



Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July 2015

Welcome to the July issue, full of sunshine! We'll be taking a break in August as usual but back in September

Vintage tea party at St Michael's Church

Sunday July 5th 3 - 4:30pm

Come and enjoy delicious cakes and cream teas.

No tickets required, pay as you eat!

Village Markets

4th July

1st August

12 -2pm Free entry – all welcome.

Due to demand, we are now continuing our popular Village Market and Café throughout July and August! It's always from 12-2pm on the first Saturday in the month. We have lots of fabulous stallholders selling great local produce, baking and crafts – do pop in and have a look round and enjoy a mug of fresh coffee with home-baked cake or a bowl of home-made soup in our Market Café. *New stall holders always welcome.*

Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.



Village Hall Pub Night

Pimms (or a Pint) and Puds Pub Night! Saturday 11 July from 8pm. Tickets £5 from the Village Shop. Licensed bar. Enjoy a delicious homemade pud with a glass of Pimms (or a pint of beer).....then stay on to chat with friends and neighbours!

Village Hall Quiz Night

Date for the diary: Quiz Night with supper on Sat 5th September

In aid of Village Hall funds.

Thank you! A huge 'Thank You' to all the Village Hall committee, their partners family members and other well wishers (too many to mention individually, but you know who you are!) who did so much through May and June to support many different, successful events: two village markets, a 'Call My Wine Bluff' evening, Licensed bar for Drama Group's Shakespeare production and both Bar and BBQ on Summer Festival Day. We are a small committee and a huge amount of work and support went into the organisation and delivery of everything. We try very hard to provide a good venue for the village, with events that people will enjoy. We very much appreciate all your support. Thank you again!, *Jane Eagle*

Village Hall Post Office & Shop

Shop opening times:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7am-12.30pm

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7am-12noon

Saturdays: 8am-12.30pm

Sundays: 8am-12noon

Post Office service:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12.30pm

In Memory of Eric Hailes

It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of Eric Hailes.

A most famous village elder, always on hand with advice and a smile. Making the village a brighter and better place for all of us.

Eric will be missed by his family, many of us in the village and many further afar.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2:30pm at St Michaels Church, followed by a private committal at the crematorium.



Royal British Legion

A big thank you to Nigel and Rachel Elliot for the fundraising BBQ during Festival week. As well as for supporting FOSHS, funds were also raised for the RBL - and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thank you too to all who visited the RBL stall on Festival day.

The next meeting of the RBL Stanton Harcourt branch is at **8 pm on Thurs 16 July**,

in the small room in the Village Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to become a member of the RBL, membership forms are available from the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone 01865 881664. *Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772*

Bounce News!

I'd like to say a massive thank you to the Bounce dancers who put on a fabulous display on Festival day. They had to remember so many moves and sequences, especially those who also danced for the school performance. Thanks to Imogen Dooley who assisted throughout the process and also to Eleanor Tuck who helped the youngest children and compiled all the music for the day. I couldn't do without you guys! We are next performing on Saturday July 11th in the Village Hall at 11.15 a.m for our summer coffee morning.

Hope to see you there!

Jenny Posselwhite- Bounce Dance Teacher

Small Breakfast

Saturday 18th July 9 - 11

Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

Mobile Library

As from Friday, 17 July the Mobile Library will visit every 2 weeks at the Village Hall from 11.30 - 12.00 - so handy for when you are visiting the shop as well.

STANTON HARCOURT DRAMA GROUP

A huge thank you to the cast and the behind the scenes team for putting on what seems to have been a very successful production of The Complete and Reduced Works of Shakespeare. Can I add the things I had meant to say when up on the stage at the end - firstly how very welcome everyone has made me and Mike in the village and how blown away I was how everyone mucked in and helped - in particular Malcolm and Zoe Buckingham who masterminded the staging and lighting and Lucy and Thelma for their marvellous work with props.... there are so many people to thank, but it has reinforced my impression that our village is a truly vibrant community full of wonderful people. I feel blessed that we moved here.

Better stop in case I become too luvvie. *judith holder*

Tuesday Girls (TGs)

Our garden meeting in June, hosted by Pam and John Gullis, was a huge success. Their garden looked splendid and the hostas were breathtaking, (John's pride and joy). Pam provided the most amazing spread of food washed down with generous amounts of hot tea and coffee on what was a bit of a chilly evening. A very pleasant time was had by all. Our thanks go to Pam and John. A big thank you too, to everyone who provided bottles for our stall. It proved to be very popular on Festival Day with a steady flow of customers. At our meeting on July 14th, Clair, who is a beautician with Clinique, will be giving us a talk and demonstration. The meeting will be in the Function Room as usual at 7.30pm. We have another garden meeting planned for August but more news of that next month. Contact: Ann 880573.

Produce Show and Michaelmas Fair

Did you know that in 1912 the White Rajah of Sarawak opened the Stanton Harcourt village flower show? Many years have passed since then, but this year will see the revival of a grand village tradition. Stanton Harcourt Produce Show and Michaelmas Fair will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday 27 September from 1pm-4:30 pm. Categories will cover flowers, vegetables, eggs and other garden produce (including funniest shaped vegetable!), knitting, baking, jam-making, arts and crafts. There will be trophies, rosettes and certificates to win in the various categories for each age group. You now have the summer holidays to brush-up on your flower arranging skills, genetically modify your marrows and play heavy metal to your hens. Keep your eyes peeled for posters advertising the various classes and entry criteria. Contact Sandy Rich on 01865 881943 sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk for further information or if you would like to help with the planning of this exciting new event in the village calendar.

Eynsham Choral Society

We are a friendly, no audition, community choir with a wide range of both ages and experience. We invite new members to join us on Tuesday, 7 September at 7.30 in Eynsham Primary School to start preparing for a great Christmas concert at St Leonards Church, Eynsham, which includes Britten's Ceremony of Carols. If you are interested contact Olaf Rock, at ocr@cloverplace.co.uk or on 01865 430118. www.eynshamchoralsociety.org.uk

School News

Chef Required

The School Lunch Company is seeking to recruit a Chef Manager at Stanton Harcourt CE Primary School. Hours per week 20, Monday-Friday, term time only. Pay Rate £8.33 per hour. Enthusiasm essential, experience desirable, Training will be provided. Subject to an enhanced DBS check. For more details please contact: Les Redhead 07825344437

Update

Jubilee Field: as many of you will have seen, Jubilee Field has now been transformed from a grassy field to an exciting new play area. Although the contractors have now finished on site, the turfed and seeded areas need some time to establish before the play area can open for use – not long now! Please can all parents ensure that their children stay off the site until the security fencing has been removed and the field is open – thank you.

The Leys: work on the play area for younger children, is due to start very soon – we hope that the work will be completed before the start of the summer holidays.

Maintenance Rota – your help needed! Have you signed up for the SHAPE maintenance rota? Thank you if you have – we will be in touch with details soon. If you haven't yet volunteered, this is what is involved...The play areas are owned by the village and it's our community's responsibility to look after them. Having spent all this time and money getting them up and running, we want to keep them looking good for a long time! Hence the need for volunteers with a sense of community spirit. Anyone can help (though you need to be over 16). We need you to sign up for a week's slot (or more) a year. When it's your week, you will need to visit both Jubilee Field and The Leys at least twice to pick up litter, check for general tidiness and good order, undertake a basic inspection of the equipment (for which instructions will be given), and note and report any damage or problems. That's it! Please contact the SHAPE team if you are happy to be involved.

SHAPE on Facebook: are you a member of the SHAPE Facebook Page? Join our group page for updates and news – search for 'SHAPE Stanton Harcourt Action for Play and Enjoyment'

For more info Tel: 01865 881943
or email: shapecommittee@btinternet.com

The Page 3 Bird

This Month's bird is Courtney and she's a Chiffchaff. Famous for shaking her booty as she enjoys the company of insects gobbling them up while flying, identifiable by the chiffchaffing. If you don't catch her quick though she'll be off on holiday all the way till spring – it's alright for some!



Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 6th July 7:30pm

Security

As the summer is finally here... a word of caution to not leave any windows open in an unattended house, or any ladders lying around to give easy access to the undesirable....

Grass Cutting – Verges

You may have noticed that following an extremely good period of growth and the reduction of cuts from 5 times a year to twice by the County Council (in an effort to reduce cuts) the verges on the main roads are very overgrown – please take extra care at junctions, as visibility is very limited. The Parish Council will act on any reports of dangerous growth by junctions and arrange for them to be cut back. Please report any areas you feel pose a danger to the clerk (trudigasser@rocketmail.com).

Current Planning:

A new application from Sheehans

An application from Hansons for a batching plant at the old Conbloc site at Dix Pit

Watch this space.....

The Parish Council has been approached to hear plans of a new planning application in Sutton – more information will follow when received.

Subsidised buses and Dial-a-Ride - public consultation

Public consultation being held over the next 12 weeks, Further details about our proposals and an opportunity to respond can be found at:www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation

Why is the council making savings?

On-going cuts in central government funding mean Oxfordshire County Council has to make savings. The council is currently in the process of making approximately £290 million of savings. Those savings began in 2010 and run until 2018. On top of those savings, the council currently believes it may need to save a further £60 million.

Supported transport savings

As part of the council's budget setting process in February 2015, councillors reduced the overall supported transport budget by a fifth (£6.3 million). As far as possible, we are trying to make these savings in supported transport by running services more efficiently. We have identified that we can achieve nearly £3.7 million in savings by bringing together all the supported transport services we operate and fund. However, this is not enough. The council needs to find a minimum of £2.6 million in additional savings and this means looking at supported transport services which the council is not required to provide by law. This will inevitably impact some people in the county.

Have your say on our proposals

You can read a copy of the consultation document online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation or pick up a copy at an Oxfordshire County Council library.

There will also be five 'Subsidised Bus and Dial-a-Ride public consultation' events at venues across Oxfordshire including:

- Tues 7 July in Witney Methodist Church, Witney - 10.30am-12.00pm

Oxfordshire County Council have asked that the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC), a not for profit, community development organisation are the independent facilitator during the consultation. If you need support in commenting on the county council's proposals please get in touch with the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on 01865 883488 or email orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk.

Free Pension Advice from CAB:

Citizens' Advice West Oxfordshire, which is the delivery centre for the national Pension Wise service for individuals in Oxfordshire, Reading and Milton Keynes, are offering face-to-face Pension Wise appointments in a variety of locations across the region.

A Pension Wise appointment is intended to provide free guidance to individuals who are approaching retirement or are 55 or over, have a defined contribution pension, and are thinking of accessing their pension in the next six months.

The pension reforms that came in this April give people the freedom to access their defined contribution pension how and when they want. You can buy an annuity, or take your pension out in one go, or withdraw it bit by bit and leave some it invested. Planning for your retirement can be complicated so it's important to get guidance on your options.

The good news is that the Government has introduced Pension Wise, a new free service offering guidance online, over the phone with The Pensions Advisory Service, or face to face with Citizens Advice. The appointments are pre-booked 45 minute sessions tailored to your individual circumstances. Guidance is impartial, meaning that it will not recommend products or services, but they will describe your options and help you consider their impact.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the service in more detail then please telephone us on (0300) 3030127, or e-mail us at pensionwise@wocab.org.uk.

Path Warden Wanted:

Parish Path Warden

Would you like to help look after your local footpaths?

Oxfordshire Ramblers want to see a Path Warden in every Oxfordshire Parish.

- help keep your local paths accessible
- report problems
- work with your parish council

- Free training sessions available.
- This project is supported by O.C.C..
- All Parish Path Wardens are supplied with Guidelines and supported by local Ramblers.

Contact Jim Parke: jmh.parke@btinternet.com 01865 730664

Non members welcome.

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>

Big Summer Sing in Eynsham

On 19th July 2015, local folk singer Cat Kelly hopes to bring together around 100 people for a Sunday afternoon of singing in Eynsham Village Hall. This is the second year that Cat has held a summer singing event for members of the choirs she conducts all year round, but this year has decided to open it up to ANYONE who wants to come and join in! If you love a good sing but don't have time for a regular choir, this may be just the thing for you - a relaxed afternoon of singing, followed by an opportunity to perform what you've learnt, and a tasty buffet supper thrown in for good measure.

The Big Summer Sing will comprise an open-access workshop in the afternoon, with songs that are suitable for all ages and abilities. You'll learn to sing a variety of songs of different styles; from folk and world music to something a bit more contemporary, building from simple rounds into glorious harmonies! It doesn't matter if you aren't a confident singer, as there will be parts suitable for everyone, and there's absolutely no need to read music, as all the songs will be taught by ear.

After the workshop there will be a buffet supper, to which you can invite friends and family - the singers will perform all the songs they've learnt that afternoon, and there will be a joint performance by Rising Voices and Chipping Norton Singers, who between them amass some 80 voices.

Tickets for the whole event cost £12 and are available from www.catkelly.co.uk/events. Tickets for supper only are £7, or £5 for children.

For more information please visit www.catkelly.co.uk

Sam's Sketches

Original Local Drawings and Sketches

Hi, I'm Sam Mason I've lived in Sutton all my life and I've recently completed my 'A' Levels at Bartholomew School in Eynsham. Next year I'll be heading to university to study Architecture.

I've started "Sam's Sketches" as a way of raising funds for my gap year where I hope to be travelling to Australia and the USA, working as a tennis coach.

If you would like to commission an original sketch of your home or another building please do get in touch and I can come round to discuss options. Prices start from £25.

m: 078587 227959 e:sam@samssketches.com



The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

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Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm

Special Events

Joint Service at St Leonards Sunday 5th July 6pm.

Celebration of Flowers at Eynsham Baptist Church Sunday 12th July 10-5, including Songs of Praise service at 3pm followed by Tea in the Baptist church hall.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

July

Sunday 5 th 10am	Mr Ian Prince
Sunday 12 th 10am	Mrs Dawn Haley
Sunday 19 th 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 26 th 10am	Mr Owen Carney

August

Sunday 2 nd 10am	Mr Peter Allen
Sunday 9 th 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 16 th 10am	Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 30 th 10am	Mr Andrew Maisey

Coffee Morning – 1st July & 5th August

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.

St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Andrew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich ☎ 01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk

July

5 th 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
12 th 10:30	Benefice Communion (No evening Taize Service)	Northmoor
19 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
26 th 8:00	Holy Communion BCP (No informal pub service)	Stanton Harcourt

August

2 nd 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
9 th 10:30 18:00	Benefice Communion Taize Service	Stanton Harcourt
16 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
23 rd 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt
30 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Yelford

Thank you to everyone who supported all the open gardens during Festival Week.

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of August!
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