
Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

November 2023

Calendar – November 2023

Monday 6th 7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting, Guardroom

Wednesday 8th, 10.00am – Café at the Chapel

Saturday 4th, 8.00am – Men's Breakfast, Harcourt Arms (see entry for details)

Friday 10th and 24th – Village Baby and Toddler Group – contact shbabyandtoddlergroup@gmail.com for details

Saturday 11th, 12pm – Village Market

Every Thursday – Lunch Club (see entry for contact details) and Yoga with Alison James (see the entry for details)

Every Tuesday (term time) – 7pm Sutton Singers (see entry for contact details)

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our Parish

With so many new people moving into our Parish over the last few months, a very warm welcome from your Parish Council. Please take a few moments to have a look on the Council website to see what's happening and how you can get involved

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

We would love to see you at the next meeting and welcome any questions that you may have.

Outside of the Parish Council website, there is also the Village Voice publication and a Facebook page, again all brimming with news and information for you.

Ensure you can have your say – empowering young voices

Working with data from the youth needs assessment, WODC is looking to create a dedicated youth specialist role to make sure that young voices are represented in future Council plans.

The introduction of the new youth specialist role will improve communication between the Council and its young residents, prioritising their needs in discussions around major Council strategies, including the Local Plan, climate strategies and the Council plan. Supported by research

indicating the strong desire for young people to contribute their ideas and be heard, this initiative aims to ensure young people are actively involved and represented in decisions shaping the development of their communities.

Keep an eye out for any further news on this subject through the WODC website.

Don't lose your vote

With District Council, Parish Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections coming up next year, check now to make sure that you are registered to vote.

Letters have started to make their way to your door for you to check your details, but if you want to check or even update your records ahead of the letters, you can do so at

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Recent home movers in particular are urged to check their details. Electoral Commission research has found that recent home movers are less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time.

Also, this time, ID will be required for you to be able to vote when you get to the polling stations. This can be any Government issued photo ID, even ID that has expired. Alternatively, if you do not have any, there is a scheme in place that allows you to apply for a voter authority certificate through www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

Anyone with questions about their registration status can contact the Council's electoral services team at elections@westoxon.gov.uk or by calling 01993 861410.

We have a current vacancy

The Parish Council is made up of a group of volunteers that work for you, to improve our parish. Being a Parish Councillor gives you an opportunity to get more involved, play a part in making decisions and to get to know more people. The Parish Council meets once a month as well as working with the district and county councils. If you think you have skills and the time to join or want any more details, please contact the Parish Council. There will also be a full election in May.

House checks with the cold weather coming

Now that the colder weather is starting to come in, now is the time to check that your heating supplies are working well. It is advised that boilers are serviced annually. Make sure that

your boiler engineer is registered with OFTEC or Gas Safe before they start work. It is also advised to bleed radiators before using them for the first time to make sure there is no air in them so they can work efficiently. Venting, or bleeding, is best carried out when the system is cold and off. Details on how to bleed your system can be found online.

Chimneys also require some maintenance. It is advisable to get your chimneys swept annually if you have a working fireplace or a log burning stove. Sweeping not only improves the efficiency of your chimney, but also reduces the risk of chimney fires. It is best to get a professional in to do this job and often takes less than an hour. Also take the time to check that your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms are all in working order.

Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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Charlie Maynard

- Mobile: 07487 708681
- Email: Charlie.maynard@westoxon.gov.uk

Your Oxfordshire County Councillor is:

Dan Levy

- Mobile: 07852 748362
- Email: dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Your Member of Parliament is:

Robert Courts

- Phone: 0207 219 5638
- Email: Robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

Matthew Judson, Chairman, matthew@shpc.co.uk

Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, rachel@shpc.co.uk

Keith Hickson, keith@shpc.co.uk

Joe Deane, joe@shpc.co.uk

Gill Sellars, gill@shpc.co.uk

Vacancy

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

POPPY APPEAL 2023

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2023 will launch on the 26th October will finish on the 12th November. Last year our villages raised just over £2000! Thank you for your kind donations.

There will be a house to house collection during these dates and poppies will be available from the shop and The Harcourt Arms. For further details or if you have some spare time to volunteer as a collector contact Alan 07703439088 or ajdyer961@gmail.com.

Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion

Annual Act of Remembrance

Sunday 12th November is the annual Act of Remembrance at St Michael's Church. We will gather in

the churchyard at 10.45-10.50, with a two minute silence at 11.00, followed by a church service. There will be a further short Act of Remembrance afterwards at the old airfield War Memorial. The whole community is invited to attend any part of these ceremonies, followed by refreshments at the Old Guardroom. We will be joined by the Harley-Davidson riders from the Black Mountains and Thames Valley chapters.

The Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion branch will be holding their AGM at the Old Guardroom on Thursday 30th November at 19.30 and we welcome anyone from our community to join us. You do not have to have served in the armed forces or be a member of the Royal British Legion to attend.



Witney Music Society

The second concert in Witney Music Society's new season will be a song recital by the tenor Alessandro Fisher with collaborative pianist Ashok Gupta. Their programme will include works by Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, Schubert and Chausson. The concert is at 7.30 pm on Friday 10 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online. For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

Yoga at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Thursday's 10-11am

New Yoga sessions starting on Thursday 2nd November, please do come along, suitable for all levels and will be shaped by who comes along. This is a new class aimed to increase positive wellbeing, relaxation, and to have a

good stretch. The style is called Anahata yoga and uses flowing sequences designed to help clear the mind and increase flexibility. It is also a great opportunity to meet others in the village and get together.

This class is donation based, with a suggested donation of £8. Any donation welcome, it is more important that if you think the class would benefit you that you come along. I look forward to meeting you there, all equipment provided (or welcome to bring your own). Big Thanks alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice – St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

*****Evening Prayer said most Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm*****

November Services

2nd 19:00 All Souls Service at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

5th 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) followed by breakfast

12th 10:45 Remembrance Service at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

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

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

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/

Tombola and Gift Shop. Combe Mill's blacksmiths will be in the Forge to make pokers, with VIEWING ONLY in the Mill, no machinery operating. Blacksmiths items on sale, made by our very own blacksmiths, make a very popular gift for Christmas. Free Entry & Car Parking. Dog on Leads most welcome. Tea room will be open, BBQ, Gift Shop and Tombola.

Ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come to an event when you will see where you have an interest and can join the 'Team'

THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

We meet every Thursday at Northmoor Village Hall between 12 noon and 2 pm and welcome residents from Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor and Standlake. We have been running for 19 years now and our members look forward to Thursdays to get out of the house to enjoy a good lunch and meet up with many other local people. We have several excellent cooks but would always welcome anyone else interested in providing a wholesome lunch or pudding. If you think you or someone you know would benefit from joining us, please contact Anna Cross 881363 or Michael Druce 300480.

200 Club draw for October, and November

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| <u>October</u> | First Prize | 193 P Harrison | £25 |
| | | 236 M. Boorer | 12 |
| | | 100 P. Burden | 8 |
| | | 181 J. Holland | 5 |
| <u>November</u> | First Prize | 256 I Davidson | £25 |
| | | 110 R. Morris | 12 |
| | | 222 Paul Cross | 8 |
| | | 247 Brendan Cross | 5 |

There are still numbers available for anyone to join for £6 per ticket per year. Please see Liz Strange 882020



CAFE AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 8 NOV

10.00 – 12.00

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE / SELECTION OF TEAS
TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT BUTTERED TOAST.

BOOKS AND GIFTS SALE TABLE TO BROWSE
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Combe Mill 'Not In Steam'

Christmas Fayre – Sunday 3rd December
Blenheim Palace Sawmills, OX29 8ET

11.00am to 4.00pm.

Don't miss out, come along and bring the children 'Listen to a story with Santa' get a present, browse the stalls for a Christmas gift, enjoy a BBQ, Mulled Wine & Chestnuts, Tea Room Open, Raffle with fantastic prizes,

HANBOROUGH MUSICAL FIREWORKS

03 NOV
Gates 6pm
Display 7.15pm

Adults £5
Children £2
CASH ONLY: ALL PROFITS GO TO LOCAL CHARITY

- BBQ/Baked Potatoes
- Mulled Wine
- Fairground Rides

LONG HANBOROUGH PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILION

No on-site parking. Please Park at the train station and walk up.
Contact: longhanboroughfireworks@gmail.com 07747 184278

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 - Lizzie Soden - 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

A date for your diary - Our Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church is on Tues 19th December 2023 at 7.30 to start singing. This year we are preparing for some well-loved songs for everyone to join in with as well as A Sutton Singers Performance. Don't miss this joyous festive event. Entrance £5 on the door in aid of St Michael's Church. Light festive refreshments after the concert.

Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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

Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00



Monthly Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meet ups are held at The Harcourt Arms on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am to approx. 09:15 for a breakfast & general social chat. Price of a Full English, with tea/ coffee & toast currently £12 per head, other breakfasts available off the menu. Open invitation to all, but anyone who would like to come along please let Rob Brown know by text or telephone on 07957 664117 or email

rlindsaybrown@btinternet.com so he can give the Arms numbers by the Thursday beforehand.

The Lower Windrush History Club

The Club will be coming to Stanton Harcourt on 5th December, which is a change to their usual venue in Standlake. New members are very welcome and subs are £25/person for the complete season. Non-members can attend individual talks for £5/person.

If you'd like to join as a member, just go along to the first meeting with payment, or drop an email to lwhscommittee@gmail.com

7th November 2023 – Standlake Village Hall 7.30pm
Simon Randall – The English Civil War in the Cotswolds
5th December 2023 – Old Guardroom, Stanton Harcourt 7.30pm
Antonia Keaney – Blenheim: Christmas Past and Present.



Tickets available from Village Shop, Lucy Heath lucyheath1@gmail.com or 07711 704475 or Jan Tomlinson janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com or 07720 844973. Tickets also available direct from Watermill Website: www.watermill.org.uk Go to Whats on, click on Macbeth, then click Details scroll down and you'll see Stanton Harcourt under Macbeth on tour. Tickets going fast so don't miss out.

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2024

Dates for your diary!

Following our wonderful "Wonderland" summer festival week last June, the Festival Committee are now turning their attention to plans for 2024!

Our week of Summer Festival events in 2024 will take place from:

15th June to 23rd June

Our village **Festival Day** will take place on
Saturday 22nd June

We will reveal the theme for Festival 24 in the December edition of Village Voice so do look out for that announcement and make a note of the above dates in your 2024 calendars – you will not want to miss out on another fabulous week of village festivities and events! If you already have ideas for an event that you would like to hold or if you would like to get involved in organising the week then you can email Jo Wilby at jowilby@hotmail.co.uk We look forward to hearing from lots of you! Cheers.

The Festival Committee

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