Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton May 2024

May 2024

Thursday 2nd All Day LOCAL ELECTIONS Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th Coffee and Croissant mornings at The Harcourt Arms

Saturday 4th 8.00am, Men's Breakfast, Harcourt Arms

Monday 13th 7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall

Every Thursday - Lunch Club (see entry for contact details)

Every Monday and Thursday - Yoga with Alison James (see entry for contact details)

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

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON **PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council - where we stand

As you are all aware, the Parish Council was up for election on 2nd May. The Parish Council will cease to be this month. The current Parish Council expects that the next election opportunity will be 20th June, if a Council is formed at that election there will be a Parish Council meeting on 24th June at which the new Parish Council will be formally installed. It is not yet known when the nomination period will be, but it is expected to be 6th - 31st May. Any information will be posted on the village notice boards and on the Parish Council website. If at the end of the nomination period, there are not an additional 2 nominations then WODC will take over the role of the Parish Council including all the financial and property assets. If you have a desire not to see that happen, to help the Parish and to keep it the place that you grew up in or moved to, and indeed if you want to help shape change, please stand for nomination - Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported the Parish Council over the years, we are very much appreciative and have been honoured to serve you. We hope this is not the end, just an interval.

Annual Parish Meeting

We had our Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday 13th April as part of the monthly market at the village hall. We had a few people come through the door asking questions, reading the information and speaking to the groups. This is a great opportunity for people to get together and find out what's going on in their village. Thank you to everyone involved who helped to make it a great success.

Dog owners and play areas

Dogs on The Leys continue to be a concern for residents and are reported to the PC regularly. Several incidents have been reported of dogs not on leads running up to children and scaring them. While you may believe that your dog is under control when not on a lead, if it runs up to a child, the child is very likely to be scared and run away. A dog's instinct is to chase, whether it means harm or not. If the child falls while

running away and is injured, or as has happened the dog nips the child, the owner is liable to prosecution.

Dog owners should be considerate to all, what might be a ball of cuddly fluff to you can be seen as an aggressive dog as it runs up to someone unfamiliar with the dog. A dog should be under control at all times and when around the play area should be on a lead. Quoting from WODC's Responsible Dog Ownership leaflet "Your dog must be kept under control at all times in a public place. A court may order a dog to be put to sleep if it is found to be threatening to the public. You could also face a criminal prosecution if someone is injured by your dog. If you are concerned that someone is not keeping their dog under control, and that it is dangerous, call Thames Valley Police on 101."

https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/3bfdaaby/responsibledog-ownership.pdf

The PC has also received concerns with respect to a large black Alsatian being allowed to run around the Jubilee Field Play Area. There is prominent signage showing that dogs are not allowed in the Play Area. If anyone would like to provide the PC with an identity of the owner of the dog, please contact the Clerk on clerk@shpc.co.uk.

Potholes and fly tipping

A reminder that if you come across any potholes that are not marked up, or any fly tipping please use the fix my street facility to report these. Keith is the super user for the village and he is diligently trying to keep on top of anything that crops up around the villages, but he needs your help. By reporting them, we can get these things resolved sooner.

Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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Your Oxfordshire County Councillor is:

Dan Levy

Mobile: 07852 748362

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Your Member of Parliament is:

Robert Courts

Phone: 0207 219 5638

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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

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

Church News

<u>St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt</u> Lower Windrush Benefice

Evening Prayer said most Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm

May:

Sunday 5th 08:30 Holy Communion at St Michael's, SH Sunday 12th 10:00 Benefice 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 12th May at 3.00pm LED BY Rev Charles Harries, with 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/

St Michael's Church

Our church Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM - the equivalent of an AGM) will be held on Sunday May 5th at 9.15 following the 8.30 service. It is open to anyone resident in the parish to come and vote for the appointment of churchwardens and to anyone on the church electoral roll to vote for the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Because these things are a mystery to most people, here is a brief run-down.

Most churches (ideally) have two churchwardens who oversee the day to day running of the church and who are responsible to the church authorities for its proper care. They must be over 21, on the church electoral roll and communicant members of the congregation (i.e. they should take Holy Communion from time to time though in practice this might be waived by the incumbent). At the moment, irregularly, we do not have any churchwardens and the members of the PCC cover the duties between them. The PCC meets regularly to support the incumbent and churchwardens and to make decisions on church affairs. Members should be on the church electoral roll. Anyone who considers themselves a member of the congregation can join the Electoral Roll (contact Marilyn Booer on mbooer@icloud.com).

The number of people on the electoral roll is taken into consideration when it is decided how much St Michael's is asked to pay as its parish share (the amount paid to the diocese to cover clergy salaries and pensions and the wider work of the church) so it is expected that those on the electoral roll will make some financial contribution to the church.

Any resident of the parish can nominate a candidate for Churchwarden. Nominations, seconded, should be sent to Gill Salway salwaypg@btinternet.com

At the moment the members of the PCC are Rob Brown, Carole Burden, Jane Eagle, Lucy Elphinstone, Mavis Ives, Charles Mathew, Gill Salway, Jane Watts. Nominations, seconded, should be sent to Gill Salway salwaypg@btinternet.com

Coffee & Croissant mornings at The Harcourt Arms

Catch up with friends or meet some fellow locals over a cup of coffee or tea and a croissant from 10am till noon on Thursday 2nd , Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th. £6 per person. All welcome! We look forward to seeing you here! Any queries call 01865 416516 Thank you

Stanton Harcourt Beer Festival

Calling all Businesses, Families and Friends.

If you would like to sponsor our wonderful beer festival, please get in touch.

We have a package for all levels.

Email us on

stantonharcourtbeerfestival@gmail.com

Café at the Chapel



Every first Wednesday of the month



WEDNESDAY 1st May 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!

A Plea from Local Farmers

With the lighter evenings and the weather beginning to warm up people naturally want to get out into the countryside and enjoy the outdoors. There are lots of Public Rights of Way, both Footpaths and Bridleways in your area. Please stick to them for your own safety and keep dogs under close control, preferably on a lead, especially round livestock, ground nesting birds and other wildlife. Please don't leave litter and dog mess. Get an O/S Landranger map and make yourself aware of the Countryside Code (you can download both onto your mobile). Protect the Environment, enjoy the Countryside and respect those who live and work in it.

Thank you, Stanton Harcourt and Northmoor Farmers Group.

Sutton Singers.

Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesdays during term time at $7 \mathrm{pm}$.

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

A little advance notice for your diaries. We are delighted to join in the Summer Festival fun and frolics with our Summer Festival Concert. Tuesday 18th June 7 for 7.30 sing.

And very early notice!! We are also repeating our very popular Open Mic Night on Friday October 11th doors open 6.45 singing starts 7pm. More of that nearer the time.

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

While we try to ensure the accuracy of information in Village Voice, readers use the information at their own risk. Opinions expressed are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the Editor. Inclusion of an advertisement does not indicate endorsement of the product, service or event being advertised.

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



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.

We need you -

The Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Branch is 103 years old and was the 3rd Branch to set up after WWI. The main purpose of the Branch is to coordinate Remembrance on the Sunday nearest to the 11th November every year. So that as a community we do not forget the sacrifice made by so many. Not just the Great War but during all wars and conflicts since.

We'd love you to join us to keep the Branch going, otherwise there is a risk of it closing. You do not need to have served in the military to become a member. If you are interested in joining the Branch, please email Jacqui: gravesjacqui@gmail.com

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-<u>voice@hotmail.co.uk</u> for a printable copy of the timetable.

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

Sun 19th May's Theme will be 'Mercedes-Benz' Day. Combe Mill will be welcoming the Mercedes Benz Car Club for this event. If you have an interest in Cars this is the event for you. Bring the children along to the re-vamped 'Tinkering Area' - lots to do and see. Combe Mill will be open 'In Steam' with all machinery working and being demonstrated by our lovely volunteers. A Late 19th Century Grade 11 Listed Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, in its day the workshop for Blenheim Palace estate, not to be missed. Tea Room will be open for refreshments to enjoy in the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. Browse our Mini Market // BBQ // Tombola and Raffle // Dogs Welcome. Adults £9.00, Seniors £7.50 Children are now FREE. Open every Wednesday from 22nd March to End of October selfguided tours and Tea Room open. £5.00 Adults, Seniors & 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 12.00pm and 2.00pm

Anahata Yoga 🧚



Monday 6.15-7.15pm The Old Guardroom, on The Old Airfield, Stanton Harcourt Thursday 10-11am Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Anahata yoga uses sequences of standing yoga flows, floor exercises,

vinyasa, meditation and relaxation to help us to relax and reset, as well as stretching and opening our bodies. This class is suitable for all levels and equipment is provided. It is also a great way to get together and meet others in the area.

The classes are 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 am also a qualified massage therapist offering Thai Yoga Massage, and Holistic Massage including back, neck and shoulder massage, and abdominal/stomach massage from my home in Sutton. Please contact me for more information on 0789 002 6446 or via alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk



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Marchesa Pallavicino

Saturday 8th June

Join a team or bring a team - prizes for the winners. Come along for an evening of sleuthing at

Eynsham Village Hall

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £18.00

Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917 or Philip Spencer 01865 881025 https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DJCQ



. SUPPER - BAR & RAFFLE

All profits to LOCAL and Rotary charities

Stanton Harcourt CC

It's been a miserable start to the year but it seems the weather is finally improving ready for the cricket season (although since I sat to write this piece its started to rain again). Stanton Harcourt CC is looking forward to the best summer yet for the girls, boys, men and women who represent us. A lot of hard work has gone in to preparing the square and outfield that the Gascoigne family generously allow us to play on.

This season we will once more run two senior teams, along with an Under 13 hard ball team and an Under 11 softball team. By the time you have read this we will have already played our first senior fixture in the opening round of the Village Knock Out Cup. Our first senior league fixtures are on Saturday 11th May, and from then, through to the 7th September there will be a home game almost every Saturday afternoon.

We will continue to run our popular women's training sessions which run on a Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm. This is open to ladies of any level who want to be outside, participate and then drink Prosecco. Absolutely no experience is necessary and bear in mind that one lady told me that she thought cricket boring but she now actually quite likes it.

Finally, we will continue to run All Star and Dynamos programs in conjunction with the ECB. These are fun, introductory sessions for children new to the sport. Google "ECB All Stars" or "ECB Dynamos" for more information and registration. These sessions will be held on a Friday evening

For any more information please contact edwinapps@me.com

STANTON HARCOURT VILLAGE FESTIVAL DOG SHOW

JUNE 15th 2024

(RKC licensed) Stanton Harcourt Village Green, OX295RN Entries from 12.30pm. Judging 1.30 pm / £2 a class or £5 for 3 classes. All funds for Standing with Giants. (Reg Charity No 1205903) & Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. (Reg Charity No 1194050)

JUDGE. MR KENNETH FRY. (GABLECROSS)

PEDIGREE CLASSES

- Best Pedigree Puppy 6-12 mths.
- 2. AV sporting
- AV Non Sporting
- AV Open.
- 5. Best Veteran (over 7 yrs) (Sponsored)

BEST IN SHOW. RESERVE BEST in SHOW. BEST PUPPY. BEST VETERAN.

NOVELTY CLASSES

JUDGE. Stephanie Presdee (Pampardour)

- 6. Golden Oldie (over 7 years)
- 7. Cutest Puppy (under 1 year)
- 8. Handsome Dog
- 9. Prettiest Bitch
- 10. Child's Best Friend
- 11. Waggiest Tail
- 12. Appealing eyes
- 13. Best Long Coat in Best Condition
- 14. Best Short Coat in Best Condition
- 15. Best Rescue
- 16. Best Cross Breed
- 17. Dog Most Like Owner
- 18. Best Six Legs "Walk like an Egyptian" \iint
- 19. Fancy Dress "Dress like an Egyptian"
- 20. Best Local Village Dog.(Resident here or Sutton)

Novelty Best in Show. Reserve Best in Show.

All dogs to be kept on leads and under control at all all times. Please clean up after your dogs. Park in the Village Hall Car Park OX29 5SB and walk down.(TBC) if no other events. There is limited parking. Please be respectful of driveways. No CC, RCC winners to take part in Classes 1-5. Prizes. Rosettes 1-5th.

ANY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME at 11am in the morning to help put up the ring (poles and tape, black rubbish bags, dog water bowls etc) Sponsorship for each class by local businesses welcome or in memory of a special canine friend, these will be printed in the Village Programme and on the schedule. £5 a class.

Stalls are welcome for free or for a small donation to the charities if people wish. Details, please call 01865 964811

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival



"All things Egyptian"
Festival Week Events
15th to 23rd June



Festival Day Saturday 22nd June

Congratulations to our 2024 Festival "Royals"

Victoria Wrembel is our 2024 Festival Queen and we are pleased to announce that our Festival Attendant this year will be Emma Apps. Emma will take over from Victoria as Festival Queen in 2025. Our Festival Prince will be Max Monro and our Festival Princess is Kyla Clarke. We look forward to cheering them all on during the parade on Festival Day.

Festival Day Parade: An invitation to join the procession!

We have a new and exciting format for our parade this year. Following behind the royal carriage we plan to have a fancy dress walking parade instead of tractors & floats. We are inviting all village residents and children to join in the procession. We are hoping to see a whole throng of Egyptians marching through the village to celebrate our theme so start planning your costumes now and we hope to see as many of you as possible joining in! There will be prizes available for the best costumes on display on the day and children are welcome to ride bikes or scooters if they would like - decorated ideally! The parade will start on Blackditch (next to Willowbrook) and process from there along Main Road and onto the school field. All children taking part in the parade will need to be supervised by their parents or carers at all times.

Stanton Discovers Ancient Egypt - House Decorating Competition We will be rolling out the bunting and transforming the village into Ancient Egypt for this year's Festival and would very much like you to join in by decorating your own houses. We will be offering prizes for

the best Egyptian themed decorations!

And a quick reminder that:

If you want to run a stall on the school field on Festival Day contact Lucy on 07775 604466 (email lucylowe1974@gmail.com)

If you are interested in holding an event during festival week contact Keith Hickson (07764 132178, email keith@shpc.co.uk)

If you have a local business and would like to place an advert in the Festival Programme booklet then contact Gill (gill@gillmason.com)

For other information about Festival email Jo Wilby at jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

The Festival Committee

Oxfordshire Artweeks 2024

Artweeks is upon us again - your chance to view the best the county has to offer by way of all things artistic. Oxfordshire Artweeks runs throughout the month of May 2024 and allows artists in the county to display their work to the viewing public. As part of Artweeks, local artist **Paul Tomlinson** and his sister **Jane** are undertaking a joint exhibition at Jane's house, 7 Pigeon House Lane, Freeland over the weekends of 4/5 May and 11/12 May between 12 noon and 5.30 pm each day. Pictures, prints and merchandise will be available. Tea will be served. Everyone will be welcome. You can see more on the Artweeks website at https://www.artweeks.org/v/jane-tomlinson-paul-tomlinson



Freeland Orchestra to perform Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4

Under the baton of local conductor, Wendy Marks, Freeland Orchestra will present a packed programme at 2pm on Saturday 11 May in St Leonard's Church, Eynsham. As well as Mendelssohn's 'Italian' Symphony, the players will perform Rimsky-Korsakov's Tsar's Bride and the Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor by Nicolai. These are always fun events in friendly surroundings, so we hope you'll be able to join us for a culture fix. Tickets are £5 on the door, free for under-18s. By the way, the Orchestra rehearses every other Wednesday in our Village Hall, and new players are welcome. Visit freelandorchestra.org for details. If you cannot make the afternoon but are free in the evening, St Leonard's will also host a Wind Extravaganza at 7.30pm where two clarinet choirs and two wind bands, all conducted by Wendy Marks, will treat us to some Handel, Tchaikovsky and Holst alongside well-known favourites from John Williams, Frank Sinatra, Glen Miller, Les Misérables and even a bit of Wallace and Gromit! The evening concert is also £5 on the door, free for under-18s. Visit OxfordWoodwind.co.uk for details.