#### **Giga Thanks**

We are very grateful for the generous support given to the Village Hall by Gigaclear in providing free high speed broadband to the Hall. It enables us to offer this increasingly essential service to our Hall users making it more attractive to book and consequently more viable.

Very many thanks from the Village Hall Committee.

### **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**

Witney Music Society is pleased to announce that its next series of six concerts will start in October. The concerts - all given by outstanding professional artists - will take place on the second Friday of each month from October to March. Tickets are £12 (standard), £11 (senior concession) and £1 (under 18); alternatively a subscription to the full series is available at £50 (£45 concession).

Details of all the concerts in the season are on the Witney Music Society website and in its new brochure, copies of which may be obtained via the website or from the Visitor Information Centre and other locations throughout Witney. The opening concert of the season will be given by the Ruisi Quartet who'll be performing works for string quartet by Haydn and Britten, and will then be joined by the pianist Dina Duisen for a piano quintet by Dvorak. The concert will be at High Street Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Friday 13 October

Tickets will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online or in person from Greenway Antiques or Rapture in Witney. 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

### St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Drew Tweedy: \$\alpha\$ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich \$\alpha\$01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

### October Services

(at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)

1st 9:30 Haverst Festival Communion and Sunday School

8th 10:30 Benefice Communion

15th 10:30 All Age Worship

22nd 8:00 Holy Communion BCP

29th 10:30 Benefice Communion at Standlake

### **Sutton Methodist Chapel**

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

#### **October**

1st Informal Gathering

8th Dawn Haley

15th Stella Bristow

22nd No Service

29th No Service

Coffee Morning 4th October 10-11:30

#### The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Mark Lagorio

**2** 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 Winter's Coming!

As the nights draw in please drive carefully and watch out for cyclists pedestrian and of course trick or treaters!

Don't forget to send us any articles or notices for christmas events in good time so we can fit everything in.

And watch out for Bats!

# 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 October 2017

#### October

2nd Parish Council

10th Tuesday Girls

14th Village Market

14th Theatre Production - Dorian Gray

16th Rag Bag Fundraising

18th Table Top Sale

0th Monument Talk

28th FOSHS Halloween Disco

### **A Monumental Talk**

Come and learn some more about the history of your village.

On Friday October 20th at 7.30 at the Church, Gill and Peter Salway will be giving a talk in the church on the monuments and what they tell us about the history of the village. St Michael's has an amazingly interesting and varied collection of monuments, some of them of national significance as well as of local importance. No need to book: wine will be served and donations solicited!

#### **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.

# 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)



### 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.

# 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

## Temporary Post Office Closure...

The Post Office will be closed in Eynsham from 5.30pm 5th October to 1.00pm 27th October for renovation works; it will reemerge as a main Post Office. Closest Post Offices will remain accessible at Standlake and Yarnton during this period. The Post Office facilities will also not be available at Stanton Harcourt during this period.

### 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.

Whats Cool? - I've no idea..... but leaving dog poo in plastic bags on the verge or footpath is not cool! Bad Dog!

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Gardening Club**

The Gardening Club is proving to be very successful. They are now needing a small Greenhouse and therefore will be raising money to buy this after the Harvest Service.

#### Traffic/Parking

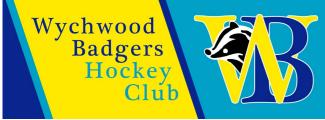
Please can we ask all parents who use a car to come to School, to drive sensibly through the Village. Please can you also not park at the top of the lane in case of emergencies at the School and we need to get the Emergency Services here. Please talk to us if a disability means you need support with this.

Half Term: 23-27th October

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

### **Tuesday Girls**

In October we will be meeting on Tuesday 10th October 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. The speaker for the evening will be talking all about the Thames Valley Air Ambulance so please come along and hear all about the vital work they do and support this deserving charity. £3 entrance includes refreshments and raffle. For more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590



Wychwood Badgers Hockey Club are looking for more ladies to join their club. We train at Witney ATP (behind McDonald's) on Monday's 6-7pm and our home matches are played at Cokethorpe School. Anybody aged 13 and above are very welcome to come along. For more information either phone Maria on 07903449663 email her at mariahobday@yahoo.co.uk or find us on Facebook. Thank you

#### Church 200 Club October draw

1st 102 J C Burden

2nd 164 K McGuire 3rd 150 C Birch

4th 197 N Cox

### **Cricket News**

The Cricket season has now come to an end. It has been another successful season for the village cricket club, the first team winning Divison three. The second team staying in their league. The club has never had so many glory days that it's



having currently. It has been a successful year on the playing front, we would like to thank our sponsors for their involvement Corne Motors of Standlake, Smith's of Bletchingdon. We are always on the lookout

looking for new players for the 2018 season if you are interested in becoming involved with the cricket club if it's on the playing front, or if your company would be interested sponsorship for 2018 season, we would love to hear from you.

Such a small club, that is based outside the village, has a bright future providing local people the ability to play cricket. Now that the offseason is upon us, we have our end of season awards night on 22nd September at the



Ferryman inn, we have the league awards night to attended in November to pick up our Division three title and in February, the village cricket team is heading to Cape town South Africa for its annual cricket tour. Hope to see the village supporting us further in the future. It is your village cricket team.

### **EYNSHAM EMPORIUM**

"An enjoyable mix of shopping & relaxed hospitality"

Gifts for adults and children from well-known brands including Jelly Cat, Parlane, Avoca, BOHO Betty, Wild & Wolf.

Serving light lunches and food all day.

Open 8.30-5pm Monday to Friday 9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717. info: www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk 32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

### **Parish Council News**

#### **NEXT PC MEETING:**

Monday 2nd October 7:30pm

#### **Village Maintenance**

Nesting season is over so its time to trim back the jungle. If you have hedges and verges next to roads and footpaths please ensure they are trimmed back to ensure good access and visibility.

If you have any concerns about the general areas of the village please pass on concerns to parish council.

If your road needs fixing you can report problems on: www.fixmystreet.com

### 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

### **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.



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This months bird is a Bat!
Bertie is a Brown Long Eared
Bat. Long eared bats have ears
up to a third the length of their
body, but often keep them



tucked away. They can hear well enough to hear a ladybird dancing on a leaf, or as Bertie calls it - Lunch!

Long eared bats are also very stealthy compared to other bats and known as 'whispering' bats by bat men.

# Theatre performance at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall from

# 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 £12 (£10 for under 19s) to include cheese supper from 9pm.

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.** 

#### **Rotary Club of Eynsham News**

It's been a relatively quiet time for Rotary as we've all been enjoying the summer hols, but now we're getting busy again. End Polio Now campaign



Most excitingly we will be planting 10,000 purple crocus - on the verges at the toll-bridge roundabout and near the lay-by at Bartholomew School - in support of Rotary International's ongoing campaign to rid the world of Polio. We're so nearly there - Polio cases have decreased by over 99% since 1988, from an estimated 350 000 cases then, to 37 reported cases in 2016. As a result of the global effort to eradicate the disease, more than 16 million people have been saved from paralysis. Watch out for the fruits of our labours in the early spring. Our next event is to be "Starts & Tarts" - a version of a pudding club event (but to include starters!) This will be held in the village hall on October 20th. Tickets will be sold "first come, first served" as numbers will be limited. Look out for the posters nearer the time.

Finally, some good news on our hunt for a permanent meeting place - we have been welcomed back to The White Hart in Newland St. by new landlords, Gervase and Johnny - where we will be meeting at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month for the foreseeable future. If you're interested, do come along to see who we are and what we do! See Eynsham Online for contact details.