

Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

March 2017

Safe and Well visits from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Did you know that Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service offer free Safe and Well Visits? Our firefighters will visit you at home to see what they can do to help you reduce the risk of fire.

What does a visit cover? It combines a Home Safety Check to help reduce the risk of fire in your home, such as checking and fitting smoke alarms and helping you make a fire escape plan. We can also offer you advice and support to help your health and wellbeing. During the visit firefighters are able to provide advice and support to reduce any immediate risk from falls, fire, flood or power cuts, along with advice to help protect you from scams and doorstep crime.

You can request a visit online at www.365alive.co.uk/safewell or call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999. If a loved one or friend would benefit from a visit please let them know about our Safe and Well visits. Do you have a fire safety concern or question? There's lots of great tips and advice to help keep you and your family safer at home on www.365alive.co.uk. Or you can call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999. Oxfordshire County Council Fire & Rescue Service

GreenTEA's 'Eynsham Swap Shop' to be held on Sat Mar 18th 10am-11.30am at

The Sports Pavilion, 1 Oxford Road, Eynsham OX29 4HG.

FREE entrance, you can bring or take or both. Large items by advertising card on the board. No televisions, computers, printers or videos please.

Jubilate - show great happiness; rejoice

Lower Windrush Choral Society's next concert is at St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney on Sunday May 7th at 6:30 pm. We hope to spread happiness and invite you to enjoy rejoicing with us as we perform the following:

Handel - The King Shall Rejoice

Monteverdi - Beatus Vir

Vaughan-Williams - Mass in G Minor

Vivaldi - Credo RV591

Tickets are available from members of the choir, at Rapture, Woolgate and St Andrew's Bookshop, High Street, Witney or by phoning 01993 773283 or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lowerwindrush>

Advance tickets are £10 (booking fee applies for online purchases), on the door they will cost £12. Under 18s get in free!

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

March Services (*at Stanton Harcourt unless stated*)

5th 9:30 Parish Communion and Sunday School

12th 10:30 Benefice Communion **at Northmoor**

19th 10:30 All Age Worship

26th 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Our Lent Course based on the film 'The King's Speech' is open to everybody. It will be on Mondays from 6th March, 11.00am at The Ferryman Inn or 7.30pm at The Rectory.

We will be running Confirmation Classes on Monday evenings at 6.30 starting on 13th March, in preparation for a Confirmation service on 21st May. Anyone interested please contact Rev Drew as soon as possible.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

All regular services at 10am on Sundays

March

5th Informal Service

12th Peter Allen

19th Eddie Fowler

26th Informal Service

Coffee Mornings 10am - 11:30am

First Wednesday of each month

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

Special Services

Lenten Penitential Service 21st March 7pm

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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March

14th Tuesday Girls

18th Small Breakfast

18th Village Litter Pick

25th Village Litter Pick

25th The Village Inn at the Village Hall

April

3rd Parish Council Meeting

May

15th Parish Meeting

June

17th Village Festival

Small Breakfast

Saturday 18th March 9 – 11

Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

Village Cafe and Market

We are aiming to kick off the first village cafe and market again in the Village Hall on Saturday April 8th from 12-2pm and run it 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 and home made cake plus support our local stall holders. Our special in April will 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 are fab).



Musical Evening -St Leonards Church Eynsham

Sat 18th March 7.30pm

Oxford Gospel Choir and 'Pocket Handkerchief Jazz' (superb local group)

Tickets £6 - available from Eynsham DIY store or June Poole 01865375130

Proceeds to Oxford Homeless Pathways and Eynsham Day Centre Refreshments

AN APOLOGY.

The Editor would like to apologise to the owners of the 'Polar Bear' pictured in last month's edition, and retracts the piece in full.

Tuesday Girls

At the March meeting we will be entertained by a seven month old puppy, assisted by a speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

So please come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday **14th March at 7.30pm** and support this deserving charity

Non members are always welcome pay £3 on the night for a cuppa and raffle

For further info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

The Village Inn

back by popular demand!

Saturday 25th March from 7:30pm

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall becomes the Village Inn

Following the success of the Village Inn night in November (and providing the bar at the pantomime), the Village Inn will be back on the last Saturday of March, April and May. As before there will be a licensed bar, pub grub and pub games. Come and enjoy your preferred tittle in pleasant company as we recreate the village pub atmosphere at the centre of our community.

-Licensed Bar

-Pub Grub

-Games

Free entry.

If you're willing to help out on the bar or in preparing food, please call Steve Tuck on 01865 880306 or email VillageInn@tucknet.co.uk

Proceeds from the evening will go to local causes

Church 200 Club. February draw.

1st 196 J Birch

2nd 136 C Loder

3rd 146 S Corbel

4th 209 G Barclay



SCHOOL NEWS

This has been a very busy time for the school; the children have all worked extremely hard and were very tired by half term. We are all now looking forward to Spring, which is a wonderful time of year when we watch new growth. There are many exciting visits this term and there were Vikings and Romans marauding around the school not to mention Paddington Bears and marmalade sandwiches!! All good fun! This term there is a visit to the Story Museum and the Roald Dahl museum, both of which link well with topics and with our aim to become a very good writing school. We always welcome helpers so please do come and help in any way you can.

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Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

Pantomime Success

Aladdin played to an increasingly packed house across four performances in February; some people enjoyed it so much they came back 3 times! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us - the feedback has been fabulous. Talking of feedback, why not leave a review on our Facebook page?

www.facebook.com/StantonHarcourtDrama/



Annual General Meeting

I will be scheduling our AGM in the very near future. I'll email everyone I can think of and publish details on our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome, but you need to be a member to vote in any resolutions.

Steve Tuck

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Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2017!

Saturday 17th June

And the theme for Festival this year is.....

"A Day at the Races"

We hope that you will all get into the spirit of our racing theme for Festival this year!

Think Ascot, Aintree, Silverstone, Monte Carlo or Henley!

The committee are now working hard to bring some fun activities and attractions for you all to enjoy on Festival Day itself.

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 that a whole host of Festival events will also take place in the week leading up to Festival Day. Hosting an open event during 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 organising an event, please contact Mike Parker on 884435 or email mikeparker12@gmail.com

Mike is co-ordinating the schedule of events for Festival week so do let him know what you are planning so we can make sure that you are included in the Festival programme and so you can check any potential event clashes during the week.

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)

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Richard Thomson (rich.thom@btinternet.com)

The Festival Committee



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 3rd April 7:30pm

Speed Watch

The community speedwatch team have been out routinely with the new speed gun and a number of cars have been reported back to the local force. Please take care to drive safely through the village!

Website

A new website for the Parish is being developed, where you will be able to find not only up to date Agendas, Minutes and other formal documents but also information and news of Events and Activities in our Community. Comments and suggestions about enhancing the site will be valued. You can visit the site at: **www.pc.stantonharcourt.online**

Litter Pick

The annual Litter Pick is planned on two days!

18th March

25th March

Please come and join in if you can. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am

Planning

Outline planning for the airfield development has been approved by WODC. Parish Council have discussed ways of highlighting the safety and environmental concerns of building so close to the landfill and have decided to pursue an initial consultancy report into the issues.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting is scheduled for 15th May at the Village Hall

Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. trudigasser@rocketmail.com
Parish Council website: <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

NATIONAL PLANT MONITORING SCHEME

Do you know anyone with an interest in wild plants or who would like to learn more about them? As the weather warms and the days get longer we are looking for people to help us.

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme is helping us to understand what is happening to different habitats across the UK and is set to run for a number of years. The Scheme has been running for two survey seasons and over 900 volunteers have signed up and been out surveying. One of the reasons the scheme has enjoyed such good success in attracting volunteers is because of the support of local parish councils. Many of these volunteers are new to plant surveying and have found the scheme accessible, are enjoying taking part and are exploring places close to them and finding out new things. Volunteers are supported by materials which are sent to them, online resources and free training courses.

Do you know somebody who enjoys being outside? There are still opportunities to get involved with the scheme as a volunteer. In fact the more volunteers we have the more information is generated allowing us to get an even better understanding of what is happening in the landscape.

Who we are and what we need: This scheme is a partnership between Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI); JNCC; Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) and Plantlife and is backed by the government. Volunteers are recruited and supported to survey 5 plots in a kilometre square close to where they live. The plots will be surveyed twice a year. The kilometre squares to monitor have been

identified by stratified random sampling. The plants have been chosen as indicators of the health of individual habitats. There are 3 levels volunteers can participate at depending on confidence and knowledge and support will be provided both through training; web and telephone.

More help please: Across Oxfordshire there are still 18 squares available to survey. We would be hugely grateful if you can use your communication channels to promote the scheme again using the NPMS flyer (<http://www.npms.org.uk/sites/www.npms.org.uk/files/PDF/NPMS%20flyer.pdf>).

The live map on the NPMS website shows the squares that are available: http://www.npms.org.uk/square-near-me-public?dynamic-return_all_squares=true

We particularly need to promote the scheme in remote areas as well as areas contain including those with coastal and upland habitats.

To sign up please visit www.npms.org.uk or for further information please email support@npms.org.uk or phone 01722 342743.

Cricket Club On Tour

As it's the off-season here in the UK, Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club recently went on tour to Melbourne, Australia. We had made a connection with an Australian Cricket Club there named the Harcourt Lions. An Australian came to visit the village a few years back who played for them and we managed to get him to play for us in a game. Who would have thought that that act of friendship would lead us to tour down under some years later.

We embarked on 10 days in Melbourne playing three games of cricket against Axe Creek Cricket Club, Harcourt Lions Old Boys and Yarraville Cricket Club.

The hosts, the weather and the cricket were all outstanding.

Every member of the Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club, fulfilled a dream to play cricket in Australia. We even managed to get a mention on BT Sport when commentator



Mark Nicholas spotted our flag in the crowd at the MCG when we went to watch Australia play Sri Lanka in a 20/20 game. He said "Hello Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club from England, you have just arrived a year early" (a reference to the Ashes 2017/18). We have made some amazing friends for life and every player will hold lots of fantastic memories for years to come. Hopefully in 2018 we will combine the Aussie's and the Poms as we are hoping to join forces with the Harcourt Lions and go on a cricket tour to South Africa. The village cricket team is going from strength to strength. It shows we are a really friendly club. We have cricket nets starting on Sunday 26th February 8pm at the Windrush Leisure Centre so if you are interested in playing come along and join us.

If you would like to see more photos of our epic tour why don't you follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. #StantonHarcourtcccontour

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This month's bird is Ginny, and she is a Red Grouse. She prefers to live on uplands particularly if there is heather. Famous for distilling whisky red grouse are on the decline, often thought due to the decline of heather but possibly also due to posh folk with guns!