

Save (The Government) Money

The District Council are sending out 'household enquiry' forms to over 47,000 of us (everybody with a letterbox), this is the form to confirm who is resident and eligible to vote! The Council are urging residents to reply both promptly and if practical electronically to limit the additional cost of chasing people that don't reply - in previous years this has cost up to 50,000 squid just on reminders alone which is not a great use of Local Government money (Our Council Tax). Anyone who has not received an electoral registration form by 8 September should contact the Council on 01993 861410 or email elections@westoxon.gov.uk

Rubbish Improvements!

Have you had your new recycling bin? West Oxfordshire District Council is asking householders to contact them if they have not received a new blue-lidded wheelie bin for recycling.

This can be done online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins2017 or by calling 01993 861025.

From October 2017, households across the district will use wheelie bins for recycling, except for glass and small electrical items which will be collected in a black box.

In line with most other councils, recycling collections will become fortnightly and will alternate with the general household rubbish collection. However, food waste will continue to be collected weekly.

Bridewell Open Gardens 2017

September 15th 2 – 4 p.m.

The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Near North Leigh, OX7 3DT. 01993 868313 www.bridewellgardens.co.uk
Charity no: 1158456



Please Don't Blow Up the Bin Lorry!

Another incident of a bin lorry catching fire occurred recently. The likely cause is disposal of a mobile phone or laptop in regular waste. These devices have 'Lithium' batteries which can quite literally explode when crushed. Make sure all electrical items get disposed of properly, this can be at the tip in the 'Small Electricals' bin or from October you will be able to put small electrical items in a black box alongside your recycling.



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This month's bird is Gilly a Canadian Goose. A large goose, with a distinctive black head and neck and large white throat patch. An introduced species from N America (Canada actually), it has successfully spread to cover most of the UK. It forms noisy flocks and is often regarded as a nuisance in areas where large numbers occur on amenity grassland and parks. Likes to eat grass roots and seeds



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

September Services (at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)

3rd 9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday School
10th 10.30 Benefice Communion at Northmoor
17th 10.30 All Age Worship
18.00 Taizé Service
24th 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

Musical Recital on the 30th September
With Alan Brinley Shaw and 'Drew's Ukes'
(see front page)

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

All regular services at 10am on Sundays

September

3rd Informal Gathering
10th Rev R Westwood inc Holy Communion
17th Ian Prince - Harvest Festival
24th No Service

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

A Note from the Editor

We're back following the long break, potential further delay as we may run out of paper and someone forgot to order more!

It's been difficult to quantify the interest from new editors but if you'd like to get involved just send a pint of ale to the usual address.

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 **September 2017**

September

5th Sutton Singers resume
8th Village Market and Cafe
10th Drama Group Panto Meeting
12th Tuesday Girls
16th FOSHS Bingo Night
18th Parish Council
30th Music at St Michaels

Date for your diaries

TABLE TOP SALE November 18th 1-3pm
More information next month.

British Legion

The Stanton Harcourt branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a meeting on Thursday **14th Septembers 2017 at 8.00 pm** in the Village Hall. All are welcome. For further information contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone 01865 881664.



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.

Music at St Michael's

There will be a musical recital at St Michael's Church on **Saturday 30th September** with Classical Guitarist Alan Brinley Shaw playing a programme of mainly Spanish music. The support act will be our very own 'Drew's Ukes'. Spanish snacks and refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets and further information available from Drew Tweedy or Sandy Rich.



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)



The Village Inn

There will be no Village Inn in September, but FOSHS is planning on hosting one in November. If there is a charity or local cause that you are passionate about, hosting a Village Inn night is a great way of raising money and provides a fabulous social event for the village. Why not be the Landlord or Landlady of our village pub for an evening? I'll be on hand to help and guide you and you'll get lots of support from the locals. For more information, drop me a line. Steve Tuck, steve.tuck@mail.com, 01865 880306

Breaking News

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall becomes the 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.

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

The nights are already starting to draw in, so what better way to face the dark months than another panto?

Sunday 10th September at 5pm in the Village Hall

We will be holding an open session for everyone that would like to be involved in our February 2018 production of Camelot, the Panto. We need actors of all ages and a backstage crew - if you're interested in being involved on stage or helping with directing, props, costumes, make-up, set design or any other aspect of the production, please join us. If you can't make it, let me know.

Regular rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings with additional rehearsals during the week (to be arranged according to availability).

Steve Tuck, steve.tuck@mail.com, 01865 880306

It's back to school time!

Little School
Primary School starts on **6th September**
Big School
Years 7 & 12 Start on the **6th September**
All the other grown ups start on the **7th**

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

Tuesday Girls
Our last meeting was a guided tour of Burford. We learnt all about the interesting history of the town and some of its infamous inhabitants. The rain managed to keep off for us but we were extremely pleased to see the log fire at supper in the Highway Inn afterwards. Who would have thought it was our August summer outing!

In September we will be back to the Village Hall as normal on **Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm**. Back by popular demand is a makeup evening so please come along and enjoy a demonstration and swop ideas and tips over a glass of wine. For further info call Kay Harvey 01865 883560

Volunteer for Oxfordshire’s Water-Blitz

Volunteers needed for one day only! Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide water blitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk subject "Waterblitz" and join in on Monday 2nd October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.

Church 200 Club September draw
1st 158 B Strange
2nd 212 D Hibberd
3rd 121 E Turner
4th 205 W Morris

Church 200 Club July draw
1st 104 M Ives
2nd 278 H Hulme
3rd 285 A Roberts
4th 234 J Fissendon

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival Committee
Summer Festival needs your help!

Firstly, the Festival Committee would like to thank the anonymous villager for their kind words in the July edition of VV. We agree that Festival Week certainly contributes to making Stanton Harcourt and Sutton a very special community to live in. The events and activities held during the week were not only great fun but also raised in the region of £4700 for various good causes! Some of the organisations that benefitted from everyone’s generosity included St Michael’s Church, FOSHS, The Chapel, The British Legion, Mind, RSPB, Oxpip and Changing Lives. The committee are now turning thoughts towards Festival 2018. We have a few committee members who are stepping down from their duties so we would like to thank Michelle, Dave and Sharon for all their hard work over the last few years with particular good wishes to Dave and Sharon as they leave the village for pastures new - good luck with your new adventure, you will be sorely missed. This does leave a few gaps on the committee and we would really like to encourage some new volunteers to come forward and join the organising team. In particular we are in need of a new treasurer so if you like a spreadsheet and have a sense of humour then this could be the post for you! Do get in touch with Richard (tel 881483 or email rich.thom@btinternet.com) if you would like to get involved on the committee or have ideas for events for next year. We are also hoping that someone in the Village might have some storage space that we could use to house the festival marquee. It does not take up too much room (!) but does need to be stored somewhere weather and rodent proof. If you think you have somewhere that we could make use of then do contact Richard on the number / email above.
The Festival Committee



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Parish Council News
NEXT PC MEETING:
Monday 18th September 7:30pm
This is deferred from the 4th due to holiday season. Details of PC Meetings and minutes at:
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

Village Email and Websites
In addition to the PC Website there is also a village news email: news@stantonharcourtandsutton.co.uk
To subscribe just write to the email and ask
There are also various other online sites such as:
<https://www.facebook.com/StantonandSutton>

FOSHS Dates for your Diary
FOSHS have an exciting set of events planned for the term ahead and we thought you might find it useful to put these dates in your diary now!
Family Bingo Night at the Village Hall – Saturday 16th September – 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Welcome to new families and AGM, All welcome!
Rag Bag Fundraising - Monday 16th October (Morning Collection at Stanton Harcourt Primary School
If you have any of the following items and would like to help raise money for the school, bags can be collected from the school itself or please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn Dowell on Kathryn.dowell@gmail.com
We can accept the following items: wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts

FOSHS Halloween Disco - Saturday 28th October at the Village Hall – 5:00pm – 7:00pm.
FOSHS are delighted to be hosting its annual family Halloween Party. All families are welcome to join us In their frightfully fantastic costumes for a hauntingly good disco, some party antics and pocket money stalls to enjoy. Enter our carved pumpkin competition too (BYO). Please do come along and have a great time with friends and family while raising money for our village school....if you dare!! Free event but donations will be appreciated. Activities, food and alcoholic refreshments will be available at an additional cost.

If you wish to join in the fun and have trick or treaters visit you as the event ends, please leave your porch/outside light ON or place a pumpkin/decoration by your front door for the children as they return home.
The Christmas Fayre - December, Date TBC

Sutton Singers

Sutton Singers will be resuming our sessions on **Tuesday 5th September**.
We are a fun singing group who meet every Tuesday in term time, 7-8.30 pm at the Methodist chapel in Sutton. We are led by Lizzie, a fantastic Musical Director, who gets the best out of us. No auditions or solo singing, just good fun. Please call Jan Tomlinson on 881709 or Penny Swiergon on 596164 for more details.
Or just come along.

Council helping first time home owners
People looking to get on the property ladder are being offered a helping hand by West Oxfordshire District Council.
Through the Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme (LAPP) individuals can buy a share in a home with the council purchasing the rest. Occupiers then pay rent to the council to cover its stake. The LAPP scheme is for those who can afford mortgage repayments but can’t meet the cost of a deposit on a property. For example, an individual can buy a 70 per cent share in a property using a mortgage of up to 90 per cent loan to value. The Council will buy the remaining 30 per cent, subject to an independent valuation done by a surveyor it will appoint. Applications for a LAPP mortgage can be made from 21 August. Further details will be online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/lapp

Another Village Hall Theatre performance

Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

by Oscar Wilde
Adapted by Phoebe Eclair-Powell
When offered the chance of ageless beauty, Dorian jumps at the chance to lead a daring and unscrupulous double life in order to remain youthful. If given the same opportunity would we yield to the same temptation? In a world where beauty and appearance is at the forefront of everyday life, Dorian Gray paints a vivid picture of vanity, cruelty and corrupted innocence. An all-female professional cast from the Watermill Theatre, bring Wilde’s gothic masterpiece to theatrical life in this fast-paced 75 minute production directed by Owen Horsley, whose credits include Salomé for the RSC and Associate Director of Cheek by Jowl. Tickets £10 (£8 for under 19s) plus optional cheese and wine supper afterwards for £5. Available from Stanton Harcourt Village Shop and Lucy Heath on 07711 704475 / 01865 881172 or call in at Coulings Cottage, Sutton Lane/ New Road, Sutton. Door and bar opens at 7pm



Do you wanna be a butcher?

I am looking for an apprentice butcher.
Hours are as follows:
Tuesday to Thursday: 7.30am - 5pm
Friday: 7.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday: 7.30am - 2pm (I am looking to extend shop hours in the future)
Candidate needs to have:
• good communication skills as dealing with the general public
• good numeracy, but not vital
• good personal hygiene
• a willingness to learn with enthusiasm for the job
I am willing to put the right person through an Apprentice Scheme with MEAT in Ipswich which is all shop based, the assessors will come to them and it will end in a qualification.
Personal meat allowance and all the tea & coffee they can drink!
Anyone interested should email me on the above address. Thank you, **Martin Golsby**