give way to outbound vehicles. The aim of the above is to slow vehicles entering the village and assist pedestrians in crossing Main Road and thereby improve conditions for all classes of road user within the village, including pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable users. It is our intention to construct the feature in the late spring if no objections or sooner if possible.”*

Full details and drawings may be obtained from the Parish Clerk, and are available to view on the Parish Council’s website and noticeboards in the village.

Please note that any queries or objections need to be received by Friday 7th November 2014 and should be addressed to James Wright, Highways & Transport, Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell St, Oxford OX1 1NE, tel 01865 815551, email james.wright@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Or you can pass any comments of concern or approval to SHAPE or the Parish Council.

**A 'shocking' arrival in the village....**



Picture Caption: Cllr Glyn Jones, Cllr & Chairman Charles Mathew, with Dick Tracey (NHS) and Alison Hill of the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Jose Eaton accepting the defibrillator

The Parish Council are delighted to confirm that the defibrillator has arrived and will be installed in the very near future. Details of training for use of the unit, for those interested, will be published very soon.

The Parish Council ask that as the defibrillator will be positioned in a public place, all be vigilant, and report any concerns about its safety to the clerk, a councillor or in extremis, the Police.

**Highways Inspection**

OCC Highways, together with our Chairman, Charles Mathew, walked the roads in West End and it is hopeful that repairs will be carried out as a result.

**Jubilee Field**

The Parish Council is very pleased that Aurora Fashion used the Jubilee Field for recreational purposes on 11th September and as a result has promised a contribution to Shape towards their fundraising.

**A further reminder....**

Recent editions of Village Voice had reminders concerning dog pooh, hedge trimming on public footpaths and ditch clearing prior to winter setting in. The Parish Council are grateful to those that acted and

to those that did not, would ask them to do so as soon as possible.

**The Leys Footpath**

David Bury has elected not to change the recently installed barbed wire fencing along the Leys footpath to the other side of the post. In the interests of safety, the Parish Council had asked him to do so and will be reiterating this request.

**The Stocks**

The Parish Council is delighted at the result of recent renovation of the thatch on the Stocks outside the Harcourt Arms.

**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>

**The Page 3 Bird**

This Month’s Bird is Jade a Green Woodpecker! ‘Picus viridis’. Rather well camouflaged against grass she spends her time hoovering up ants from your garden – look for the patch of grass that flies off to make a house in a nearby tree. You can hear her doing a bit of DIY in the evenings, or her song which sounds a bit like she’s laughing!



Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

**The Harcourt Arms**



Regular menu offers:

**Wednesday Night**

Fish and Chips & a free drink ~ £10.95

**Thursday Night**

Steak night from £8.95 pp & free pudding

**Lunchtime à la carte menu**

now available 12.00–2.30 pm

**À la carte dinner menu**

Available Tuesday to Saturday from 6.00 to 9.30 pm

**Sunday lunch ~ from £9.50 pp**

Tel: 01865 881931 Emails: ahailes@btinternet.com and calleyone@hotmail.com

**At EYNESHAM EMPORIUM**

on SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

**FROM 9.30 HALF-PRICE SALE OF COOKWARE**

We are discontinuing cookware and are keen to sell it off so that we can re-invest, and make space for, our new ranges in time for Christmas. So if something by Good Grips, Kuhn Rikon, Stellar or Swift would make a nice present Saturday is the day to come.

**FROM 1-8PM 3rd ANNUAL LATE SUMMER PARTY**

Combining with Eynsham Cellars, our independent off licence, and the soon to open Eynsham Kitchen, we will be serving from 1pm. David is popping up at the Emporium with some preview dishes he'll be cooking at the Eynsham Kitchen and Oli and Iain will be offering free tastings, and beer and wine to buy. Music will start at 5pm and we'll carry on till 8. Entertainment at Eynsham Emporium... do join us.



**Rotary Club of Eynsham**  
invites you to come along to a fundraising



**CHARITY RACE NIGHT**

Saturday 18th October, 2014

Bartholomew School

First Race 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm

Ticket Price £10 (includes 2 course meal)

Book your table in advance - Tickets available from DIY  
Evenlode, Roy Wilkinson 07970 227364, Phil Spencer 01865  
881025. Tony Robinson 07774 141455

**ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL & ROTARY CHARITIES**

**Eynsham Arts Group Autumn Exhibition**

**'Fifty Shades of Red'**

Open: 11am till 4:30pm in the Bartholomew Rooms,

Eynsham Square on:

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Lower Windrush Valley Project talk**

at Witney Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Witney

**The Magic in Meadows**, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7-9pm.

Lowland meadows have been a traditional feature of the landscape for hundreds of years but are now greatly reduced in area. Why are meadows so special? What are we doing locally and nationally to conserve and restore them?

**GreenTEA**

**'Fruit Festival'**

On Sat Oct 18th at St Leonards Church Hall,

Eynsham Square, OX29 4HF 2pm-4.30pm

Including our generous AppleShare, apple juicing, games for all ages, expert grafters and pruners and identify your apple facility!

**Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum (Woodstock),**

**Autumn Series of lectures**

**18 October - Gorden Russell Design - The Early**

**Years** As usual the lectures are held in the Coach House at

3pm. Tickets are £7 and are available from the following;

- The Oxfordshire Museum reception
- Trevor heny (01993 812103)
- The Woodstock Bookshop (01993 812760)
- And on the day at the venue

**Deadline for next issue is 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**village-voice@hotmail.co.uk**

**AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, reviewers, & deliverers**

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**St Michael's Church**

For help or advice on service arrangements contact

Rev Andrew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church

Warden Pat Burden: ☎ 01865 880652

**News from St Michael's**

The Pilgrim Course will start this month, exploring what 'Turning to Christ' means today. The six sessions will be running on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Call the Rector, Rev Drew Tweedy on 880914 for further details.

**October**

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b><br>9:30am   | <b>Harvest Festival</b>     | Stanton Harcourt        |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup></b><br>10:30am | Benefice Communion          | Stanton Harcourt        |
| <b>6:00pm</b>                     | <b>Taizé Prayer Service</b> | <b>Stanton Harcourt</b> |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup></b><br>10:30am | All Age Service             | Stanton Harcourt        |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup></b><br>8am     | Holy Communion (BCP)        | Stanton Harcourt        |

*Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am in St Giles Standlake*

**Sutton Methodist Chapel**

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

**October**

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| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10am | Local Arrangement<br>Harvest Festival |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> | 10am | Mrs Dawn Haley                        |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>st</sup></b> | 10am | Local Arrangement                     |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> | 10am | Mr Eddie Fowler                       |

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> October**, Coffee morning, 10.00–11.30 am. All welcome – if anyone would like to come and requires a lift to Chapel and home afterwards, please call 882051.

**The Catholic Church of St Peter**

**Abbey Street, Eynsham.** The Catholic church for Sutton & Stanton Harcourt

**Fr Martin Flatman**

☎ 07719 646790 ✉ frmartinflatman@gmail.com

**Website:** www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

**Weekend Services**

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

**Special Events**

All Saints Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November, Mass at 10am and 7:30pm.

Eynsham 'One World Week' sale, at Eynsham Baptist Church Hall, 10am – Noon, seasonal gifts and cakes from appropriate charities, with refreshments available.

**Recipe of the Month!** No space for a recipe this month ... looks like we're having toast!

**A plea on behalf of FOSHS**

During the jumble sale on 20th September at the village hall. A blonde lady with a gold colored car, accidentally bought one of the village hall oil filled heaters, which was right next to the bric-a-brac stall. We would be very grateful to get it back again, so if you know who bought it, if you think you might know who it is, please contact a member of FOSHS.