

Now i need a volunteer from the Audience....

Looking to volunteer and would like to help in your local community?

Connection Support is looking for volunteers to help, particularly with driving and accompanying people to appointments in the Witney area.

For more information and to find out how you could get involved please contact:

Angela Dormon, Volunteer Co-ordinator, 07799 110037
Email: angeladormon@connectionsupport.org.uk

You can find out more about our organisation at:
www.connectionsupport.org.uk

A Note from the Editor

Don't forget to keep warm and look out for each other.

We (me myself and I, as De la Soul would say) get to have January off from the newsletter but we'll be back in February if we're still here, with more exciting news and hopefully better weather. Happy Christmas Y'all!

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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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

December Services (at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)

3rd 9:30 Parish Communion

9th (Saturday) 4:30 Carol Service with donation of toys for the Salvation Army

10th 10:30 Benefice Communion

24th 11:30pm Midnight Communion

25th 10:30 All Age Worship

31st Benefice Communion at **Standlake**
January Services

7th 9.30 Parish Communion

14th 10.30 Benefice Communion at Northmoor

21st 10.30 All Age Worship

6.00pm Taizé Service

28th 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

All regular services at 10am on Sundays

December

3rd Informal Gathering

10th Richard Bowler

17th Rev Rose Westwood inc. Holy Communion

24th 4pm Carols and Cakes - Mr Owen Carney

31st No Service

Coffee Morning 6th December & 3rd January 10-11:30

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

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES are as follows

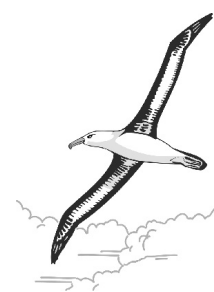
CHRISTMAS EVE : FIRST MASS of CHRISTMAS 5.00pm

especially suitable for children

CAROLS by Candlelight 11.30pm followed by MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY : CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.00am

NEW YEARS DAY : Monday 1st January : MASS 10.00am



Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton **December 2017**

December

4th Parish Council Meeting

5th Sutton Singers at the Church!

8th School Christmas Fayre

9th Village Market and Cafe

12th Tuesday Girls

19th End of School Term - Yay!

24th Carols and Cake at Sutton Chapel
Merry Chirstmas!

January

1st New Years Day Walk - Happy New Year!

20th Big Fat Quiz of the Year

ADVENT WINDOWS 2017

**Windows will be illuminated after dark.
Get your guide for 50p at the Village Shop.**



Sutton Singers Concerts

You are invited to come and watch Sutton Singers at two Christmas concerts. First one on 5th December in St. Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt. At 7.30 £5 on the door to include a glass of wine and mince pies.



Second is at Morrisons supermarket in Carterton on 12th December from 7.30.

Village Cafe and Market

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 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)



SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER AT 4.00 PM OUR ANNUAL 'CAROLS AND CAKE' AT SUTTON CHAPEL.

Bring the family and come and celebrate the start of Christmas with us at our informal Christmas Eve celebration.

Choose your favourite carols to sing, bells for the children to shake! Live music and screened carols and scenes of Christmas.

Then stay for light refreshments and cake!

Warning! This may seriously get you in the mood for Christmas!

Dear residents (A Message from the Rozzers)

Over the last few weeks there has been a sharp rise in burglaries in our area. The most recent being Witney, Carterton & Chipping Norton although there have been a number of similar incidents in Banbury, Bicester & Kidlington.

Offenders appear to be gaining access via the rear of properties either unlocked doors, forcing entry by levering windows/doors or smashing glass and stealing cash and jewellery.

A person has recently arrested and appeared in court but offences would appear to be continuing.

We are increasing our patrols but would welcome any information related to these recent burglaries. Your information could be the one piece of the jigsaw that is needed to apprehend these individuals.

Things to watch out for are

- Any suspicious activity including door to door sales/purchasing.
- Individuals offering to do groundwork, building or general outside maintenance of your property. .
- Strange vehicles in your area.

Protect your property

- Keep a light on even when you're not at home. A lamp on a timer switch is a great deterrent
- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Don't leave car keys and other valuables on display
- Install an outside light and if you already have one check that its working

- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property

- Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or lockable draw.

Increased vigilance can prevent further offences and play a major part in an investigation should an incident occur.

Please report any suspicious activity to police on 999,101 or online

We welcome your support and information.

Thank you

Royal British Legion

The Stanton Harcourt Branch Royal British Legion standard was paraded on Remembrance Sunday.

The Poppy Fund collection in the village shop and Stanton Harcourt Primary School raised £350-79

The collection taken in church on Remembrance Sunday raised £180.33

In addition, a generous donation was given to the Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Branch.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.



Speed limits in Sutton

On behalf of the national 20's Plenty campaign to reduce speed limits in the UK we would like to dissociate ourselves from the placement of improvised 20 mph signs over the legal 30 mph signs in Sutton Lane and New Road as reported in the last edition of VV. The 20's Plenty campaign works within strict rules one of which is to campaign only within the law.

A survey conducted in November 2016 showed that 98% of those residents of Sutton Lane and New Road, and roads coming off them, agreed with the principle of legally reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph. Members of the 20's Plenty campaign asked Stanton Harcourt Parish Council if they would support the campaign which would involve OCC surveys and take between 12 to 18 months to complete if the campaign was successful. To date we have had no reply. We would like to discuss with the Parish Council what support it can give us.

20's Plenty campaigns encourage vehicle drivers during the period of the campaign to drive responsibly where the legal speed limit is clearly too high** and local residents support the campaign. This is why 20's Plenty posters have been legally positioned along Sutton Lane and New Road urging drivers to be aware of their surroundings, especially before blind bends in those two roads. Residents have reported that the posters have been effective in reminding them to moderate their speed.

**Currently, two cars driving in opposite directions along Sutton Lane or New Road can do so legally passing each other at a closing speed of 60 mph.

Hit by a car at 40 mph, a pedestrian has an 85 per cent chance of being killed, 55% at 30 mph and 5 per cent at 20 mph. (Statistics from Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety.)

John Brown, Gil Hilleard, Mike Parker, Richard Thomson - Sutton residents

The Big Fat Quiz of 2017

Saturday 20th January
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Doors open 7:00pm
Quiz starts 7:30pm

Maximum 6 per team
Bar and Snacks
Tickets £5
Available after Christmas
look out for posters.

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival

Dates to be confirmed in February issue!



Tuesday Girls

The December meeting will be our Christmas party evening. So dust off your silly Christmas hats and jumpers and join us on Tuesday 12th December 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Please remember to bring a small plate of finger food and a secret Santa gift. For more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Make it a great start to 2018! Join us for the now traditional mass tramp over the fields down to the river and back. The walk will start from the bottom of Sutton Lane at around 11am. Preliminary coffee or tea and biscuits and a warm welcome will be available from one of the cottages down here from around 10.30. Strangely, we are not quite sure which cottage yet so you'll need to keep an eagle eye open for the signs on the day! Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Church 200 Club December draw			
1st	225 R Lucas	2nd	162 V Mullard
3rd	272 R Strange	4th	121 E Turner

Tickets for the St Michael's Church Christmas Raffle will soon be available from the Village Shop and numerous sellers around the village. This is a chance to win a Fabulous Christmas Hamper, and lots of other Christmas Goodies. This year the proceeds will be directed towards the upkeep of St Michael's Church, a beautiful and historic building dating from the 12th Century. This is just one of the many considerations that the PCC and congregation have to budget for to keep the Church building safe, open and available to all. We have plenty of tickets, so if you would like to sell some on behalf of the Church, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Any offers of prizes of a festive nature would also be much appreciated. Sue Brown (882247) Bronwen Buckley (883704) Pat Burden (880652) Jane Watts (882361)

EYNHAM EMPORIUM

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Serving light lunches and food all day.

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9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717.
info: www.eynham-emporium.co.uk
32-34 Mill Street, Eynham, OX29 4JS

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING:Monday 4th December 7:30

Sheehans Planning
At an Oxfordshire County Council Planning and Regulation Committee on Monday 27th November, the Application for an increase in input from 100,000 tonnes to 175,000 tonnes for their recycling operation in Dix Pit was presented. Charles Mathew opposed the increase and suggested that it was staggered if the Committee wished to support the Officers' recommendation of 'Accept'.(ie 137,500 tonnes while the traffic effect was monitored.) The latter was supported by the Committee and decision was deferred. It is understood that Sheehans are presently unwilling to compromise.
www.pc.stantonharcourt.online
Parish Council Information
All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. trudigasser@rocketmail.com

Eynsham Rotary Club
Santa's Schedule:
•Monday December 11th - Long / Church Hanborough
•Wednesday December 13th - Cassington
•Thursday December 14th - Eynsham Central
•Monday December 18th - Eynsham East
•Tuesday December 19th - Freeland
•Wednesday December 20th - Eynsham West
•Thursday December 21st - Eynsham Spareacre NB
All routes and dates may be revised. Please check Eynsham Online for latest information.

Christmas Concert at St Michael's

featuring the SUTTON SINGERS.
December 5th, 7pm. Entry £5.
Festive Refreshments will be served.

Save the date.... Saturday 12th May 2018
Following the success and popularity of the two Watermill Theatre productions we hosted at the Village Hall this year, we have been offered another one in Spring. This time a comedy set in the early 1800s.
Burke and Hare
1828, Edinburgh.
Two Williams, William Burke and William Hare, discover a money making scheme far more lucrative than hosting lodgers. The first rule of business? Supply and demand. In the leading city for medical research, there's a huge demand for bodies and an inconveniently low number of deaths. The profitable solution? Murder, of course.

As the infamous pair flourish in their new found careers, the more they murder, the less they care but for how long will they get away with it? In a new black comedy that is as hysterical as it is historical, three actors tell the true story of the prolific duo.
Witney Music Society
Witney Music Society's December concert will be given by Rosalind Ventris (viola) and Marisa Gupta (piano). The concert, featuring works by Schumann, J S Bach, Schubert, Britten and Brahms, will be at 7.30pm on Friday 8 December. Tickets (full price £12, senior concessions £11, under 18 £1) will be available at the door from 7pm. For more information, please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk


SCHOOL NEWS



Xmas Fair
We are pleased to announce the date for the Xmas Fair. It will be held on Friday 8th December from 5:30 -7:30 pm. Please contact a member of FOSH to find out how you can help.
Ground Force Day
A big thank you to parents who arrived in the pouring rain and spent a couple of hours tidying up the grounds
Children in Need
A big thank you for your kind donations to Children in need. We raised over £100 with our Non Uniform day.
Stay and Learn
Thank you for attending this event. We are hoping to have another one in February for reading and then June to learn about the teaching of Grammar.
Dates...
19th December End of Autumn Term 1:15pm finish
4th January 2018 Start of Spring Term
www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk
01865 881948
office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

FOSHS Grinch Themed Christmas Fayre


Stanton Harcourt School Christmas Fayre
Friday 8th December, 5.30-7.30pm
Stanton Harcourt School



Have you heard?! The Grinch is heading towards Stanton Harcourt!! If you haven't heard of the Grinch before, he was a funny being who hated Christmas and it is thought the reason he hated Christmas so much was because his heart was two sizes too small. He hatched a plan to steal Christmas from his community and he took away all their presents and all their delicious food. But on Christmas morning when he looked down on Who-ville town he sees everyone together, singing and being merry anyway...

This year we hope you can join us for a Grinch Christmas Fayre and show the Grinch that "...Christmas doesn't come from a store...Christmas perhaps means a little bit more!"

Join us in your best Christmas jumpers for mulled wine, mince pies and merriment. There will be lots of pocket money games and crafts for the children to enjoy, a movie screening and our usual raffle but most of all, as we believe the Grinch will find out, Stanton Harcourt School will make your heart grow three sizes more with true Christmas spirit!

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This months bird is Alice, she is a wondering albatross and one of the biggest birds in the world with a wingspan up to 3.5m. Her kind are becoming endagnered due to longline fishing, it's estimated 1 is killed every 5 minutes. Albatrosses mate for life but only lay one egg a year, a very big egg too! Alatrosses eat fish and squid and fly around the entire world, one was even tracked doing the trip in as little as 46 days. Albatrosses get more white feathers with age, and can live as long as 50yrs becoming completely white.