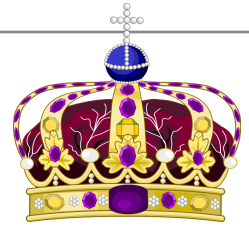




# VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

June 2022



## Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cafe at the Chapel *Toast, tea and talking*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend
- 4<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast Club 8.00am, The Harcourt Arms
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Festival Week Events *Excitement & interest for all*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Big Jubilee Lunch on the Green *Celebrations abound!*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Knitting Group *Wool meet again*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sutton Singers Concert 7.00pm, The Chapel
- 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Baby & Toddler Group 9.15 - 10.45am, Village Hall
- 11<sup>th</sup> Festival Day *Join the village for fabulous festivities*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Manor Gardens Open *Explore the historical gardens*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day *Dad's life! Dad's what all the people say*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Manor Gardens Open *Explore the historical gardens*
- 24<sup>th</sup> Watermill Theatre, Camp Albion *Theatre in the village*

## Sutton Singers

With the lighter evenings and the weather beginning to warm up, Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesdays during term time at 7pm. Would you like to sing? Join in the joy and fun of singing together?

Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson on Phone: 01865 881709 or email: [janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

### Do come along and see us in Festival Week.

**Tuesday 7th June 7pm for 7.30pm start, The Chapel, New Road**

There will be a mix of songs from our recent appearance at Chipping Norton Music Festival and many more. There are no refreshments this year.

A good chance to see what we get up to on a Tuesday if you are thinking about joining us or just come to listen for fun.

Please be aware The Chapel is a small space when full of many people. We will have all the doors open, to air the room as much as possible. No one will be attending if they have any symptoms of Covid, sanitiser will be available, and please wear a mask during the concert. Everyone attends at their own discretion.

We hope to see you there!



## "Royal Stanton's Jubilee"

**Festival week events: Saturday 4th June - Sunday 12th June**

**The "Big Jubilee Lunch" – Sunday 5th June on The Green**

**Festival Day: Saturday 11th June 2022**

The National Jubilee celebrations and our own Village Festival week are fast approaching!

We look forward to seeing you at the Party on the Green on 5th June

The Festival Programme will be available from 24th May. It contains full details of the many events that are taking place during the week so make sure you get your copy. Programmes will be on sale at the village shop (£1.50) or from the programme sellers who will be doing the rounds of the village.

Don't forget to get your "royal" house decorations on display prior to Festival week and choose your royal outfits ready for fancy dress judging on Festival Day!

**More details about Festival are contained in the flyer insert delivered with this edition of VV.**

*We will be looking for volunteers to help with preparations for the Jubilee Party on the Green on 5th and Festival Day on 11th*

*keep an eye out for requests for help on our FB page!*

**The Festival Committee**



## Red Cross Bric-a-Brac

There will be a bric-a-brac stall in aid of The Red Cross on festival day. If you have any items for the stall, please either bring them to the field during the morning (11th June) for setting up or leave them at The Willows, Sutton Lane, during festival week.

Thanks as always, Liz

## Crash your cash stash for the bash

Remember that most events during Festival Week won't have the facility to pay with a card, so raid those piggy banks and top up your cash to participate in the festivities - you don't want to miss out on cake, burgers, beers, or a raffle (or two!).

**Stanton Harcourt  
Manor Gardens,  
Medieval Kitchen  
and Chapel**

**Open on  
Sunday June 12th 2022  
2pm—6pm**

**Tickets £5:00**

**Available from the Village Shop,  
Bronwen Buckley, Carole Burden  
or email Jane Watts  
[Jane.saddleback@talktalk.net](mailto:Jane.saddleback@talktalk.net)**

**Under 16's free if accompanied by an adult.**




*When Dr. Seuss was stuck writing his books, he would go to a secret closet filled with hundreds of hats and wear them till the words came.*



## Parish Council News

### Next Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

**Monday 6th June 7:30pm**

Online observation link: <https://meet.google.com/ifb-ezdy-dci>

### Annual Meeting of the Parish

Thank you to all those who joined in at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The Parish Council members are very grateful for the feedback they received, to represent you effectively we do need your input. We volunteered to serve the community. A special thank you to all the representatives of organisations that hosted tables and shared with our community information about their organisation and provided you with opportunities to participate or provide feedback.

### Waste Bins

Many of you may have noticed some changes with Stanton Harcourt and Sutton's rubbish bins in the past few weeks. This is due to the new policies that have been adopted by West Oxfordshire District Council around municipal waste bins in a bid to 'rationalise' their use. Across the district, the Council has been removing some dog waste bins and general litter bins, provided there is another nearby. Where possible, the removed dog waste bins are being replaced by larger, dual-purpose bins that can take all waste, including bagged dog waste.

The contents of these 'dual' bins will be sent to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) in a move that is helping to direct 95% of the country's municipal waste away from landfill. The Parish Council are working closely with the District Council team to review the changes that were made in Our village. We want to ensure bin placement suits our community's needs and highlight any issues, such as a lack of capacity/frequency of emptying in the most heavily used bins. The Parish Council is charged by WODC for the emptying of these bins and for the provision of extra bins, so it is in our interest to have the sufficient bins in the correct positions.

If any residents encounter problems, we urge you to get in touch with us. In particular, we would like residents to let us know of:

- Any bins that are not being emptied at all
- Any bins that are being emptied too infrequently (getting too full or smelling unpleasant)
- Any locations where an additional bin would be useful

### New Stanton Harcourt Community Hall

As many of you will know by now our village has a new facility that has been gifted to the Parish Council by Hayfield Homes. The Guard Room on the old airfield site will be available to rent very soon at a competitive hourly rate. The facility is fairly small, suitable for seating a max of 30 people, has a small kitchenette and lovely garden. Details about the hall and the hirer rates are on the Stanton Harcourt Parish Council website.

When the facility has not been hired out, you are all welcome to sit in and enjoy the garden, however when the facility has been hired out the garden will be closed to the general public, to give the hirer the full benefit of this asset.

### Village Hall Car Park

A draft specification for the new car park design is being developed, from this specification quotes will be requested to inform funding to cover the cost. If anyone has expertise in tarmac and car park layouts etc, expert comments would be very welcome. Please contact [gill@shpc.co.uk](mailto:gill@shpc.co.uk)

### Village Hall Solar Energy Project Update

The order has been placed with our chosen 'best value' supplier JoJu, a local company. Planning permission has been obtained and the application for the G99 certificate that we need from the electricity board is in progress. It won't be long now before you see scaffolding go up and panels installed. This project is a Village Hall Committee initiative supported by the Parish Council.

### 20mph proposal

The next stage is to present the proposal to Oxfordshire County Council for a formal consultation which we hope you will support.

## Changes at the West Oxfordshire Council

The recent election has resulted in a significant change at West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), with a Conservative majority replaced with a Liberal-Labour-Green coalition. We now have two WODC representatives, one Conservative and one Liberal Democrat; they have informed us they will work together in the best interests of our community.

### Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

*Lynette Nicholls*

- Mobile: 07766 251125
- Bus. email: [lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk)

*Charlie Maynard*

- Mobile: 07487 708681
- Bus. email: [charlie.maynard@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:charlie.maynard@westoxon.gov.uk)

### Your Oxfordshire County Council councillor remains as:

*Dan Levy*

- Mobile: 07852 748362
- Email: [dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### You Member of Parliament remains as:

*Robert Courts*

- Phone: 0207 219 5638
- Email: [robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk)

### Your Parish Councillors are:

- *Matthew Judson*, Chairman, [matthew@shpc.co.uk](mailto:matthew@shpc.co.uk)
- *Rachel Arnold*, Vice Chairman, [rachel@shpc.co.uk](mailto:rachel@shpc.co.uk)
- *Keith Hickson*, [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk)
- *Joe Deane*, [joe@shpc.co.uk](mailto:joe@shpc.co.uk)
- *Gill Sellars*, [gill@shpc.co.uk](mailto:gill@shpc.co.uk)
- *Tony Pentland*, [tony@shpc.co.uk](mailto:tony@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](mailto:Clerk@shpc.co.uk)

*Elizabethan scribe Peter Bales reportedly produced a complete, handwritten copy of the Bible so small it could fit inside a walnut shell.*

## 200 Club Draw Results

April 2022	May 2022
246 H. Parker £25	141 Mrs A. Williams £25
227 A. Matthew £12	288 N. Eagle £12
266 J. Graves £8	185 E. Floyd £8
124 C. Bartle £5	145 N. Rickards £5
June 2022	
156 L. Allison £25	
153 J. Fry £12	
279 S. Jenkins £8	
252 P. Strange £5	

## Library books to your door

Do you or someone you know struggle to get to the library? The Home Library Service can help!

Oxfordshire County Council's free service will deliver books and other library items to people who need them.

Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email

[homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
[oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice)





## There's No Place Like Home

Ever-increasing commitment to help, especially the young "unaccompanied" refugees and asylum-seeking families, is the main reason for my repetitive request for your unwanted bicycles.

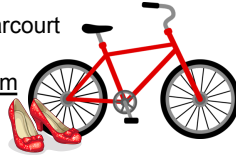
We do have a good supply of Ladies' type bikes now, thanks to you of course. However, we are extremely short on gents' bikes (all sizes) in relation to new arrivals.

As before the condition is immaterial so please check out your garages and please spread the message. You and the surrounding villages have been amazingly generous over the last 4 months so I will keep my fingers hopefully crossed.

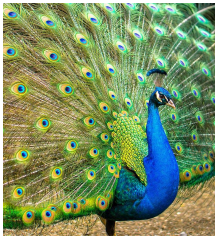
You can drop the bikes at my place, The Fox (Stanton Harcourt OX29 5RR), or email me for collection:

[nasser@asylum-welcome.org](mailto:nasser@asylum-welcome.org) or [dearnasser@hotmail.com](mailto:dearnasser@hotmail.com)

Thanks in advance, Nasser



## Page 3 Bird: Peacock



Introducing The Honourable Raphaël Ambrosius Costeau, gin connoisseur, purveyor of rare crystals, and part time poet. A member of the peafowl family, Raphaël is a rather fabulous blue, or Indian, peacock. His iridescent blue and green plumage set him aside from most birds you find on the British Isles, and he knows it.

Peafowl are forest birds that nest on the ground, but roost in trees. You'll find Raphaël on his country estate, perched atop the highest tower chanting his very distinctive squawk as he leads his daily

meditation classes.

Peacocks are considered to be royal birds, which is no surprise considering their beautiful plumage. The peacock is a prominent feature of the Harcourt family crest, which is why the peacock symbol is found in various places/organisations in the village. Why not pay a visit to the historic church and see how many depictions of the peacock you can find? If you look carefully, you might spot Raphaël practising his Paso Doble or reciting his latest sonnets to his adoring fans.

## Watermill Theatre Camp Albion

Friday 24th June 2022

Gate and Bar Open from 6.30pm  
for 7pm start

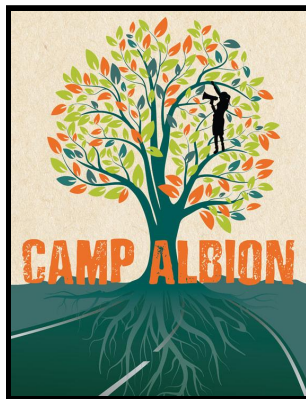
Tickets are now available from  
Lucy Heath  
(07711 704475 or  
[lucy.heath1@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.heath1@gmail.com))  
or from the Village shop.

Adults £12  
18 years and under £8

This is an outdoor performance and will go ahead unless we have extreme weather.

You might want to bring a cushion for your seat.

*In a time before smartphones, Twitter, Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion, the 'Third Battle of Newbury' was one of the definitive environmental campaigns of the 1990s. A new play with music, Camp Albion explores the heroism, humour and heated debate of this extraordinary moment in the town's history.*



## Handy Hints for Horticulturalists

- ✂ Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- 🥬 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- ☀ Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch
- 🪴 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside

**FREE ENTRY!!!**

**Sutton Village 2022**

# Classic Vehicle Show

**Tuesday June 7th**

**From 6pm**






**"Akeden"**  
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Sutton  
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**BBQ • Refreshments • Raffle  
Aunt Sally Competition!**

**More Info 07795 371294**

## CAFE AT THE CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 10.00 - 12.00**




FRESH ROASTED COFFEE      SELECTION OF TEAS

TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT BUTTERED TOAST

CRAFT AND GIFT TABLE TO BROWSE

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE TO MEET UP WITH FRIENDS  
FOR A CHAT AND CATCH UP OVER COFFEE  
WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OUT OF THE VILLAGE  
OR JUST DROP IN FOR A CHAT AND SOME FRIENDLY COMPANY  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

## Together we can SCRAP fly-tipping

Oxfordshire Recycles' latest campaign is shining a spotlight on fly tipping and encouraging householders to know their Duty of Care and follow the SCRAP code when it comes to disposing of their waste to help combat the problem

When someone takes your waste away, you are responsible for checking that they are operating legally and have the correct waste carrier's licence in place.

Refuse offers to have **YOUR** rubbish taken away. It may be fly tipped and **YOU** would be liable.

**YOUR** waste, **YOUR** responsibility

Find out more and #SCRAPFlytipping

## Baby & Toddler Group

Are you a parent or carer of tiny human beans? Why not come along to the Baby & Toddler Group so they can socialise with other tiny human beans, and you can enjoy proper grown up conversations with the, slightly more intelligent, big human beans.

The group meets every other Friday, 9.15am-10.45am (excl. school holidays) at the Village Hall. £2.50 per family.

For more details contact [shbabyandtoddlergroup@gmail.com](mailto:shbabyandtoddlergroup@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page 'Stanton Harcourt Baby and Toddler Group'

*Edith Sitwell reportedly liked to lie in an open coffin before she began her day's writing.*

## Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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

Wednesday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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

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OFFICE**

## Lovely Jubbly! Vegan Lemon Cake

It's cake month in Stanton Harcourt - we hope you're as excited as we are!

We had planned to share the official Jubilee pudding - Lemon Swiss roll and amaretti trifle (winner of the Platinum Pudding competition) which sounds fantastic. Alas, when we looked at the method it was a bit of a faff, plus Sainsbury's are out of lemon Swiss rolls and we didn't want to contribute to a national shortage of the coveted swiss roll. Sometimes it just makes sense to go back to basics...

To coincide with World Environment Day on 5th June we've got the perfect lemon cake recipe for you. Adorn your crown and serve perched atop a velvet cushion with a tasteful scattering of raspberries, edible glitter and dairy free cream for a truly royal experience.

**Ingredients:** (serves 12, or 6 if you *really* like lemon cake)

- 100ml vegetable oil, plus extra for the tin
- 275g self-raising flour
- 200g golden caster sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 lemon, zested, 1/2 juiced

**For the icing**

- 150g icing sugar
- 1/2 lemon, juiced



**Method:**

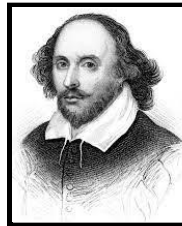
1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Oil a 1lb loaf tin and line it with baking parchment. Mix the flour, sugar, baking powder and lemon zest in a bowl. Add the oil, lemon juice and 170ml cold water, then mix until smooth.
2. Pour the mixture into the tin. Bake for 30 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then remove and transfer the cake to a wire rack to cool fully.
3. For the icing, sieve the icing sugar into a bowl. Mix in just enough lemon juice to make an icing thick enough to pour over the loaf (if you make the icing too thin, it will just run off the cake).

## Poetry Corner

The solstice is the beginning of the astronomical summer that has been celebrated since ancient times as the longest day of the year, whereas Midsummer now refers to numerous celebrations that are held over the solstice period, between June 19 and June 24, with both pagan and Christian origins.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act II, Scene I [Over hill, over dale]  
A wood near Athens. A Fairy speaks.*

*Over hill, over dale,  
Thorough bush, thorough brier,  
Over park, over pale,  
Thorough flood, thorough fire,  
I do wander every where,  
Swifter than the moon's sphere;  
And I serve the fairy queen,  
To dew her orbs upon the green:  
The cowslips tall her pensioners be;  
In their gold coats spots you see;  
Those be rubies, fairy favours,  
In those freckles live their savours:  
I must go seek some dew-drops here  
And hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear.  
Farewell, thou lob of spirits: I'll be gone;  
Our queen and all her elves come here anon.*



**William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)**

Agatha Christie suffered from dysgraphia which meant she could not write legibly; as a result, she dictated all of her novels.

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month  
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk**

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## Church News

### Lower Windrush Benefice

#### St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

Regular online services (Zoom link on our website):

Every Wednesday evening at 8.30pm - Compline Night Prayer

Every Thursday morning at 7.30am - Early Bird Prayer

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](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### Sutton Methodist Chapel

**Sunday 12th June**

3.00pm Informal Service - everyone welcome

### St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit

[www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/)



### Men's Breakfast Club

**1st Saturday of every month**

**8am at The Harcourt Arms**

**£12.00**

**Full English Breakfast**

To book your place call:

John Holland OX 881906 or The Harcourt Arms OX 416516



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**Eynsham Village Hall**

**Saturday 18th June**

**Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm.**

Tickets £12.00

Available from

Eynsham DIY

Eynsham Cellars

Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917 or 07970 227364

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All profits for LOCAL and Rotary charities



## Raise a mug to tradition

Stanton Harcourt has celebrated many royal jubilees, coronations and weddings in its time. Below is a photograph showing all the village children with their coronation mugs in front of the "hovel" in the Manor yard to mark the Coronation of King Edward VII on 26th June 1902. How many of you have a collection of royal crockery?

