

## Thank you!

to the brave souls who ventured out in the cold to clear rubbish from the village verges, literally dozens of bags were collected. In additional Linear Fisheries have taken on use of Dix Pit and done a huge amount of clearing of rubbish and pathways - welcome to the village! *Multiple efforts all round mean its much clearer where the village and countryside are and where the actual tip is! Well done everyone, and everyone else - Get Involved eh?*

## The Airfield Development

The Parish Council works closely with Hayfield Homes to ensure that any disruption caused by the build is minimized, our community can take advantage of any opportunities such a development brings and that the new residents are welcomed into our community. Hayfield Homes has now received planning permission for the development of 66 homes on the Airfield. The first construction phase of the development has now been cleared down from an archaeological perspective. However, archaeological works within other parts of the site will likely remain ongoing for approximately the next 4-6 weeks. During this period initial enabling works will begin. It is anticipated that construction of the development in earnest will commence in early March. Provision of a foul drainage connection point into the site from Main Road are due to commence on Monday 4th February 2019 and could take up to 3 weeks. We are told temporary traffic lights will likely be needed throughout the duration of these works. And Hayfield Homes have asked us to apologize in advance for any disruption this might cause. Unfortunately, such works are unavoidable.

## Rotary Club of Eynsham News

Rotary Club of Eynsham would like to extend a very **BIG** thank you to all in Eynsham and surrounding villages who supported our Christmas activities - both Santa on his annual tour and also at the Toll Bridge. We are very grateful for your generous donations and look forward to putting the collections to good use for local charities and good causes.

**Looking ahead, we wish you all a very Happy 2019 and take this opportunity to alert you to our next fundraising event – A Barn Dance at Eynsham Village Hall on Saturday March 16th.** Further details will be circulated as soon as available and can be found at Eynsham Online.

## Witney Music Society

Witney Music Society's next concert will be given by Leon McCawley, one of Britain's foremost pianists, who'll be playing Beethoven's magnificent final three piano sonatas (Op.109, Op.110 & Op.111). The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 8 February at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (£12, under 19 £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](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month** [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

**AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, reviewers, & deliverers**

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## Oil Central Heating?

Want to pay less for central heating oil or LPG (bulk or bottles)? Why not join Community First Oxon's Fuel Scheme and benefit from the power bulk buying? For further details visit

<http://www.communityfirstoxon.org/community-first-oil-lpg/oil/>

Or e-mail the local co-ordinator for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton ([pwjbartrip@gmail.com](mailto:pwjbartrip@gmail.com))

## 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](mailto:sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk) [www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### February Services

*(at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)*

3rd Feb 9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday School  
10th Feb 10.30 Benefice Communion AT NORTHMOOR  
17th Feb 9.30 All Age Worship  
24th Feb 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200  
All regular services at 10am on Sundays  
**February**

3rd Mr Peter Allen  
10th Mr Ian Fowler  
17th Mr Philip Mansell  
24th service at **Long Hanborough**  
**coffee mornings**  
Feb 6th  
March 6th

We would like to say a big thank you to all that supported our Carols and cakes. We raised £96 through donations, which was enough to pay for birth certificates for 3 Guatemalan street children. More details about this charity can be found here:- <https://toybox.org.uk/support/campaigns/birthcertificate>  
**Birth certificate / Toybox**  
*Getting a birth certificate is something most street children can only ever dream of. The costs are so far beyond their reach. But with your support we can show a street child that amazing things can, and do, happen.* [toybox.org.uk](http://toybox.org.uk)

## The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Mark Lagorio

☎ 01865 881613

[stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com)

Website: [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

### Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 5pm

### Special Events

PANCAKE FEAST on Saturday 2nd March in our Hall from 10.30am till 1.30pm with delicious pancakes served to you at your table. Just turn up for a late breakfast, brunch or lunch and enjoy.

# Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

February 2019



## Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

Proudly Presents



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February to  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Performances 7:30pm daily

Saturday matinee 2pm

Tickets available from the Village Shop  
or call Steve on 01865 880306

Thursday Special – tickets £6  
Friday / Saturday – tickets £8  
Saturday Matinee only – Children\* £4

\*Children age 12 or under.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult

## Fireman Samantha Says.....

### Don't let the sparks fly this winter

Nearly 50% of all chimney fires in Oxfordshire happen during January, February and March. If you enjoy cosying up in front of a log fire, make sure the sparks don't fly at home this winter.

### Have a cosy home not a fire zone

Get your chimney swept at least once a year, if you regularly have log fires get it swept more frequently. If you have a 1st floor fireplace check that it is clear of debris.

Store logs away from the fireplace

## Don't Panic - Ask For Angela.....

Ask for Angela is a national protocol that has now been adopted by local bars and restaurants including in Witney and other local areas.

This is for anyone out in town, particularly if on your own and feel at risk or gain unwelcome attention from some creep or another, you can go to the bar and **'Ask for Angela'** the staff will then help to ensure you stay safe and any creep is kept at bay, or better still dealt with!

## Dates for your Diary..... February

4th Parish Council Meeting  
5th LWHS Talk - see below  
15th Half Term Starts  
26th Back to School  
28th FRANKENSTaiN the Pantomime

### March

1st March FRANKENSTaiN the Pantomime  
2nd March FRANKENSTaiN the Pantomime

## Dads Underground Army -

**the secret units of  
the British**

**Resistance,**

talk by Bill King

5th February 2019, 8pm

- Standlake Village Hall

*Non members are*

*welcome for the cost of £3.50/person per event.*

For more information on the Lower Windrush Historical Society, or to be added to our mailing list please contact [lwhscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:lwhscommittee@gmail.com) or look at our website [www.lwhs.btck.co.uk](http://www.lwhs.btck.co.uk)



## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival Committee

### Suggestions for Village Projects

We have enjoyed considerable success with our annual village Festival Days over the last few years thanks to a combination of engaging themes, creative village decorations, fabulous weather and great attendance. This has enabled the Festival Committee to build up a small surplus of funds.

Therefore, the Committee would like to make a financial contribution to a project or projects that will benefit the village.

If you have an idea or suggestion for a project that would benefit residents of the village which requires funding; or if you belong to a village organisation that needs funds for a specific project, then we would love to hear from you.

All ideas and suggestions should be supplied with a contact name, telephone number and email address and include a brief description of the project, how much funding is required and be with us before 31 March 2019. You can contact us by either:-

- Sending an email to Richard Thomson ([rich.thom77@gmail.com](mailto:rich.thom77@gmail.com))
- Posting a letter to Richard Thomson at Inglenooks, Sutton Lane
- Sending a post into the Festival Facebook page

We very much look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions. We will announce the project or projects which will be receiving a donation in the Spring.

The Festival Committee



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## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2019

Happy New Year to everyone from the Festival Committee.

Now you all have your new 2019 diaries – here is the most important date that you need to write in it for this year! We can confirm that Festival Day will be held on:

**Saturday 22nd June 2019**

Festival Week open events will be held around the village in the week leading up to Festival Day (i.e. from Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June onwards)

2019 sees the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first man landing on the moon and in celebration of this historic event we are planning a “SPACE” theme for this year’s Festival so are pleased to reveal our theme for Festival 2019 as:



**“Stanton ...  
To the Moon and Beyond”**



The committee are now working hard to bring plenty of “LUNAcY”, fun activities and attractions for you all to enjoy on Festival Day.

If you would like to have a stall on the school field on Festival Day then please contact Penny on 731220 or email penny.swiergon@gmail.com

We hope to have another packed schedule of open events taking place in the week leading up to Festival Day – and many that embrace our “Space” theme! Hosting an open event in Festival Week is a great opportunity to have some fun and raise money for your local organisation or favourite charity. If you are interested in holding an event, please contact Mike Parker (tel 884435 / email [mikeparker12@gmail.com](mailto:mikeparker12@gmail.com)) who is co-ordinating the schedule of open events for Festival week and will ensure that details of your event are included in the Festival programme.

If you are involved in a local business and would like to place an advert in the Festival Programme booklet then contact Gill ([gill@gillmason.com](mailto:gill@gillmason.com))

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year’s event then please contact Richard Thomson ([rich.thom77@gmail.com](mailto:rich.thom77@gmail.com))

### The Festival Committee



## Feeling Creative?

Come and join us in the Methodist Chapel on the first Saturday of the month and enjoy a variety of crafts. Make friends and try jewellery making, painting, card making, sewing etc.

10.30 – 2.00. Small donation to cover costs.

Bring and share lunch.

Mandy Cowell and Brenda Waring,  
Creation Crafts

*Note: Group wont meet if snowing!*

## Splish Splosh!

Now that the Dix Pit landfill is capped, for the second year running the winter rains are making puddles across the path to the Devil's Quoits. If you have ideas about what could be done or would just like to be part of doing it, please contact Chris Brown on 07922 534216, or email [ccollinbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:ccollinbrown@hotmail.com)

## Hello! said Poo..... Piglet was unresponsive

Please ensure when walking your dog that you keep it under control and clear up its Poo! There has been a national and local rise in incidents of livestock miscarrying due to being chased by dogs, of getting sick or dying from eating dog poo or ingesting dog poo bags. Dog walkers are liable for any costs or loss of livestock due to their dog and there have been several successful prosecutions - you have been warned!

## Church 200 Club

### December draw

1st 203 M Spier	2nd 230 J Adcock
3rd 243 B Buckley	4th 153 M Stone

### January draw

1st 214 P Fissendon	2nd 299 G Dixon-Brown
3rd 256 W Vane	4th 194 J Organ

## Tuesday Girls

We don't have specific details at printing but for more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

## Parish Council News

**Next Meeting** Our next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 4th February 2019, 7:30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to join us at these meeting at which there is an open session for members of the community.

## Public Meeting - Thank You

Over 100 residents attended the meeting on the 21st January. Two items were discussed, a potential cycle/pedestrian route between Stanton Harcourt / Sutton and Eynsham, and the issues caused by the nature and volume of traffic on the B4449. Councillor Yvonne Constance Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Member Responsible for Environment including Highways and Odele Parsons Senior Transport Planner for OCC attended to outline their proposal and field questions. David Wallom chaired the meeting on behalf of our villages. In attendance your Parish Council members.

Odele presented three potential cycle routes to Eynsham. A vote taken at the meeting showed the shortest route between Sutton and Eynsham was preferred. Members of the audience volunteered to join a village liaison group to work with the council to move this forward. Councillor Charles Mathew offered the whole of his 2019 Councillor's special projects fund of £15,000 to start the funding ball rolling. Full presentation is on the Stanton Harcourt Parish Council Web site

The B4449 issues were discussed at some length including vehicle noise (particularly HGV's), vibration, road maintenance, poor drainage and poor pedestrian safety. Councillor Yvonne Constance explaining that the Sutton By-pass is no longer in the council's strategic plan due to cost and budget restrictions, but the route is still reserved in case the situation changes. But she felt there were initiatives that had been proposed that could and should be progress. These were 1) A prohibition on HGV's turning right out of Blackditch onto the B4449 2) The implementation of a 20 mph speed restriction on the B4449 through Sutton, 3) Lobby the council to make the B4449 a road and drainage maintenance priority 4) Councillor Charles Mathew asked all residents to write/email him via the Parish Clerk to request B4449 maintenance as this provides strong evidence of villager concerns that will help him to ensure that is given the priority it deserves by the County Council.

Copies of the photographs, vehicles statistics etc. that were on display at the event have been placed on the Parish Council Web site along with a copy of the Council's presentation and brief notes taken at the meeting.

## 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](mailto:trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

## Community Forum Group (CFG)

The Eynsham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) which currently acts as the area liaison group with Thames Valley Police, is to be renamed the Community Forum Group (CFG) in 2019. Broadly the CFG will continue to liaise with Thames Valley Police as it does currently, but with reduced budgets and the subsequent impact on local policing in the Eynsham area, a different approach is to be developed. Additionally it is hoped that the new approach will also encompass an expanded role for the group in local community affairs. The first meeting of CFG will be on 18th February 2019, in the Bartholomew rooms in Eynsham village square. The aim of this initial meeting is to determine, at least in the first months, what role will be filled by the Group. Should you wish to participate, please contact me, Ron Hollis, by email at [ron.hollis@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ron.hollis@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk), or call me on 07770 466237. Ron Hollis, Chair CFG

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent's Evenings

We would like to invite you to our Parent's Evenings on 12th and the 14th February. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps in their learning.

### Wychwood Project

A big thank you to the Wychwood Project and Colin Wells for the amazing fencing that has been built in New Town. The Gardening Club supported the build with Louise Hutchins.

### Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to welcome Naomi Scott onto our Governing Body. The Governing Body work hard to make the School a better place and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support.

### Money..Money...Money

We are still owed over £3,000 for invoices covering Autumn term meals, clubs and Bunnies places. Please could you settle your debt by BACS or ask for a payment plan to help rectify the situation.

[www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk](http://www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk)

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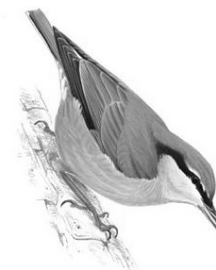
## No Laughing Matter.....

Nitrous Oxide canisters have been found discarded in the village, often used as a recreational drug. Nitrous can carry significant health risks and affect behaviour, the least of which is the inability to use a rubbish bin.

To find out more about Nitrous and the risks and effects visit: [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

## Ornithology Corner

This months bird is Nancy and she is a Nuthatch. Nuthatches are small birds with chestnut or rust coloured bellies like a mini robin with a black go raster stripe on their heads, they are the only birds that can climb down a tree forwards and also have a beak like a woodpecker for cracking hazelnuts!



**P.S. Don't forget to feed the birds this winter!**