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Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

December 2015



Welcome to December, Merry Christmas and we'll see you in February! this Month includes.....

December

5 th	Christmas Market & Cafe
7 th	Eynsham Rotary Club Santa Sleigh Visits
7 th	Parish Council Meeting
12 th	Bounce Christmas coffee morning
12 th	Carols around the Christmas Tree
13 th	Carols by Candlelight
15 th	An Evening of Music & Song at St Michaels
19 th	Northmoor Kids Christmas Party
24 th	Christmas Eve!
25 th	Actual Christmas!!

January

16 th	Small Breakfast
30 th	Open Mic Night

June

18 th	Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival
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Small Breakfast 9 – 11

Saturday January 16th

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

A PRE-CHRISTMAS TREAT

An evening of music and song

Featuring: THE SUTTON SINGERS
and other well known music makers!

Tuesday December 15th 7:30pm St Michael's Church
Cheese, Wine and Mince pies served after the show
All proceeds to St Michael's Church

STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Would like you to save the date for next year's Festival

Saturday 18th June 2016

Theme to be revealed next year!

Enquiries: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

Bounce News!

The Bounce Christmas coffee morning will be on **Saturday 12th December** in the Village Hall. We will be showing a variety of dance pieces for you to enjoy. Please come along and support our showcase! January classes resume on Saturday 9th. If you or your child are interested in attending please contact Jenny on jposselwhite07@aol.com.

We'd like to thanks all the dancers for working so hard to term. You make Saturdays fun!

Jenny Posselwhite Dance Teacher
Eleanor Tuck. Dance Teacher



Open Mic & Social Night

If you play an instrument or can sing and would like to perform in an informal atmosphere with like-minded musical folk, bring your voices and instruments and meet in the committee room at the Stanton Harcourt Village Hall **Saturday**

30th January 7.30 p.m.- 11.00 p.m. If you have your sheet music the house band led by Lizzie Snoden, Sutton Singers Choir leader, will endeavor to accompany you. Bring your friends and fans and your own refreshments as there is no bar. Or if you would just like to be the Audience and soak up the vibes you are also very welcome.

For more info contact Phil Pryse at: pjpryse@hotmail.co.uk

A small charge of £3.00 per person is requested for the hire of the village Hall

Don't be shy, see you there!

St Michael's Church 200 Club

December draw

1st 103 J Watts 3rd 140 J Taylor
2nd 239 S Topp-Jorgensen 4th 132 E Hulme

St Michael's Church are holding a Decorated Christmas Tree Competition.

Bring your entry to the Church on **December 5th**

between 10am and 12 midday.

The trees will stay in the church for one week. Voting for the best tree will be done by buying a token for 50p from the village shop during that week and putting it in the box next to your favourite tree.

The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Carols by Candlelight and Gift Service on **Sunday** December 13th. Trees should be no taller than 5ft but can be real or artificial. Entries can be taken home after the service on the 13th. Proceeds from the voting will go to the Salvation Army as do the gifts from the service.



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Inspired and original gifts

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Monday to Friday

9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717.

info: www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk
32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

Northmoor Children's Christmas Party

Northmoor Village is holding a Christmas Party and would like to invite all the children of Standlake and Stanton Harcourt to join us

19th December 4:30 - 6:30pm

Designed by parents for parents, this is your opportunity to drop your children off at the Village Hall for 2 hours! They will be entertained by Father Christmas, a disco, Pizza, cake and fizzy drinks!

Tickets are £5 per child, this is a non profit event purely for the children's entertainment. Please

RSVP to Carrie:

bookings@northmoorvillagehall.co.uk

Christmas Market & Cafe

5th December

12 -2pm Free entry – All welcome.

Lots of festive goodies, home made mincemeat and Christmas cakes, stocking fillers and gifts, cards and so much more. The Market Cafe will be serving homemade soup and a roll for £3 or coffee and home-baked cakes. Pop in and see what our stallholders have for sale this month.



Free entry. All welcome. In aid of Village Hall funds.

.New stall holders always welcome. Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

Village Hall Post Office & Shop

Shop opening times:

Tues & Thurs: 7am-12.30pm, Mon, Wed & Fri: 7am-12noon

Saturdays: 8am-12.30pm, Sundays: 8am-12noon

Post Office service:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12.30pm

www.stantonharcourtvillehall.co.uk

**'MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE WINDRUSH FELLOWSHIP, WHO
MEET AT SUTTON METHODIST CHAPEL AT 2.30
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS'**

Thank You - for the generous donations in memory of Eric Hailes raising £945 for the guide dogs.

Logs for Labour is on again!

Would you like free firewood, or do you have a woodland that needs managing? The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment's "Logs for Labour" programme aims to promote sustainable use of firewood by running events where volunteers help to manage woodlands in return for logs. The events run most weekends in the winter, are about 3 hours long, and could involve coppicing hazel, thinning trees or piling up brash. All you need are sturdy gloves, shoes and a saw (only hand tools are allowed for insurance reasons)... or let us know if your woodland needs the help of volunteers. Information about forthcoming events is at www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood. Riki Therivel, 01865 243488.

Royal British Legion



At the Branch AGM on 19th November 2015 a presentation was made to Mr Brian Miller in recognition of **40 years** of service as Standard Bearer for the Stanton Harcourt Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Chairman, Mrs Kerstie Judson, voiced the thanks of all the Branch members for Mr Miller's exceptionally long and loyal service.

The Poppy Appeal Received £1142.13
Thank you to all who helped raise this amount

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

School News

This month by Ben H from year 6 - Good Job Ben!

On Tuesday 24th November, John Foster (the local children's poet) came to visit Stanton Harcourt School. The week before he had set us a task to retell his version of Robin hood and the Golden arrow. Many people retold it in different ways, for example: drama, reading or just using actions

When we began, Class 1 and Foundation Stage showed him their work, which looked very eye-catching and imaginative; then it was Class 2's and 3's turn to show their brilliant work. First we saw Max from Class 2; he told the story in his own words with actions, all from memory. He was absolutely amazing and used very advanced words! Another pupil changed the story and made it very interesting.

Next to show their work was Class 3, who had worked in groups to retell the story: each one of them had added bits in, including props and even some musical instruments. They also received much clapping!

Following this, it was time for John to tell us a bit about his work. He thought our work was well read and contained lots of creative actions and thoughts! Next, he recited some of his own poems; 4 *O'Clock Friday*, *Mary Contrary* (she was stung by nettles), *the Recycling Rap* and several others. Some very very funny and some of them taught a good lesson. We all thoroughly enjoyed John's visit and found his poems interesting and amusing. Thank you to John Foster for visiting us and we hope to see you again!

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 7th December 7:30pm

Village Christmas Tree

The village Christmas Tree, which this year is being very kindly organised on behalf of the Parish Council by Kerstie Judson, will be in place on The Green in December, carols around the Tree will take place on Saturday 12th December at 5pm.

Hansons Routing Agreement

Hansons received permission on 27th July this year to build a concrete batching plant at Dix Pit; one of the conditions was to honour a routing agreement that avoided the B4449 through Sutton. Charles Mathew opposed this application because it involved the lorries bringing gravel from Sutton Courtenay to Dix Pit via Newbridge- illegal due to the 18 tonne mgw restriction. His objections were ignored, even though the

Agenda stated distant was 15 miles while truly it was legally nearer 27. On 14 September, they asked for an amendment to vary their route to go via the Swinford tollbridge, A40, A415 and the road from Hardwick (the 27 miles) and at the same time to get permission to vary the original position of the plant retrospectively, so that they could legally go on the B4449 through Sutton.

Last week, reports of Hanson lorries going through Sutton were rife and simultaneously an application was made by Hanson to ignore the routing agreement for the duration of the Wolvercote and Cuttesloe roadworks. OCC scheduled this for discussion on Monday 30th November at their regular monthly planning meeting. Hansons pleaded that their concrete was being affected by delays in reaching its destination in Oxford (the Westgate centre).

As a result of the Agenda being made public, BBC Oxford discussed on line on Thursday 26th the application with local residents and Charles Mathew, who has persistently pleaded with the authorities about the heavy goods vehicles on this road. Later that morning BBC Oxford TV met with the same people on site and while interviewing Charles Mathew two Hanson lorries passed- contrary to the routing agreement still valid.

The objections of the Parish Council are based on

- 1) The danger that exists from the heavy traffic as the road is very narrow by Beaumont Green and opposing lorries can hardly pass
- 2) The accident record on this road is higher than average accident rate due to a cluster of accidents by HGVs at Bell Bridge.
- 3) Additives could be added to retard the setting of the concrete; it is claimed that is not acceptable by their clients.
- 4) The traffic jams are not new. The proposals for a Sutton bypass were close to being commenced when OCC withdrew funding – in the late 1970/80s. It was agreed the gravel operating companies would predominately fund the bypass if further gravel was granted excavation permission in the Windrush Valley....which it has been, but no bypass. Clearly traffic on this road has doubled since then and add the jams on the A40 leading to rat runs and now the roadworks, the volume of heavy vehicles on the road is unsustainable.
- 5) Children have to cross this road at school bus times and cars emerge from Sutton Lane with great difficulty
- 6) The proposed hours of allowing lorries to pass through Sutton is 9am-3pm- the least busy times on the A40, where the routing agreement takes them if they honour it. In any case, the argument does not hold good for empty lorries.
- 7) Agreement to this variation would act as a precedent for all other companies to revoke routing agreements requiring them to avoid the B4449.
- 8) Hansons have been subject to this routing agreement for at least ten years- then gravel lorries and so was aware of the conditions when they made the planning Application in July. A40 delays were even at that time severe. Hansons should have been aware of the problems that existed in the execution of their Planning Application when they chose this site for the batching plant in preference to their other sites within twenty miles of Westgate or closer.

Charles Mathew intends to speak at the Planning meeting against the proposal to put the routing agreement on hold.

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>

Update from the editor...

since the above article on the routing agreement was written OCC have agreed to a temporary variation to the routing agreement for the duration of the roadworks at Wolvercote and Cuttesloe. Hansons told me this is so they can get their lorries through the traffic to the new concrete shop at the Westgate before the concrete sets in the lorry. Many of us are furious and have suggested something else to do with the concrete!

Fonts! Fonts! **Fontz!** *Fents!* FONTS!

Do you have an opinion on the fonts we use?

CAN YOU EVEN READ THEM CLEARLY?

Why not let us know?

I like this one as it's like a typewriter and makes me feel like a proper writer! 'tap' 'tap'

ROTARY CLUB OF EYNSHAM

Charity Race Night

Thank you to all those who supported the Charity Race Night in the Bartholomew school hall in October. Well over £1,000 was raised during the evening and will go a long way in helping us make further donations to local projects and charities.

Santa Sleigh

The Santa sleigh has undergone its annual spruce up and is ready to whisk Santa around the streets of Eynsham and nearby villages.

The provisional dates and locations in December (6pm to 8.15pm each evening) are:

Mon 7 th	Stanton Harcourt and Sutton
Tues 8 th	Cassington
Wed 9 th	East Eynsham
Thurs 10 th	Central Eynsham
Mon 14 th	Freeland
Tues 15 th	Long Hanborough / Church Hanborough
Wed 16 th	West Eynsham
Thurs 17 th	Eynsham, Spareacre Lane area

To view final details of Santa routes, roads and dates, please access Eynsham on Line during w/c 30th November.

We are now busy making plans for events in 2016 – watch this space for details.

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Amaruq, she is an Arctic Tern!

Amaruq is Inuit (Eskimo) for 'The Strong Lady', and she totally is, spending the summer in the North of England and in the winter flying all the way to Antarctica for a winter break she has a hard core travel schedule.

Although she's usually up North (due to housing prices I guess) you can see her when she stops for a rest at inland waters like the ones we have at the Reservoir and Hardwick lakes. Amaruq mostly likes fish, but she's not fussy and will also eat sausages, but she says it definitely wasn't her who pinched my chips when I was at the seaside.



An advert on advertising

If you would like to advertise in village voice, please contact the Parish Council clerk to agree costs and requirements.

I'm not sure who pays for this advert? hope it's not me!

Witney Music Society

The next concert in our 50th anniversary season will be given by award-winning flute player Katherine Birtles, accompanied by pianist José Menor. The concert, which will include works by Schubert, Poulenc and Prokofiev, is at 7.30pm on Friday 11 December at Wood Green School. Tickets 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



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As with Charlie, this month we're flying a Tricolore, to show our support for the people of Paris. We've chosen the logo of the French government as it shows Marianne, a portrayal of the 'goddess of liberty' and she's the same lady that the statue of liberty is modelled on! The tricolore is said to be based on the coming together of the French people as a nation after the revolution, using the colours of the revolution, the monarchy and the ancient colour of France (white), it's a bit like our Union Jack which combines our flags (although seems to be missing a dragon). Liberté, égalité, fraternité, stands for "liberty, equality, and fraternity (friendship)"

The Catholic Church of St Peter

Abbey Street, Eynsham. The Catholic church for Sutton & Stanton Harcourt

Fr Martin Flatman

☎07719 646790 ✉frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm

Special Events

12th December

- An Advent Day of Recollection 10:30am

24th December

- Carols & First Mass of Christmas 6pm
- Midnight Mass 11:30pm

25th December

- Christmas Morning Mass 10am

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎01865 880200

December

Sunday 6 th 10am	Rev Hilary Ewing
Sunday 13 th 10am	Mr Grahame Faulkner
Sunday 20 th 10am	Informal Family Christmas Service
Thursday 24 th 4pm	Carols and Cakes
Sunday 27 th 10am	No Service

January

Sunday 6 th 10am	TBC
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Coffee Morning – 2nd December

10.00–11.30 am. All welcome – if anyone would like to come and requires a lift to Chapel and home afterwards, please call 882051.

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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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

December

6 th 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
16:00	Christingle Service	Northmoor
13 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Standlake
14:30	Messy Church	Standlake
16:30	Carols by Candlelight (Christmas gifts can be donated at this service)	Stanton Harcourt
20 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
24 th 23:30	Midnight Mass	Stanton Harcourt
25 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
27 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor

Recipe of the Month

The prophesised chicken soup is still undergoing testing, perhaps we'll try using turkey!

Basic Omelette

2 large free range eggs, salt & pepper, a little butter, a handful of cheese

Other ingredients optional!

- melt the butter in a small frying pan
- beat eggs and add salt and pepper
- cook mix in pan, as it start to set sprinkle in cheese
- cook till golden brown on the bottom, fold over and slide on a plate (with style and a Ta-Da!)

This recipe is from an Italian bloke I met called Jamie (he didn't seem very Italian) so please don't blame me if you get egg on your face!

Why not add vegetables, or meat to make it more exciting, a Spanish omelette has potatoes and onion in making it a bit thicker, but you can use anything you want, I would probably add bacon!

If you've conquered planet omelette, why not try making a 'frittata' a sort of omlette pizza, like Han Solo did in that film!

Late Again!

Apologies to readers and deliverers, as we're late again this month. This was due to waiting for confirmation of contributions and adverts. Not, as many will think the editor who is normally late for everything!

In the new year, although we will not be resorting to airstrikes just yet we shall be much tougher on tardiness, so don't be late or you'll miss out!

Next Issue is February!

And not forgetting.....

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to all of you!

This font is called 'Elephant' 😊!