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The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

October 2013

PLEASE NOTE: this issue has not been endorsed by parish council due to factual in-corrections that are yet to be pointed out. Printing has been delayed indefinitely and this version is for information – so you can make your own mind up.

This month we are trying a new calendar so you can see everything in order!

POLICE SQUAD!

Update from the Eynsham Neighbourhood Police Team – Richard, Helen, Issy and Liz:

Following the lovely weather over the summer period the team have been taking part in a number of events in the area. The Ride for Respect which came through Stanton Harcourt on its journey to Carterton was a spectacle which many people were able to enjoy. Richard and Helen have been out with the Speed Indicator Device in Sutton and Stanton Harcourt.

Over the summer months there have been reports of criminal damage to property and vehicles in Stanton along with reports of theft from Sutton. Two people have been interviewed by police about the offences in Stanton however no charges have been brought at this time. Also in Stanton 2 people have been dealt with by officers after causing damage to crops in a field.

As we approach the Autumn and the change from British Summer Time we would like to offer advice regarding security of your homes and garages, particularly as the darker nights draw in.

The team will be in Stanton Harcourt on Saturday 12th October (at The Harcourt Arms) from 10am-2pm carrying out Bike Marking and Registrations. Please bring your bikes to the pub if you would like them marked – this is free of charge.

We will also be at The Harcourt Arms on Wednesday 23rd October from 12noon -3pm where we will have supplies of Bogus Caller Stickers, Halloween/ Trick or Treat Posters and other crime prevention advice dependent upon what you would like to talk about.

If you can spare the time we would like to see you whether you would like to raise an issue or just for a chat.

You can contact Thames Valley Police by calling 101 from your phone

The Police will also be at Parish Council on the 7th!

Open University Good Luck to all the young adventurers off to University, destinations span the entire country. Don't forget to come back and share some of your wisdom in the pub at Christmas.

St Michael's 200 Club - September draw

1st 166 S Webster 3rd 145 M Rickards
2nd 142 P Jacob 4th 257 P Gillgrass

Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Concert

19th October 7pm at the village hall, entrance £5, free for children.

Concert Features:

- Sutton Singers
- Salvation Army Band
- Leigh Owens on Trumpet



In Memory of Mac

The family of Robert MacEwen - known to most as Mac or 'G' - would like to thank all in the village for their kindness and support not only in recent weeks but over the past eight years. 'He loved living here'



Teachers

The new school year has started at Stanton Harcourt Primary School and there have been exciting developments during the school holidays! The new extension to the school building has been a great success. It includes a smart new entrance area and some much needed bright and well lit office space for staff and the Headteacher. The classroom for years 5 and 6 has been re-painted and does now also boast a plasma TV/computer which can be linked to the ipads and laptops around the class...21st Century technology, strictly for educational purposes of course! The Foundation Stage Unit has a new play loft, the reading room has been rearranged for teaching purposes and the school now has a better laid out activity room.

There have been a few changes in staff; Mrs Lee has joined Class 1 on a part time basis and Mrs Ramm has started to teach Class 3.

The school is still looking for volunteers to help with reading for Class 1 and, now that the popular construction club has started on a Friday, open not all hours but to all ages across the school, another appeal is sent out to the community to donate any spare Lego/building pieces!

Britain's Next Top Model?

Thank you to all who supported and helped at the Model and Engineering day at St Michael's Church. The creative skills of the school children were displayed with their fantastic models and the church still has the lingering smell of the scrummy bacon baps! We managed to raise over £500 for church funds.



Paid lunchtime supervisor required at Standlake Primary Sch. Call:300454, email office.3127@standlake.oxon.sch.uk

A Country Parish *A message from Rev Sarah*

Well I can't believe it is over a week since my fantastic send off. You really did me proud. Thank you so much for the incredibly generous cheque but more especially for the very warm atmosphere you created during the service and at the party afterwards. I felt so very loved and how I held it together when you gave me that prolonged and whole hearted round of applause I will never know. Thank you so much for all the individual cards and good wishes. Thank you too for the lovely cake and theatre vouchers in St Michael's the week before. I shall use the vouchers when I am at the Abbey in November. It still feels a little like Cardboard City here at present although the removal company are under instruction to come and pick the empty ones up as soon as possible. There are the usual niggles and gremlins to sort out but the most important thing is that Ginger is settling down well.

My new address is The Vicarage, 2 The Rydes, Bodicote, OX15 4EJ and my phone number is 01295 250282.

Thank you all once again for your kindness and generosity to me over the last 10 years and your fantastic send off. Sarah

Sarah left in September via Bishops Move! But I'll be sending her a copy of Village Voice going forward so she'll know what you're all up to!

SHAPE Update

The SHAPE (**Stanton Harcourt Action for Play & Enjoyment**) committee was formed earlier this year to work towards improving play facilities in the village for children of all ages. We are working hard on the project, and although we are still in the early stages of the process, we feel very hopeful that with the support and involvement of the Parish Council and our village community, we can deliver an end result which can be enjoyed by all.

We will soon be starting the initial design and consultation processes and, whilst grants will potentially fund a large proportion of the cost, we will have to raise a considerable amount of money locally. We will be giving everybody the opportunity to have an input as part of the consultation process, but if anybody has any questions, concerns, ideas or would like to be actively involved, please do contact the committee: Clare Rich, Suzy Miller, Sally Simmonds, Kirstie Blakey-Creighton, Claire Wright by email: shapcommittee@btinternet.com or through our Facebook page 'SHAPE Stanton Harcourt Action for Play and Enjoyment'.

Young & Fit?

Starting September, gym sessions for 14-25 yr olds will only cost £2.50 at West Oxfordshire leisure centres, including the Windrush in Witney and Bartholomew in Eynsham. This is part of the Sportivate programme to help young people get 'well fit'.

Church Christmas Raffle

Tickets going on sale soon, further update next time!

Noisy Night in Sutton Last Week?

It was Annie's 21st Birthday – Happy Birthday Annie!

QI

The Village Hall quiz was a great success, raising over £700 towards funding the hall. Thanks to the committee for help with organization, but special mention to Alison & Martin for putting the very entertaining rounds together; Chris and Amanda from the Harcourt Arms for cooking super lasagna suppers, Mavis for helping with the bar and the Stranges for providing the sound equipment.

Erratum: The singing quiz master would like to apologize for getting the "Horse of the year show" wrong; for which many folks identified the correct answer "Wimbledon" but didn't get a point.

The fault was traced to a local ale named 'Oxford Gold', now under further investigation by the editor!



The Winners: Jan and Paul Tomlinson, Kim and Jono Stacey, Amanda and Richard Exley.

For budding quizlets the next quiz in the village will be the pub curry & quiz on the 15th.

Ride and Stride - a big thank you

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored me on my Ride and Stride in mid September. I was raising money for both St Michael's Church and for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, which provides grants to repair and restore churches in Oxfordshire. St Michael's has received funds in the past.

I completed my route covering 42 miles and visiting 20 churches and chapels in West Oxfordshire, including in and around Eynsham, South Leigh, Ducklington, Curbridge, Brize Norton, Bampton, Aston, Cote, Shifford, then back into the Benefice for Yelford, Standlake, Northmoor and back to Stanton Harcourt. It was good cycling weather - not hot, windy or rainy!

If you would still like to sponsor me, either by church visited or as a total donation, but haven't got round to it, please email me at phil_loder@hotmail.co.uk. I have raised just under £300 so far and it would be great to break the £300 mark. In addition, if you can gift aid your donation, it will add more to the value from the taxman.

For more details about of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, please see <http://www.ohct.org.uk/bike.htm>, and maybe plan to have a go yourself next year! Phil Loder

No Place Like Home – Homeshare!

Homeshare is a new project that matches people with homes that could use a little help around the house with people that could use somewhere to live. If you would like more information or to take part or promote Homeshare please visit the link below and look for Homeshare.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/>

Gigaclear Broadband Update

7 more sign ups needed to meet the quota! Work may be able to begin before Christmas if the quota's reached.

Breakfast

I don't have any dates for breakfast / lunch clubs this time but please call the usual contacts for information:

Ladies' Lunch Club: Lilian Wetherald on 300523.

Men's Breakfast: Phil Birkett on 300545

Scandal

After a large amount of requests, this month we bring you a Page 3 Bird!

Cindi is a Red Kite!

She thinks the Licensing Act 2003 was a big step forward in allowing flexible licensing of pubs, bars and one off events through Temporary Event Notices (TENS)



Did you know? Known by their distinctive forked tail feathers, red kites were reintroduced in England in 1989 after being on the brink of global extinction due to egg poachers! Four Swedish birds and one Welsh bird were released in Buckinghamshire, and it's their relatives that now fly over our heads.

Red kites like to eat small animals like mice but sometimes as big as pigeons and rabbits, and at Christmas they hunt children that have been behaving badly.

Travel News for October

- The Gaunt Mill (road just before Standlake) bridge work has been delayed, no news yet on a new date.
- South Leigh closed for resurfacing for the start of October
- Delays in Abingdon at the start of October (6th – 9th) due to the Fair!

Location, Location, Location

Recent planning news includes:

- The Fox was denied permission for 'change of use', Parish Council urged refusal to district planners who provisionally approved the application. Nasser has been working hard to restore the building to its former glory on the outside. And was hoping to turn the carpark into a garden in due course, but continues to welcome feedback from villagers prior to any future planning application. Please send any feedback to dearnasser@hotmail.com
- The Cricket Club have been approved for a bar license despite objections from parish council. Concerns were raised that the bar could open frequently enough to affect business at the remaining pub in the village, but as a voluntary organisation this is unlikely to occur. When asked about the situation the Harcourt Estate commented "*The Estate is pleased to be able to provide the village with facilities for the Cricket Club, which it has done for several decades now for free and for the Clubhouse to be used in conjunction with cricket matches. However, the Estate is keen to ensure that all local enterprises thrive and therefore support regular social events being held at the village pub.*"

It's important to appreciate all the resources available in the village whether its the land provided for the cricket club and playgrounds by local estates or the volunteers to run them. Hopefully if we all work together we can support everybody!

Telephone Banking Scam!

We've been asked to warn you about a telephone banking scam that is occurring. People are being called and asked to phone the number on the back of their card about their account.

The scam works because they hold the line open and pretend to be your bank when you dial them and they can ask you your details (and you think it's actually your bank)

If you are in any doubt about a caller do not give out any details and politely hang up. Call your bank another time if needed, or using another phone, or call someone you know well in between to ensure the line has been cleared!

SuperScrippers

Parish Council have asked that we look at reducing the costs of Village Voice, the costs being printing and delivery by the young folks who get a few pennies for shoe leather.

If you have any suggestion on reducing costs why not let us know, options include advertising, sponsorship, printing ourselves – if we bought a big beefy printer do you have an organisation that would like to share it?

Printing is currently done by some very nice gentlemen at **County Print Finishers** near Oxford Station. They are part of the County Council and give us a discount to mention them – so I thought I better had!

On The Buses

The number 18 bus route is under review due to the budget cuts and significant subsidy required ~£180k for around 161 people per day. The Councils preference is to reduce the service to every 2 hours instead of every hour, rather than restrict its overall route. If you would like to give feedback, comments or make a case for keeping the current service please write to tim.darch@oxfordshire.gov.uk before the 15th of November.

THE Village Calendar

Part A – Regular Events. (In Village Hall if not Stated)

Mondays

1st Monday of the Month 7:30pm Parish Council

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

☎ 01865 301720 ✉ trudigasser@rocketmail.com

Parish Council website: <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

3rd Monday of the Month 7:30pm British Legion

Tuesdays

Stanton Harcourt Singing Group, 7pm at the Chapel

2nd Tuesday in the Month 7:30 W.I.

Wednesdays

9:30 – 10:30am Pilates (exercise class)

5:45 – 6:45pm Rainbows (Rainbow Brownies)

7:30pm Ballroom Dancing

Xplosion youth group (yr 6 and above), 7.15pm at the Chapel during term time;

Bell ringers, bell practice 8pm till 9 up the tower and then on to the pub

Thursdays

10:15 – 12:00pm Parent & Toddler Group

3rd Thursday in the month 12:30 – 4:30pm Chinese Brush Painting

6:30 – 9:30pm Zumba Dancing

Fridays

7:30 – 9:30pm Ballroom Dancing

Saturdays

9-10am Bounce Dance Group for children

10-11am Bounce Dance Group for adults

1st Saturday in the Month Village Market

Sundays

Church!

If we've forgotten anything please tell us about it!

St Michael's Church

In 'Inter-Regnum'

While there is no resident Rector please contact Pat Burden for help or advice on service arrangements:

☎ 01865 880652

October

6th 9.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School.

Including Harvest Festival, all harvest offerings will go to local charities, please bring donations of dried, tinned and packed food in date.

13th 10.30am Benefice Communion

20th 10.30am All Age Worship

27th 8.00am Holy Communion

November

3rd 9.30am Parish Communion and Sunday School

4th 7pm All Souls Service - Northmoor

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

October

6th 10.00 am Rev Richard Donoghue **Harvest Festival**

13th 10.00 am Mr Peter Allen

20th 10.00 am Rev Paul Weir

27th 10.00 am Local Arrangement

Wed 2nd 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 ✉ fmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

October Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Special Mass of the Season

'All Saints Day', a Holy Day of Obligation Friday 1st November with a mass at 9:30am and 7:30pm.

This is followed by 'All Souls Day' on Saturday 2nd November at 10am.

Confessions on Saturdays from 6:45pm or by appointment

Put on a Show?

Did you know in 1912 Stanton Harcourt Horticultural Society organised a Flower Show with the Raja & Rane of Sarawak presenting the Daily Mail Cup to the winner. Would you be interested in organising or supporting a village flower, produce or craft show as part of the village festival or the market, if so please speak to Lucy Heath of Sutton.

Or write to the editor and I'll pass on your contact.

AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, collector & deliverers.

Why Not Hire the Hall for Your Event?

Main Hall £14 per hour

Function Room £8 per hour

THE Village Calendar

Part B – happening this month – don't Miss it!

2nd October Coffee morning at the Methodist Chapel,

5th October Village Market

6th October Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church

7th October 7:30pm Parish Council at the village hall, featuring the Police, and Village Voice (not on the same issue I hope!).

12th October 10-2 The Police will be at the Harcourt Arms to meet the locals.

15th October 8pm Curry and Quiz at the Harcourt Arms

19th October 7pm Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Concert at the village hall, entrance £5, children free.

21st October 8pm Very Important Meeting of the British Legion in the Village Hall.

22nd October there is a recruitment fair at CCFE (pre booking required) if you are a budding technician, engineer, physicist or computer type looking for a career in nuclear fusion check out <http://www.ccf.ac.uk/Careers.aspx>

23rd October 12-3 The Police will be at the Harcourt Arms to meet the locals.

27th October CLOCKS GO BACK 1 hour at 2am!

31st October is HALLOWEEN!

31st October 4.30 - 6.00 FOSHS Halloween disco @ The Harcourt Arms. Face painting, Lucky dip, games and more. Music by 'Jumpin Joe Deane'. Entry - Donations to FOSHS



A N Other note from the editor!

Firstly thank you to everyone for their kind comments on the last issue. If you didn't like it you can still let me know! We've tried again this month although it's been a bit rushed as it turns out there is no bank holiday in September.

You may have noticed I could do with more exercise, and I've been thinking about footpaths! (but it hasn't kept my mind off beer) Do you know any good footpaths, unkempt or altogether lost footpaths? Would you like more footpaths to keep off the dangerous roads, are you a landowner who'd be happy to have a tiny strip of land used as a footpath, or are you an active villager that would be prepared to help maintain footpaths and get paid in blackberries? Let me know!

This months fun quiz, 12 of the headings are off the telebox, do you know them all?

Vital Statistics: 6 out of 7 Dwarves aren't Happy.

Deadline for November's issue is 21st October
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

If you don't have / don't like email then why not drop it off at the pub old-school style on paper (I will sort out a drop box)

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