

Lower Windrush Choral Society

Something different for the Lower Windrush Choral Society! Round tables with drinks and snacks create a suitably informal atmosphere for Love: From Byrd to Bernstein at 7:30 pm on 25th November in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall. Tickets will be available in October from choir members and from Rapture music shop and St Andrew's book shop, both in Witney. They are already on sale at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lowerwindrush>

Witney Music Society

The second concert of Witney Music Society's new season will be given by the Carice Singers. This outstanding vocal ensemble will be singing British choral music reflecting on war and peace, under the title Remembrance. The concert is at High Street Methodist Church, Witney at 7.30pm on Friday 10 November. 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

Don't miss out – Working parents of 3 & 4 year olds

Working parents of 3 & 4 year old children may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week. This includes those who are self-employed and some parents on zero hours contracts. To find out if you are eligible visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. To join those already benefiting apply by the beginning of December for a January start. The Family Information Service has information about childcare providers in your area. Visit fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk

The CAG

<http://cagoxfordshire.org.uk/>
The Community Action Group (CAG) Project consists of over 60 groups across Oxfordshire, at the forefront of community led climate change action, organising events and projects to take action on issues including waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice.

Started in 2001, the network is the largest of its kind in the UK, running over 2,000 events per year, attended by around 80,000 local residents and contributing over 20,000 volunteer hours to the county.

Have Your Say About GP Services...

Visit the link below to complete the survey!
<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/news/have-your-say-on-west-oxfordshire-gp-services/39289>

A Note from the Editor

Christmass is coming and the goose is getting fat - what have you been feeding that goose?

Don't forget to wear your poppy for Armistice, and if in the mood we can overthrow the government on bonfire night, if this fails at least we have a Village Inn this month!

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
November Services
(at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)

2nd 7pm (Thursday) Benefice Service of Reflection at Standlake

5th 9:30 Parish Communion and Sunday School

12th 10:50 Remembrance Sunday Service

19th 10:30 All Age Worship
6pm Taizé Service

26th 8:00 Holy Communion BCP

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

All regular services at 10am on Sundays

November

5th Informal Gathering

12th Peter Allen (Remembrance Sunday)

19th Mr Philip Mansell

26th No Service

Coffee Morning 1st November, & 6th December 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

AFTERNOON TEA and A SING SONG is our special treat pre-Christmas so why not come along on Saturday 2nd December at 3.00pm in the Tolkien Room at the Church. Father Martin and Richard Briggs will lead the singing of familiar songs including White Christmas and Rudolf of course, as well as old favourites, and you can listen or sing along with us as you wish.

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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Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton November 2017

Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion



Remembrance Day

Sunday 12th 10:50am St Michaels

Stanton Harcourt RBL AGM

Thursday 22nd 8pm in the Village Hall

Armistice Day

The 11th hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month, remembering the day the guns fell silent and all those we have lost in war.

Don't forget to wear your Poppy, we may not have volunteer sellers this year but you can pick up a poppy at local shops, you can also donate online at: www.britishlegion.org.uk Please give if you can, and if you can't why not make time to help someone out in memory of those who serve in our armed forces.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them."

For more information on The British Legion please contact the Chairman Mrs Kerstie Judson 731310 Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

Next Village Inn

Saturday 18th November at the Village Hall – From 7:30pm

Adults Night Out – Book the Babysitter Now! Delicious Food will be Served!

Following the success of the Village Inn nights, the Village Inn will be back.

As before there will be a licensed bar, pub grub and pub games. Come and enjoy your preferred tipple in pleasant company as we recreate the village pub atmosphere at the center of our community.

Proceeds from the evening will go to Stanton Harcourt Primary School.

A chance to have a clear out before Christmas! TABLE TOP SALE (indoor car boot!)

Saturday November 18th
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
1-3pm

Sellers from 12 noon
Doors open 1pm

Refreshments available

Small table £5 Large table £8

To book table please phone 01865 882361.

Run buy St Michael's Church.



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)

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)



ADVENT WINDOWS

Last year saw the first year that 24 households in the village decorated a window each day throughout Advent. Lots of people really enjoyed doing this and/or visiting the windows that had been done. If you would like to decorate a window this Advent please phone Carole on 01865 880416 for more info and to choose a date.



Tuesday Girls

Our next meeting is a demonstration and hands on flower arranging evening on Tuesday 14th of November 7.30pm at the Village Hall. It will be a workshop evening where you will be able to have a go at making a small Xmas table piece. Please bring along a small dish or pot, greenery/foilage or any other items such as candles, baubles, pine cones etc that you would like to incorporate. All welcome even if you would just like to come along and watch. £3 on the evening includes refreshments and raffle. For more details call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

Do You Remember the Olden Days

We've had an email from Andy Cochrane, he spent his early years living in Stanton Harcourt and is interested in finding out more about his early life in the Village, if you knew him or his mother Ida Cochrane (maiden name Fox), then he would be interested in getting in touch. You can contact him at: andy.cochrane1@virginmedia.com or pass information back to the editor for delivery.

Getting ready for Universal Credit

Universal Credit merges several benefits and credits into a single payment replacing a number of existing benefits and tax credits. From November, all new applications must be made through Universal Credit. The changes mean that:

- * all new applications must be done online,
- * applicants must have a bank account
- * claimants will be responsible for managing their own changes and making their own payments such as rent and housing costs.

Universal Credit will be managed by the Department for Work and Pensions. Council officers will be on hand to offer general advice and assist people with setting up their own accounts and with online form filling. Benefit applicants will be able to use computer terminals in council reception areas.

More information is online at:
www.westoxon.gov.uk/universalcredit or by calling 01993 861030.

Church 200 Club November draw

1st 291 L Loder	2nd 201 B Cross
3rd 155 C Stone	4th 271 S Jenkins

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival Committee

2018 Festival – Would you like to get involved?

The festival committee will be starting to discuss plans for next summer's Festival at our first meeting on 13th November. We would really welcome some new faces on the committee and are particularly in need of a new treasurer. If you would like to get involved and help with the organisation of our brilliant Festival week then do get in touch with Richard on 881483 or email rich.thom77@gmail.com

A key agenda item for our first meeting will be to discuss possible "themes" for Festival 2018. Last year's "A Day at the Races" will be a tough act to follow so if you have any ideas for themes for 2018 Festival then do email them to the above email address or call Richard.

We are also still hoping that someone in the Village might have some storage space that we could use to house the festival marquee. Do contact us if you think you might be able to help with that. The Festival Committee



Oil Central Heating?

Want to pay less for central heating oil or LPG?

Why not join Community First Oxon's Oil Scheme and benefit from 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)

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Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING:Monday 6th November 7:30 Budget

The time for the budget discussions for 2017/8 is approaching; the Parish Council would be pleased to receive any suggestions for projects for consideration or matters/costs for inclusion. Please email Trudi with your ideas (trudigasser@rocketmail.com). The budget will be finalised in November for December Councillor agreement.

HandyMan - or Lady!

The Parish Council is seeking a Handyman /Gardener to help keep the village tidy and keep an eye on maintenance. Appropriate hourly rate will be agreed and the number of hours depends on season and convenience. Please contact Trudi Gasser (trudigasser@rocketmail.com) for more detail

Speed Watch > > >

Speed watch patrols this week are resuming in Sutton and at the top of Steady's Lane after a short rest, to remind car drivers of the need to keep to the speed limits.

Sheehans Planning Application

Sheehans have applied to increase their tonnage from 100 to 175 tonnes per annum. Their application will be heard on 13th November at Oxford County Council.

The Parish Council has considerable concern regarding the extra heavy goods vehicle traffic on the B4449.

Should you wish to make an comment on the application, you can do so by sending an email to: Planning@oxfordshire.gov.uk quoting Reference: MW.0073/17

Vandalism of Sutton Speed Notices

The Parish Council has received the following email from Oxfordshire County Council:

I'm writing to you in your capacity of Parish Clerk to Stanton Harcourt Parish Council regarding a matter that was recently brought to the attention of Oxfordshire County Council. I would be pleased if you could feed the following back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

It appears there was recently an act of vandalism to Oxfordshire County Council property in Sutton and I am writing to confirm that this has been reported to Thames Valley Police who are treating it as a case of criminal damage. They have issued me with a crime reference number for this matter. The 30mph repeater signs that legally enforce the speed limit in this area were fully covered with home-made stickers depicting the number 20.

What the perpetrator(s) of this offence have failed to recognise is that if the entire speed limit signing scheme is not intact, the Police will not waste their time enforcing any of it as it is incorrectly signed and therefore not legal. This includes the main B road through the village. Therefore, they have done those local residents most in need of a speed limit a dis-service.

Any work that now has to take place in either removing the stickers from the signs or having to replace the 10 vandalised signs with new ones will have to be paid for at public cost and come out of what little sign maintenance budget is already available. This is a shame because it means that another area of the County will now suffer due to lack of budget. If the Parish Council is able to spread the word that any further acts of vandalism/criminal damage like this will also be reported to Thames Valley Policy hopefully they will not occur again.

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

Christmas Concert at St Michael's

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

SCHOOL NEWS

An Outstanding Reading School

We would love a book amnesty. Please help us to improve our School Library. We need any children's comics, magazines, annuals and books that you no longer want that could benefit other children.

National Science Week

We are looking for Scientists to bring Science Week to life! The week runs from 9th March to the 16th March 2018. Please email the School to let us know if you would be interested in being part of a parent network to prepare, with the School, for this big event.

Road Safety

Please ensure that you keep your children safe as Autumn approaches. We are happy to buy and sell Hi Vis Jackets if you would like this. Please let the School Office know.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED?

Please register on Parent Hub as from today we are no longer using emails to inform parents of School activities. You will need to sign up to all the channels which your children are part of – Classes, Year Groups, Houses and Clubs. If a letter requires a reply slip, you will receive a paper copy, otherwise everything will be on Parent Hub. The School website has a public calendar with all dates updated regularly.

www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk
01865 881948
office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

FOSHS Grinch Themed Christmas Fayre

Coming soon..... Watch out for details next issue!

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This months bird is Rachel and she is a Rock Dove, Rock doves are the same family as pigeons, they just live in cliffs rather than cities. A dove symbolises Peace but during the war homing pigeons like Rachel played an important part in intelligence by carrying secret messages to the front line, 32 pigeons recieved the Dicken Medal for services to the armed forces! Although pigeons were originally bred for eating they were so important during the war you could go to prison for shooting one. Although they are so tasty some species of pigeon in North America have been wiped out as they've all been eaten! In britain we stopped eating pigeons so now they're all over the place!



DEFENCE OF THE REALM
Regulation 21A.

SHOOTING HOMING PIGEONS.

Killing, Wounding or Molesting Homing Pigeons is prohibited under the Defence of the Realm Regulations by SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT OR £100 FINE. The Public are reminded that Homing Pigeons are doing valuable work for the Government, and are requested to assist in the suppression of the shooting of these birds.

£5 REWARD

will be paid by the NATIONAL HOMING UNION for information leading to the conviction of any person SHOOTING HOMING PIGEONS the property of its Members. Information should be given to the Police, Military Post, or to the Secretary of the Union, C. C. PLACKETT, 14, EAST PARADE, LEEDS.