
Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton
March 2024

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Saturday 2nd 8.00am, Men's Breakfast,
Harcourt Arms (see entry for details)

Saturday 2nd 7.00pm, Open Mic Night, Village
Hall

Monday 4th 7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting,
Village Hall

Wednesday 6th 10.00am, Café at the Chapel

Saturday 9th 12pm to 2pm, Village Market at
the Village Hall

Saturday 16th, from 6.30pm, Easter Bingo,
Village Hall

April 2024

Saturday 2nd 8.00am, Men's Breakfast,
Harcourt Arms (see entry for details)

Monday 8th 7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting,
Old Guardroom

Every Thursday – Lunch Club (see entry for
contact details) and **Yoga with Alison James**
(email alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk for info)

**Every Tuesday (term time) – 7pm Sutton
Singers** (see entry for contact details)

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections – 2nd May 2024

Your Parish Councillors are your voice at a local level. Without a Parish Council you lose that voice. Due to low numbers of candidates there has not been an election for many years. Now that the current term has come to an end, all seats are up for re-election. Any current councillors wishing to, will need to stand against any new nominees. It is a simple first past the post system – the six nominees with the most votes will create the next Parish Council. If there are no additional nominations for this year's elections the Parish Council will continue as is.

If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, you can contact any of our current Councillors, our wonderful Parish Clerk, Trudi, or the District Council for more information. Any members of the PC will be happy to explain what the role entails and the time commitment.

The parish nominations will be available from your parish clerk early in March, to coincide with the Notice of Election which is on Monday 25 March. The completed nominations can then be received by the Returning Officer of the District Council up until the deadline of 4pm Friday 5 April 2024 – details of which will be on the nomination form.

The Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy's flagship event inviting people across the country to help clear up their areas, gets underway from 15-31 March. If you'd like to be part of this year's big clean up and would like to borrow a litter picker, need some sacks, or want to request our litter stickers to pop on your bags, email WODC at customer.services@westoxon.gov.uk

Road Closures in March

Eynsham Parish Council has been advised of two overnight road closures that may impact our residents in March. From 19-20 March, overnight from 8pm until 6am, a section of the A415 at Standlake will be closed with a temporary 'no waiting' restriction in place. This is to allow the carriageway to be patched. There will be a diversion in place whilst the works take place.

From 20-21 March, overnight from 8pm until 6am, another section of the A415 (closer to Stanton Harcourt) will be closed with a temporary 'no waiting' restriction in place. This is to allow the carriageway to be patched. There will be a diversion in place whilst the works take place.

River levels in Oxfordshire

Heavy rainfall in early February has led river levels in Oxfordshire to rise once again. Below is useful information for local people to monitor the situation in individual parts of the county – especially when the Environment Agency issues flood alerts or the more serious flood warnings. If the Environment Agency issues a flood alert this indicates that an area should prepare, including making defences and staying up to date with the latest information. When a flood warning is issued, this indicates a greater level of severity. You can [sign up](#) to receive flood warnings from the Environment Agency. Alternatively you can call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 to register. The service is free and you can choose to receive notifications of flood warnings by email, text, or both.

Recycling, Reusing and Composting

For the 10th consecutive year, residents in Oxfordshire are the best in England for recycling, reusing, and composting.

Oxfordshire County Council has again been named the top performing county council waste disposal authority. In 2022 - 23, residents recycled, reused, or composted 57.2 per cent of their household waste, according to the latest government figures.

Councillor Pete Sudbury, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, said: "We want to say congratulations and thank you to our residents for all their hard work and commitment in making it 10 in a row. It is quite an achievement. "We have successfully kept our waste per household down, and the biggest area for improvement would be food waste. A lot of that is still not being recycled. Wasting less food is good for our wallets and for the planet, and the food waste we do recycle is anaerobically digested, making methane to replace fossil gas to heat our homes and cook our food. "In tough times, we can all remember the old adage 'waste not, want not'. Waste less food, keep items in use for longer and reduce the amount of rubbish we produce – which benefits everyone financially and environmentally."

The total amount of household waste produced in Oxfordshire was 278,857 tonnes for 2022/23, with 159,732 tonnes being reused, recycled and composted.

Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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- Email: lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk

Charlie Maynard

- Mobile: 07487 708681
- Email: charlie.maynard@westoxon.gov.uk

Your Oxfordshire County Councillor is:

Dan Levy

- Mobile: 07852 748362
- Email: dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Your Member of Parliament is:

Robert Courts

- Phone: 0207 219 5638
- Email: Robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

Matthew Judson, Chairman, matthew@shpc.co.uk

Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, rachel@shpc.co.uk

Keith Hickson, keith@shpc.co.uk

Joe Deane, joe@shpc.co.uk

Gill Sellars, gill@shpc.co.uk

Andy Hayden, andy@shpc.co.uk

Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. clerk@shpc.co.uk

Lower Windrush History Club

5th March 2024 – Northmoor Village Hall 7.30pm

Liz Woolley – Lord Nuffield and the Oxford Colleges

2nd April 2024 – Standlake Village Hall 7.30pm

Mark Davies – Professors of Rowing: Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race

7th May 2024 – St Giles Church, Standlake 7.30pm

Anne Carter – Guided Tour of St Giles Church Yard (donations to St Giles Church would be appreciated)

New members are very welcome and subs are £25/person for the complete season. Non-members can attend individual talks for £5/person.

If you'd like to join as a member, just go along to the first meeting with payment, or drop an email to lwhscommittee@gmail.com

Easter Bingo

Saturday 16th March

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Doors open 6:30pm // Eyes down 7:30pm

£7.50 entry

Bar and Raffle // Cash/card accepted

Proceeds to St Michaels Church and the Witney Besom Foodbank. ALL WELCOME.

Church News

St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

Lower Windrush Benefice

*****Evening Prayer said most Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm*****

March Services

Sunday 3rd

08:30 Communion (BCP) at St Michael's, SH

Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday

11:00 All Age Service with baptism at St Michael's, SH

Sunday 17th

10:00 Service of the Word (non-Communion) at St Michael's, SH

Holy Week & Easter 2024

March 26th, Tuesday

19:00 Stations of the Cross, St Michael's, SH

March 29th, Good Friday

Benefice Pilgrimage Walk. Setting off from the Rectory 06:30

08:00 Sts Nicholas & Swithun, Yelford followed by breakfast

10:00 St Giles, Standlake followed by coffee

12:00 St Denys, Northmoor (reading of St John's Passion) followed by lunch at pub (if open)

14:00 St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

March 31st, Easter Sunday

09:00 Family Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

April 7th, Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion at St Michael's, SH

Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm we have a short service of Compline via Zoom. Thursday mornings we have Early Bird Prayer at 7:30am via Zoom. All Zoom codes can be found on

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice (Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush Benefice website:

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

Sutton Chapel

SERVICE SUNDAY 10 MARCH AT 3.00PM

LED BY Rev CHARLES HARRIS WITH HOLY COMMUNION // ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/

Café at the Chapel



EVERY FIRST
WEDNESDAY



OF THE MONTH

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 10.00 - 12.00

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE

SELECTION OF TEAS

TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT
BUTTERED TOAST.

BOOKS AND GIFTS SALE TABLE TO BROWSE

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Veteran ID Card

Thousands of Armed Forces veterans are now able to apply for an ID card online by visiting gov.uk/veteran-card. A paper-based application process is also available for veterans who are unable to use the online service. Veterans will be able to use their ID card to apply for a Defence Discount Card online www.defencediscountservice.co.uk and a Veterans Railcard www.veterans-railcard.co.uk/

If any village organisations or clubs would like to lay a wreath at the annual Act of Remembrance, please could you let Jacqui know by 1st April: gravesjacqui@gmail.com. The Branch will purchase the wreath for your organisation and would ask for a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Sutton Singers.

Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesdays during term time at 7pm.

Would you like to sing? Come and join in the joy and fun of singing together? No auditions needed. We welcome new members, have parties sometimes and our Musical Director - Lizzie Soden - is a joy to work with, fun, encouraging and says everyone can sing!

Get in touch with

Jan Tomlinson

on: 01865 881709 or

email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com



Newsflash!! Sutton Singers are running another Open Mic Night.

Saturday 2nd March 7pm -9pm. Do come along to watch. Bring a picnic, get a takeaway and enjoy the singing and playing. No Bar, so bring your own drinks. If you want to sing or play - please get in touch with Jan as above, there will be a running order prepared so do let us know you are coming to sing.

Entrance for all £5, We will run a raffle, Singing lesson from Lizzie is our star prize.

Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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Thursday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00



Monthly Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meet ups are held at The Harcourt Arms on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am to approx. 09:15 for a breakfast & general social chat. Have a full English, with tea/coffee & toast. Other breakfasts available from the menu too. Open invitation to all, but anyone who would like to come along please let Rob Brown know by text or telephone on 07957 664117 or email rlindsaybrown@btinternet.com so he can give the Arms numbers by the Thursday beforehand.

FIRST AND LAST MILE BUS SERVICE

First and Last Mile are pleased to announce that a new direct bus to Witney will be running every Wednesday from 14 February. The bus will leave Bablock Hythe at 09.30 and serve all bus stops including Flexneys Paddock at 09.41 and Sutton at 09.45. In Witney it will stop at Sainsburys as well as the Market Square. The return journey will depart from Sainsburys at 11.55 and Witney Market Square at 12.00. If the service proves popular the bus may run on other days in the future.

The 418 service will continue to run every 2 hours Monday to Friday to Eynsham.

We are happy to answer any queries at 07584 927 050 or info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com. Please email village-voice@hotmail.co.uk for a printable copy of the timetable.

**COMBE MILL, BLENHEIM PALACE SAWMILLS,
COMBE, OX29 8ET**

******Our First `IN STEAM EVENT` This Year******

17th March 2024 `Science at the Mill`

Browse Gift Shop, Tombola, BBQ and Tea Room also open. Accompanied by Market Stalls. Combe Mill in its day was the workshop for Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. It is a late 19th Century Grade 2 listed Watermill with Steam Beam Engine, Restored Waterwheel, Line Shafting, Collection of Towers Clocks, Barn Engines with all machinery running as used in its day. Make a poker in our Dual Blacksmiths' Forge, Tinkering Area for the Children and much more.

Admission: Adults £9.00, Concessions £7.50, CHILDREN now FREE // Dogs most welcomed // Free Parking // Ask about Gift Aid. **Open:** 10.30am to 5.00pm

OPEN WEDNESDAYS FROM 20th MARCH 2024 for self-guided tours, with volunteers on hand to talk about Combe Mill and its history. **Admission:** Adults £5.00, Concessions & Children £4.00 **Open:** 10.30am to 3.30pm Contact: Combe Mill Society, 01993 358694 www.combemill.org

THE THURSDAY CLUB

We meet every Thursday at Northmoor Village Hall between 12:00 and 2 pm. **COOKS NEEDED** We have several local volunteer cooks who work on a rota basis providing traditional food, but need more people to help ease the pressure on our existing cooks. If you feel you could help out generally or by cooking dinners or puddings please contact Anna on 01865 881363 / Michael on 01865 3004480 or pop in and see us one week between 12.00 and 2.00 "

Witney Music Society

The final concert in Witney Music Society's 2023-24 season will be given by the acclaimed Marmen Quartet playing works for string quartet by Haydn, Debussy, Mozart and Ravel. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 8 March at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online.

For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Village Market & Cafe dates for 2024



Our Village Markets are held from 12-2pm in the Village Hall with a wide variety of stalls selling crafts, handmade cards, jewellery & gifts; local produce & plants; home-made cakes, jams,

chutneys and lots more! The Village Cafe provides coffee & tea, bacon rolls, homemade soup & home-baked cakes and offers a lovely opportunity for villagers to meet up and chat. Entry is free so do pop along, browse and catch up with people! New stalls are always welcome and there is no charge for taking a stall, contact Jo@marketing-sense.co.uk for further info. This event is run by the Village Hall Committee and all proceeds go to help us keep your Village Hall going!

March 9 // April 13 // May 11 // June 8
July 13 // August 10 // Sept 14 // October 12
November 9 // December 14



Yoga at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Thursday's 10-11am

If you like to relax, stretch, and get together then this is the class for you. Accessible for all and with equipment provided. Yoga is great to help with creating positive wellbeing, helping with the alignment of the body- and correcting any misalignments, exercises to help with maintaining fitness and keep us moving.

This class is donation based, with a suggested donation of £8. Any donation welcome, it is more important that if you think the class would benefit you that you come along. I look forward to meeting you there, for more information please contact me on 0789 002 6446 or via alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk

I am also a qualified massage therapist offering Thai Yoga Massage, and Holistic Massage from my home in Sutton. Please contact me to book, or for more information.

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