

Choral Classics Concert and Cream Teas - July 7th 3 pm

Those of you who enjoy Lower Windrush Choral Society concerts may be interested in coming along to a fund-raiser for St Peter's Church, Alvescot, at which members of the Choral Society are performing Choral Classics. The program will include Mozart's Ave verum corpus, Franck's Panis angelicus and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine as well as works from Purcell, Byrd, Tallis, Tomkins, Bach, Elgar, Charles Wood and Frederick Bridge. The concert, to be held in St Peter's Church, Mill Lane, Alvescot, near Bampton, begins at 3 pm and will be followed by cream teas or savoury alternatives, all for the bargain price of £7.50. Funds raised will be donated to the Restoration Fund for St Peter's, a beautiful little church in the picturesque village of Alvescot. If you haven't ventured that far before try out The Plough for lunch, too, or bring a picnic lunch and park near the church which has a large grassed area near to the car park. There are lovely walks across fields and along Mill Lane and a children's play area with tennis court close by. Tickets from Tessa Farley 01993 841357 or Jenny Macdonald 01865 300625

A Note from the Editor

The current editor has been at the helm for a few years now and is no doubt becoming a little jaded. While still searching for an affordable house in the village we are also looking farther afield which may lead to a grand new adventure. If you think you could take on the mantle or assist with the editing , why not get involved and bring a breath of fresh air to the newsletter. If interested in helping or fancy writing routine articles do contact the editor. Don't forget there's no Village Voice in August, so at least i get a little break!

The Catholic Church of St Peter

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Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy
Saturday Mass 5pm
OUR PARISH BARBECUE is another great event when as many of us as possible stay on after Sunday Mass and share lots of great food as well as the main meat from the BBQ. Usually the sun shines on us and we can all sit outside in our lovely grounds. It is on Sunday 23rd July this year, and people are welcome whether they come to Sunday Mass or not.

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
July Services (at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)
2nd July 9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday School
9th July 10.30 Benefice Communion
16th July 10.30 All Age Worship
18.00 Taizé Service
23rd July 8.00 Holy Communion BCP
30th July 10.30 Benefice Communion AT STANDLAKE
August Services
6th August 9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday School
13th August 10.30 Benefice Communion AT YELFORD
20th August 10.30 All Age Worship
12.30 Baptism of Stuart Hill
18.00 Taizé Service
27th August 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200
All regular services at 10am on Sundays
July
2nd Informal Gathering
9th Margaret Broadberry
16th at Charlbury
23rd Fowler
30th Andrew Maisey
August
6th Informal Gathering
13th Andrew Maisey
20th Ian Prince
27th 10:30am High Street Circuit Welcome for rev
Rose Westwood

Coffee Mornings 10am - 11:30am
First Wednesday of each month
A huge thank you to everyone that supported our festival cream teas, we raised £213 for Open Doors which is a Christian Charity serving persecuted Christians and Churches world wide.

Church 200 Club. June draw.
1st 254 J&R Thornton-Kitching
2nd 198 S Brown
3rd 123 J Burden
4th 155 T Church

Deadline for next issue is 20thof the Month
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk
AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month’s contributors, reviewers, & deliverers

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Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton July 2017

July	
8th	Village Market
9th	School Ground Force Day with Cream Tea
11th	Tuesday Girls
15th	Small Breakfast
15th	One Act Plays by the Drama Group
16th	Drama Group AGM
21st	Last day of school - start of Holidays!

Have You Seen this Tortoise?
Lost tortoise in Sutton Lane last seen Saturday 24th June Pm. Please check gardens and sheds if found contact 01865 881671.



Bounce News!
Our summer coffee morning takes place on Saturday 1st July 11a.m in the village hall. We will be sharing our exciting dance pieces, followed by cake and coffee. Donations on the door go to The British Red Cross. Classes then break for summer and resume again on Saturday 2nd September. Looking forward to seeing you there! Jenny and The Bounce Team jposselwhite07@aol.com

Small Breakfast
Saturday 15th 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

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 in May 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)



The Kings Speech
A word from our new king...
To my Loyal Subjects, unfortunately this year we had no opportunity to put anyone in the stocks, which means everyone must have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This time of the year has always been my favourite due to the community of our gracious Kingdom coming together to create such a great day. I cannot possibly thank enough the people who organised everything, built the float and got the ice cream van (he was a real life saver I think we can all agree). Finally I would like to thank my good friend Sean for accompanying me as my very Royal attendant. His family have been a part of my family for a long time and I couldn't have asked for anyone better to take my role as King next year. So as Scar says in The Lion King: "Long live the King!"

The Village Inn
May's Village Inn proved popular again, but competition from the football and the warm weather meant our takings were down. Nevertheless, I was able to send £340 to Maggies Cancer Centre in Oxford - thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the evening, especially Amanda, Richard, Vic and Kim who helped Sylvia and me with the bar and kitchen; to Joe for the music and John for the fabulous Duck game!
I would love to make the Village Inn an ongoing monthly event, but we need your help to keep it running. If you have a special cause you'd like to raise money for, or if you'd just like to help with the bar or kitchen, let me know. Steve Tuck
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01865 880306

One-Act Plays
Saturday 15th July, 7:30pm
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Stanton Harcourt Drama Group presents 'Floor 13' and 'Flat 13'
Suitable for age 13+
Tickets £10 includes complementary cheese and glass of wine* at interval
*or soft drink alternative
Tickets available from the Village Shop or
www.ticketsource.co.uk/stantonharcourtdrama (booking fee applies)



SCHOOL NEWS



Ground Force afternoon with Cream Teas on offer - Sunday 9th July 2 pm - 4:30 pm
We are hoping to have a wonderful sunny afternoon on Sunday 9th July. Please come along to a Ground Force afternoon when we'll be sprucing up picnic tables and doing odd jobs to tidy up the grounds. As a reward for hard labour everyone will get a Cream Tea.
Please get in touch with the school office if you'd like to come along so that we know how many to cater for!

We'll be saying farewell to some of our staff and children soon and looking forward to greeting new faces in the Autumn. We've already had our Moving Up morning so that children get used to the idea of their new classroom and teacher.

Our usual summer events such as Sports Day and Leavers Service will take place in the weeks leading up to the end of term on July 21st at 1:15 pm.

We look forward to seeing all the children back safe and sound after a well earned rest on 6th September. Staff will be in school on 4th and 5th September for training.

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Tuesday Girls

Our next get together will be on **Tuesday 11th July** 7.30pm at the Village Hall when our speaker for the evening will be "Mr Debifrillator" Dick Tracey who you may have seen in recent articles in the local press. He will be talking all about his work with the Save a Heart campaign and enlightening us all about Defibrillators and what to do in an emergency.
All welcome to this meeting, we are lucky enough to have one at the Village Hall and it may be something that you need to make use of one day.

Members please also remember that we will not be meeting at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 8th August**. Instead we will be taking an evening guided walking tour of Burford followed by supper.
For further details call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group AGM

Sunday 16th July, 5pm
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Function Room
Come along and hear our plans for future productions and how you can get involved

Sutton Singers would like to thank all those who came along to our summer concert.
We collected £282.75 for Overcoming Multiple Sclerosis.
Also a huge thank you to our Choir Mistress Lizzie Soden and the choir for a fabulous performance.

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2017!

"A Day at the Races"

A Fabulous Festival Week!



So another Festival week has drawn to a close and what a week it was!

We hope that you enjoyed all of the events that took place during the week.

The sun shone brilliantly for Festival Day – it was a scorcher! The procession was very colourful and the Royal Party looked very elegant in their racing cars. The school field was really busy and there were some lovely performances in the main arena although the horses that ran in the Grand National were rather unruly!

We would like to thank our local MP Robert Courts for making an appearance as the Stanton Stig – what a good sport! A photo album containing some lovely pictures from Festival Day is now available. You can view this on the Festival Facebook page.

The Festival committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who hosted events, ran stalls and helped out during the week and on Festival Day. We will be starting to plan Festival 2018 before you know it and we will be looking for new volunteers to join the Festival Committee. Do get in touch if you would like to get involved or have ideas for events for next year. (Festival contact email is rich.thom@btinternet.com)



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Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 3rd July 7:30pm

There will be no meeting in August, but if you have urgent business please contact the Clerk.

Village Festival

The PC congratulates all involved with a very successful week.

New Website for the Parish Council

The new Parish Council

Website is now live!

(easily found by searching 'Stanton Harcourt Parish Council' and selecting the 'Hugo Fox' site.

The old (WOSP) website contains a link to the new site.

Please be sure to update your link to:

www.hugofox.com/community/stanton-harcourt-and-sutton-parish-council-13404

Please let the clerk know of any information which you feel would be useful to appear on the site. We would also welcome any photos (new and old) of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton so we can build a gallery.

Thanks to Cllr Colin Wells for all his work in setting up the site, which will now be maintained by the Clerk.

Summer Security

As the warmer weather 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....

Please clear your gutters....

As part of the budget cuts, OCC will no longer spray the gutters to prevent weed growth, etc. It would be fantastic if every householder could take responsibility for their pavement gutters and keep them clear, allowing rain water to flow freely.

Keep Trimming.....

Just a reminder for all residents to ensure any hedges/growth are kept trimmed and do not obstruct public footpaths, roads and other rights of way.

ERM Report

The Local Plan resumes on 11th July at West Oxfordshire District Council offices. Session 2, concerning specific sites – public are welcome to the session.

The ERM Report (which is available to view on the PC website) will be discussed concerning the Airfield Planning in Matter 14 and the PC will have representation (allocated time is 18/07 am/pm or 19/07 am).

Speedwatch

The Sutton and Stanton Harcourt Group have been monitoring the speeds of traffic through Sutton (B4449) and Stanton Harcourt at Steadys Lane since October 2016. We have monitored several thousand vehicles and much to my regret we do not seem to have achieved the aim we set out in that the level of speeding does not seem to have decreased. To date we have recorded over 838 offenders of whom 68 are multiple offenders with 18 having offended 3 or more times. These results have all been passed on to Thames Valley Police. The majority of speeding takes place at the entrance to Stanton Harcourt by Steadys Lane, the speed of traffic on the B4449 seems to be mainly self limiting in busy times but can be a problem when the rush hour is over. We will continue monitoring and hope we do not observe any of our villagers speeding! .

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>

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This month's bird is Celia, and she is a Cuckoo! Cuckoos have a rather bad reputation for stealing other birds' nests. Sadly there is a distinctive 'Cuckoo!' call which is becoming much rarer due to the decline in hairy caterpillars which is their favourite food.



A THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED IN FESTIVAL WEEK

On behalf of all the many people who came along and enjoyed all the events and activities of Festival Week, an enormous THANK YOU goes to all of those on the Festival Committee – and to those who opened up their gardens, held events or ran stalls. Festival Week is such a wonderful part of village life – bringing everyone in our community together – but it wouldn't happen without the team of organisers who dedicate a great deal of time, skill and energy over many months to make it so much fun for everybody else. There were so many things to enjoy – the Race Night, Flower Festival, Big Breakfast, Car Show, Duck End Festival, Cream Teas, Festival Day itself... with lots of kind and generous people organising and helping to make each event a success. The village looked absolutely brilliant this year – bunting everywhere, horses galloping alongside the green, racing cars zooming around bends (a special mention has to go to Dan Barton for his creative genius) and Festival Day was a great success despite the relentless heat (not often we can complain about that!). Festival Week makes Stanton Harcourt and Sutton a very special place to live and all those involved should know that their efforts are hugely appreciated by us all.
With gratitude from an anonymous villager!



Changes to Waste Collection

Wheelie bins for recycling

From October wheelie bins will replace black boxes for most of our recycling, the only exception being glass which will still be collected separately in black boxes.

During the summer you will receive a letter from the Council about the delivery of your new wheelie bins. In the meantime, if you want to find out more visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins2017.



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Michele