

**New consultation begins on Local Plan proposals**  
A public consultation on further changes to the draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan has been launched. The draft plan was originally submitted for examination in 2015 but pushed back due to concerns about the proposed housing target. An initial set of changes proposed by the Council in 2016 saw the target increased from 10,500 homes to 15,950 homes including a contribution of 2,750 homes towards Oxford's 'unmet' housing need. Those initial changes were considered through examination hearings held in May and July last year and last month the Inspector wrote to the Council stating that subject to a number of further changes, the draft plan is likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and 'sound'. Consultation on these further changes, known as main modifications, is taking place until 9 April. Responses will then be sent to the Inspector for consideration as he prepares his final report. Anyone wanting to respond to the consultation should do so by 5pm on Monday 9 April. A response form and more information on the proposals can be seen at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2031](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2031) along with a list of locations where the documents can be viewed.

**A diary reminder** about the WaterMill Theatre's touring production of Burke and Hare on Sat 12th May. Put the date in your diary!

**Oxford Radcliffe Orchestra**  
Saturday 10th March 2018 at 7.45pm  
Concert in aid of Bridewell Gardens  
Tingewick Hall, Academic Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford  
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions, children under 16 free)  
The Oxford Radcliffe Orchestra gives concerts 3 times a year in aid of medical charities. The orchestra is made up of talented and enthusiastic musicians from the staff of the Oxford Health Services with a professional conductor and soloist. Tickets which include refreshments afterwards are available from Mary Elford on 07974 773854, the Cairns Library or on the door. [www.bridewellgardens.org](http://www.bridewellgardens.org)

# Charity Race Night



**Saturday 17th March, 2018**  
**Eynsham Village Hall**  
Back Lane, Eynsham OX29 4QW  
First Race 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm  
7 Video Races with Tote Betting,  
**Licensed Bar**  
Ticket Price £10 (includes 2 course meal)  
Book your table in advance - Tickets available from DIY Evenlode,  
Roy Wilkinson 07970 227364, Phil Spencer 01865 881025.  
Alan Longford 01865 464179  
**ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL & ROTARY CHARITIES**

**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](mailto:sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk)  
[www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)  
**March Services**  
*(at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)*  
4th March 9.30am Parish Communion & Sunday School  
11th March 10.30am Benefice Communion at **STANDLAKE**  
18th March 9.30am All Age Worship  
2.30pm Messy Church at **STANDLAKE**  
6.00pm Taizé Service

25th March 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
Tuesday 27th March 7.30pm Stations of the Cross  
Thursday 29th March 7.30pm Holy Communion and Fellowship  
Supper at **SUTTON METHODIST CHAPEL**  
Friday 30th March 12.00midday Good Friday Liturgy at **NORTHMOOR**

**Sutton Methodist Chapel**  
Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200  
All regular services at 10am on Sundays  
**March**

4th Informal Gathering  
11th Mr Peter Allen  
18th Mr Kenneth Mumford  
25th At Long Hanborough  
27th Maundy Thursday Supper 7pm  
**Coffee Morning** 7th March 10-11:30

**The Catholic Church of St Peter**  
Abbey Street, Eynsham. The Catholic Church for Sutton & Stanton Harcourt  
Fr Mark Lagorio  
☎ 01865 881613

[stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk)  
**Weekend Services**  
Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy  
Saturday Mass 5pm  
**Special Services**  
Palm Sunday starting Holy Week, 25th  
Holy Thursday 29th 8pm  
Good Friday 30th 3pm  
Easter Vigil 31st 8pm

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month**  
[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)  
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# Village Voice

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

**March**  
3rd Toddler Group Jumble Sale  
7th Bags to School  
10th Village Market  
10th Scout Barn Dance  
17th Litter Pick  
17th Eynsham Charity Race Night  
18th Litter Pick

**BARN DANCE**  
**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**  
**Saturday, 10th March - doors open at 7:00pm**  
Tickets available from the Village Shop - Adults **£12; Children £8**  
Live music, raffle and hot supper included  
Proceeds to 1st Standlake and Cokethorpe Sea Scout Group



**Stanton Harcourt Produce Show**  
**A date for your diaries!**  
The Stanton Harcourt Produce Show will take place on September 16th in the village hall. There will be opportunities for everyone, young and old, to take part with a wide range of classes. The full schedule will be available at the end of March in time for you to get planting!  
If any of you could help on the day, that would be very welcome. Contact 01865 881934



**Storming Performance of Camelot!**  
Well done to all the Cast and Crew of the Pantomime for an excellent production. If you'd like to get involved in future productions in the Summer or next Panto season contact the Darma Group.

*Props to the Official prompt of Camelot Kerstie Judson, not mentioned in the programme. Kerstie is also the official prompt for Village Voice!*

**POLICE INFORMATION REQUEST:**  
Sometime between the 22 & 23 of Feb, the play equipment in Stanton Harcourt has been damaged by fire (crimed as arson)

If you saw any suspicious people in the area, or have an information relating to this, please call the police on the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101 and quote reference number: 43180058429

Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online by visiting [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

**Date for your diary Quiz Night April 28th.** More information next month.

**FOSHS Dates for your Diary**  
FOSHS have an exciting set of events planned and we thought you might find it useful to put these dates in your diary now!  
**Bags to School – Wednesday 7th March 2018**  
Morning Collection (before 9:00am) at Stanton Harcourt Primary School. If you have any of the items below and would like to help raise money for the school, bags can be collected from the school itself or please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn Dowell on [Kathryn.dowell@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.dowell@gmail.com)  
We can accept the following items: wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts  
Thank you!!

**The Great Stanton Harcourt Fun Run - TBA**  
Further information coming very soon!!  
**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall becomes the Village Inn – Saturday 16th June 2018**  
From 7:30pm till late! Help us to kick off festival week with a swinging sixties themed bar – dress for the era and drink to the memories! As before there will be a licensed bar, pub grub and pub games. Come and enjoy your preferred tippie in pleasant company as we recreate the village pub atmosphere at the centre of our community.

*Proceeds from the evening will go to Stanton Harcourt Primary School.*

**Village Cafe and Market**  
Village Market & Cafe starts again in March on the 2nd Saturday in the month (except August) from 12-2pm. New stallholders welcome. Dates for 2018 are:  
**Next Market 10th March!**



**Help (Wanted) for Heroes**  
With this year being the centenary of the Armistice we have been asked to look into researching the names on the War Memorial. Many of the names can be identified on the Imperial War Museum and Commonwealth War Graves websites - but some of them are less easy to find. Background information on all 22 of the Stanton Harcourt WWI war dead would be much appreciated. Also if there are any known photographs or memorabilia relating to them. It is hoped that we might be able to put something together to ensure that they are properly commemorated. we are particularly interested in establishing the correct identity of those in Bold.

Bert Akers	Oxfordshire and Berkshire Light Infantry
Frederick Allen	"
<b>Arthur Allen (Rifleman)</b>	<b>Lancashire Regiment</b>
William E Barnett	Berkshire Regiment
Henry J Barnett	"
James Batts	RFA
Arthur Bradbury	Oxfordshire and Berkshire Light Infantry
Gilbert H Burden	"
Sgt. William Belcher	Grenadier Guards
<b>Harry Belcher</b>	<b>Welsh Fusiliers</b>
Roland Bullock	Berkshire Regiment
<b>Arthur Coles (Private)</b>	<b>Worcestershire Regiment</b>
Percy Franklin	Oxfordshire and Berkshire Light Infantry
Thomas Hudson	Coldstream Guards
Henry Sirman	Oxfordshire and Berkshire light Infantry
Thomas Trinder	Royal Marines Light Infantry
Walter Trinder	Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Sgt. Edward Trinder	Oxfordshire & Berkshire Light Infantry
Harry Talbot	RFA
Percy Walker	Wiltshire Regiment
George Bradbury	Hampshire Regiment
H Boulter	Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Will also be researching the WWII names - but WWI is particularly important this year.  
**If you have information, pictures or more, please contact the editor and we'll pass it on to the Armistice Team.** village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

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

**Stanton Harcourt Toddler Group**  
Are holding a Second Hand/Jumble Sale at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall.  
We will be selling baby and children's toys and equipment, books and clothing.

**This event has been postponed due to the bad weather, news of the new date to be confirmed when set**

**Church 200 Club February draw**

1st 252 P Strange	2nd 237 C Bell
3rd 102 J Burden	4th 148 N Elliot

**Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2018**  
**Festival Day: Saturday 23rd June 2018**  
**Festival week events: Sat 16th June to Sunday 24th June**  
*Help us celebrate the decade that brought us The Beatles, the mini skirt, Flower Power, Woodstock, the summer of love and so much more!*



**Festival Day – 23rd June**  
If you would like to have a stall on the school field on Festival Day then please contact Penny on 596164 or email penny.swiergon@gmail.com  
Sean Moran will be crowned Festival King this year and we are looking for a Festival Attendant who will join Sean on the Royal Float and become Festival King or Queen next year. Look out for details of how you can apply to become Festival Attendant in next month's edition of Village Voice.

**Festival Week Events**  
Hosting an 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 (tel 884435 / email mikeparker12@gmail.com) to ensure that you are included in the Festival programme.  
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



**Witney Music Society**  
The final concert in Witney Music Society's 2017-18 season will be given by the acclaimed Leonore Piano Trio who will be playing works by Haydn, Ravel and Taneyev. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 9 March at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.  
Tickets (full price £12, senior concessions £11, under 18 £1) will be available at the door from 7pm.  
For more information, please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

**Parish Council News**  
**Next Meeting** Monday 5th March 7:30

**Litter Pick:**  
Please spare some time.....  
We'll be meeting at the Village Hall  
**10am on Saturday 17th March & 10am on Sunday 18th March**  
Equipment provided except gloves so please bring your own. You can spend as little or as much time as you want and limit yourself to the easy paths, or go cross-country for some extreme picking!



**Annual Parish Meeting 21st May:**  
The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May. This is a meeting where representatives of village groups meet to report on their activities during the previous year and to let other people know of events to be held during the forth-coming year.  
We are hoping that we will have a representative from the Local Police team and the School.  
If you have any suggestions for speakers at the meeting, or would like to give a talk, please let the clerk know,  
**Dog Fouling in the Village:**

Following reports that there is an issue with dog fouling and overflowing dog waste bins in the village, the Parish Council contacted WODC, they replied: "The bins are emptied weekly but due the Winter Period snow etc. they may have been emptied out of sync. However this should be all back to normal now." The Parish Council have asked WODC to monitor the bins for the next 6 weeks to confirm which bins are used more frequently to enable the PC to consider repositioning bins if necessary.

Further correspondence has been received from the Environmental Regulatory Officer that no complaints had been received regarding specific areas in Stanton Harcourt – should you encounter any issues with bins or particular areas when dog foul is not being picked up, please report to the Clerk (trudigasser@rocketmail.com) so this can be reported accordingly.  
The Parish Council has installed temporary signs in various locations around the village to highlight the problem and remind dog owners/walkers to 'bag it and bin it'. The Parish Council would also requests that owners/walkers refrain from using the play areas to exercise their dogs.  
**We've had reports of Dog signage being taken away - not very helpful and somewhat ironic if the same individuals cant be bothered to take their poo away!**



**Defibrillator Training:**  
We have the opportunity to receive refresher training in use of the defibrillator, which is located outside the Village Hall – we are looking at dates in April, most probably evening. The training session will be free and will last for approximately 90 minutes.

If you are interested in attending a session, please confirm your interest to the Clerk. The dates will be communicated as soon as they are available.

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

**Centennial Commemoration of the Cessation of Hostilities, 11th November 2018:**  
The Village has been asked to partake in a centennial commemoration of the cessation of hostilities (WW1) to be held on Sunday November 11th 2018. A Committee is being formed and it is hoped that all Lower Windrush parishes will join together. It is intended that there is a brief biography done of all the people named on the War Memorial; any member of their family who has information or memorabilia connected with WW1 would be requested to inform Trudi Gasser or inform a Parish Councillor. It is hoped that a display will be set up in St.Michael's and there will be a Church service.

**SCHOOL NEWS**  
**Assistant Headteacher**  
The Governors have appointed Mary Tudge as the new Assistant Headteacher at Stanton Harcourt. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her in her new role.  
**Parking.**  
Please could I remind parents to park sensibly at the end of the lane.  
**Library Helpers**  
The Library is starting to look really good. Thank you to a few parents who support us every Friday  
**National Science Week**  
We are preparing our Science week and have many ideas. Please contact us if you can help in any way?

www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk  
01865 881948  
office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

**SPEEDWATCH RESULTS.....**  
These have been passed to the Rozzers who are considering further action!  
06/12/17 Between 1415hrs and 1545 hrs  
73 total vehicles. 20 at 35 mph and over. (27.39%)  
Top speed: 44, Average of those over 35: 38.1  
18/12/17 Between 1445 and 1545 hrs  
40 total vehicles. 10 at 35 mph and over (25%)  
Top speed: 48. Average of those over 35: 38.8  
09/01/18 Between 1400 hrs and 1530 hrs  
70 total vehicles. 16 at 35 mph and over (22.85%)  
**Top speed: 74!!!**, Average of those over 35: 39.38  
30/01/18 Between 1510hrs and 1610 hrs  
41 total vehicles. 11 at 35mph and over (26.83%)  
Top speed: 41, Average of those over 35: 38.72  
02/02/18 Between 1500-1600hrs  
53 total vehicles. 13 at 35mph and over (24.52%)  
Top speed: 45, Average of those over 35: 39.61  
05/02/18 Between 1530-1630 hrs  
54 total vehicles. 8 at 35mph and over (14.81%)  
Top speed: 46, Average of those over 35: 39.75  
07/02/18 Between 0815-0915 hrs  
41 total vehicles. 6 at 35mph and over (14.63%)  
Top speed: 41, Average of those over 35: 37

**Page 3 Bird**  
This months bird is Betty and she is a Brambling. Bramblings are cousins to the Finches but have orange breasts and white bellies! (boy Bramblings also have black heads in the summer, possibly from a suntan!). Bramblings are known to be gregarious in winter, this means they like to go to the pub, and can travel in packs of thousands

