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Opening Times 10 am until 4 pm
Saturday 17th November, Sunday 18th November
Thursday 22nd November, Friday 23rd November
Saturday 24th November, Sunday 25th November

Please visit our website for further information
www.eynhamartsgroup.org.uk



A Celebration of Parry

LOWER WINDRUSH CHORAL SOCIETY
Sunday 25th November 2018
at 5.30 pm
Methodist Church, High Street, Witney

Directed by Terry McNamara
Soprano: Aileen Thomson
Organist: Francis Rumsey

Tickets £10 (£12 on the door) Under 18s free
Available from choir members; Rapture, Woolgate, Witney
St Andrew's Bookshop, High Street, Witney
or online:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/lowerwindrush

Enquiries to: 01865 300625

www.lowerwindrush.co.uk
Registered Charity No: 1152661

The choir are always looking for new members visit:
<http://lowerwindrush.co.uk/>
For more info and to get involved.

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village-voice@hotmail.co.uk
AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month’s contributors,
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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 19:00 Service of Reflection for All Souls **Northmoor**
4th 9:30 Parish Communion and Sunday School
11th 10:50 Remembrance Service
18th 0:30 All Age Worship
25th 8:00 Holy Communion BCP

Sutton Methodist Chapel
Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200
All regular services at 10am on Sundays
November
4th informal gathering
11th Rev Ireland inc Holy Communion
18th Mr Ian Prince
25th **service at Witney High Street 10.30am**

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

Witney Music Society
The next concert in Witney Music Society's new season will be given by Giacomo Susani who'll be performing works for solo guitar by composers including Frescobaldi, Sor, Rodrigo and Walton. The concert will be at High Street Methodist Church, Witney at 7.30pm on Friday 9 November. Tickets are £12, with subsidised tickets at just £1 for under 19s. Tickets will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online via the website 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



Village Voice



The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton **November 2018**

Nigel Parker - Service of Thanksgiving
My father, Nigel Parker, died very suddenly at home in Curbridge on 12th October.

My parents lived in Stanton Harcourt for 25 years during which my father was very involved in village life and was the Clerk to the Parish Council for several years. My parents had - and still have - many friends in the village. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday 23rd November at 12 o'clock midday at St Michael’s Church, Stanton Harcourt. Anybody who knew Nigel and would like to attend the service, would be very welcome.
Clare Rich
claresrich@btinternet.com

Village Cafe and Market
Next Village Market and Cafe is on
Sat 10th November, 12-2pm.
Lovely to see so many people coming and enjoying lunch or coffee in the cafe each month - a real chance for villagers to get together.




There will also be a 'Chirstmas Market' on Saturday 8th December

WW1 CENTENARY

Service for Remembrance Sunday

11th November 2018

St. Michael’s Church
Stanton Harcourt



Stanton Harcourt Branch
Royal British Legion
BR0772

Dates for your Diary.....
November
3rd Bonfire and Fireworks at Standlake
5th Guy Fawkes Day
10th Village Cafe and Market
11th Armistice Day and Remembrance Service and Beacon Lighting
17th Watermill Theatre
19th Festival Kick Off Meeting
24th Village Inn at the Village Hall
December
4th Sutton Singers Concert at St Michaels
15th Carol Singing and Lantern Parade

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
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.

*"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."*

If you are interested in helping with door to door poppy collection contact Alan on 883317 before 12 noon weekdays or at weekends or email ajdyer61@hotmail.com.

Remembrance Day
Sunday 11th November 10:50am St Michaels
This year is the Centenary (100th anniversary) of the end of the Great War (WW1) so is a particularly special remembrance.
For more information on The British Legion please contact the Chairman Mrs Kerstie Judson 731310
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

Chirstmas Date for your diary
Carol singing and lantern parade Saturday December 15th. Look out for more information next month.

The next Village Inn... will be on Saturday 24th November
details to follow via noticeboards, email and the FaceBook soon!
Proceeds to the Village Hall.



2019 Festival – Come and join us!

Following the phenomenal success of “Stanton in The 60s” last June, the festival committee will be starting to discuss plans for next summer’s Festival at our first meeting on Monday 19th November - 7.30pm at Inglenooks (Sutton Lane). We always welcome new faces on the committee so if you would like to get involved with organising our next Festival week then do get in touch with Richard on 881483 or email rich.thom77@gmail.com and come along to our kick off meeting on 19th November. Hope to see you there – it will be fun!

The Festival Committee



Sutton Singers and guests are performing their Christmas concert at St

Michaels Church Stanton Harcourt on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm £5 per person including refreshments. All welcome.



Deliverer Required

We have another Delivery round available, Flexneys Paddock round is 36 copies at 10p a copy. This is smaller round so would suit a youngster or could be combined with an existing round. Contact the editor on: village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

HOME MADE CHRISTMAS CAKE

Too busy to make your own?
Got lots of guests coming for Christmas?
Never made a Christmas cake before?
Stuck for an idea for an elderly relative?
St Michael's fund raisers are offering you a unique opportunity to buy a made to order Christmas cake.
Traditional fruit cake either iced or decorated with dried fruit and nuts.
2 sizes offered;
3 inch (popular for small hampers) £5:00
8 inch family cake £25:00
Order forms available in the shop from October 1st.
All orders must be received by November 10th.
Payment with order please.
To discuss specific dietary requirements please phone Jane 01865 882361.

ADVENT WINDOWS

Once again St Michael's church are organising Advent Windows. This has been enjoyed by many for the last 2 years and we are looking for volunteers again to decorate a window during advent. Anyone can join in and we ask you to light up your window from your chosen date until Christmas. For more information and to choose a date please call Carole 01865 880416

The Village Shop

Hitesh and the team look forward to seeing you in the Village Shop - open 7 days a week.

- Papers
- Confectionary
- Groceries
- Post Office Services
- Dry Cleaning
- MoneyGram
- Video Conversion
- and more

Drop in and say hello!

New Opening Hours

Monday	7:30-11:00
Tuesday	7:30-12:30 *
Wednesday	7:30-11:00
Thursday	7:30-12:30 *
Friday	7:30-11:00
Saturday	8:00-12:30 *
Sunday	8:00-11:00

* = Post Office Days

POST OFFICE

Tuesday Girls

We don't have specific details at printing but for more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

Watermill Theatre production of Jane Eyre at the Village Hall, Saturday 17th November.

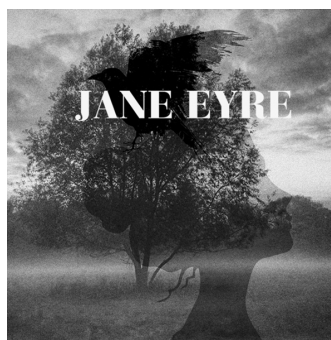
We have another special evening at the village hall with the latest Watermill Theatre production of the classic Jane Eyre. After enduring a childhood of cruelty and loneliness, orphan Jane Eyre takes a position as the governess at Thornfield Hall.

But when love blossoms between Jane and her enigmatic employer Mr Rochester, a secret is discovered that forces her to choose between happiness and integrity, desire and conviction.

Dark passionate and political, Jane Eyre is a searing portrayal of a woman's search for equality and freedom. Charlotte Bronte's classic novel is brought to life by three actors in a fast paced, stripped back new adaptation by Danielle Pearson

Tickets £12 (£8, 18 years and under) from the Village Shop, Evenlode DIY and Lucy Heath on 07711 704475 or lucy.heath1@gmail.com

Doors and bar open at 7pm. Performance starts at 7.30pm. Proceeds to Village Hall maintenance.



Parish Council News

Next Meeting Monday 5th November 7:30

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

LOWER WINDRUSH 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 Events

Saturday 10th November 2018

The Sea Scouts will be walking from Stanton Harcourt to Stand lake Via North moor to commemorate the announcement of the ending of WW1.

- 10:00 Start from Stanton Harcourt Church.
- 11:00 to 11:30 Arrive at Northmoor Church, ceremony at the church followed by refreshments and display at village hall.
- 15:00 Arrive at Stand lake Village Hall for refreshments (a display of WW1 items will be on display prior to the evenings lecture).
- 16:00 Standlake war Memorial at the church, wreath laying ceremony.

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Service at Northmoor Church.

Persons are requested to be seated in good time for the 11:00 ceremony.

18:30 to 19:30 A Beacon lighting as part of a National event will take place at both, The Black Horse PH and The Red Lion PH all are welcome.



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This months bird is Bonnie, and she's a Sparrowhawk! Sparrowhawks are small birds of prey, although as with all birds of prey the girls are bigger (and tougher) than the boys. Sparrow hawks like to hunt in smaller spaces like woodland and gardens, and they often eat smaller birds although the girls can eat birds upto the size of a pigeon sometimes even eat bats! Sparrowhawks are often blamed for the decline in songbirds but scientific research shows that they have little impact relative to other factors. More importantly if you help songbirds with food and nestboxes it'll help them thrive and Bonnie wont go hungry either!



Church 200 Club October draw

1st 126 J Thomson	2nd 116 B Marslin
3rd 275 C Mathew	4th 100 P Burden

SCHOOL NEWS



STANTON HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU...

A UGANDAN EVENING

Enjoy an evening learning and supporting our friends in Uganda

NOVEMBER 20, 2018 | 7:30PM - 8:30PM
MAIN RD, STANTON HARCOURT,
WITNEY, OX29 5RJ

www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk
01865 881948 / office@stantonharcourtschool.org.uk

Dear Editor,

The October edition of The Village Voice carried a notice advertising a vacancy on the Parish Council. I attended the September Parish Council meeting when Councillor Colin Wells announced his intention to retire, but no discussion was allowed about how the vacancy would be filled as a letter of resignation had not been received. Fast forward to the October PC meeting. When the floor was opened for public questions, I enquired if the vacancy was now official and what would happen next. I was astonished to learn that not only had a letter of resignation been received, but a notice had apparently been posted on the PC noticeboard on The Green for the statutory period of 14 days and because no petition for an election had been received, the council would now move to co-opt someone. I was not the only person surprised by this news – none of the members of the public present and two Councillors were also taken aback. Hearing our protests, the Parish Clerk undertook to see if the notice could be republished to allow appetite for an election to be gauged.

The following day, in the space of less than 12 hours, I collected 34 signatures from voters in the Parish calling for an election, so the appetite certainly exists! I delivered the petition to the Parish Clerk and West Oxfordshire District Council but it was rejected on the grounds that it was received after the statutory period had elapsed and subsequent appeals from myself and other residents have fallen on deaf ears. Ears so deaf, it seems, that the Parish Clerk has not had the courtesy to respond to any of my correspondence on the validity of the notice given.

An online poll on the Village's Facebook group revealed that only 3 out of 88 people had been aware of the vacancy notice. When the Parish Council regularly use other noticeboards in the Parish plus email, online groups and The Village Voice to advertise matters of importance, it beggars belief that anyone could reasonably claim that a single notice on a board that is not often casually viewed fulfils the legal requirement of being conspicuous. It leaves the question – was this a deliberate move by The Parish Council Chair to keep certain members of the Parish Council and members of the public in the dark? Was it designed to deny us the opportunity of electing a new representative, but instead bring about the position where a compliant individual might be appointed via co-option?

Yours faithfully,
Steve Tuck