

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

February 2013

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme

‘Wood’ you be interested?

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme is a reasonably new initiative aimed at helping Oxfordshire residents with woodland management and ‘converting’ wood into efficient fuel for real homes. The Programme has a website (www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk) which provides lots of advice on growing, cutting, storing and burning woodfuel.

Study visits and workshops

The manager of the programme is Riki Therivel, and he will be running a series of one-day woodfuel-related study visits on 15 April, 13 May and 8 June. They cost £25 each, and more information is available on the website.

The Oxfordshire Woodland Project is also running workshops on woodland management and information about these can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/woodland-workshops.

Moisture and biomass

The moisture level of woodfuel is important: a freshly cut log at 50% moisture has only about half the energy content of an equivalent well-seasoned log at 20% moisture. The woodfuel programme has a moisture meter that you are welcome to borrow.

Finally, households that do not have central heating and install a biomass boiler before the end of March can apply for a £950 grant. Woodland owners who need to put in roads to extract woodfuel can apply for a grant that covers up to 60% of the cost.

Help and information

If you need help with these, or with any other aspect of woodfuel, please contact Riki Therivel on 01865 243488 or at manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk.



Reach for your diaries!

Annual Litter Pick

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March

The Parish Council is organising another litter pick on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March, and needs willing volunteers to come along and help keep the Village tidy. It would be great to see some new faces, so we're advertising the date well in advance.

Please come along to show your support for the Village and help make a real difference to your local environment. We'll be meeting at the Village Hall at 10.00 am each day. Although the local council will be lending us all the equipment needed, including grabbers and bags, you'll need to wear sturdy footwear and clothing appropriate for the changeable weather. You can spend as little or as much time as you want and can limit yourself to the easy paths, or go cross-country for some extreme litter picking! Every little helps, and it's good fun. All welcome, including children!

St Michael's Church Christmas Raffle

The St Michael's Christmas Raffle raised £753 to help with the running costs of the Church. A big thank you from the St Michael's Fundraising Group to all who bought and sold tickets, and donated all the wonderful prizes.

Think of Summer and Save the Date!
**Stanton Harcourt and Sutton
Festival Day**

Saturday 22 June

The theme will be:

Heroes and Villains

Open Gardens commence on 15 June

So start thinking about ...

Your costume? Your garden?

Your Scarecrow? Good weather?

Watch *Village Voice* for more details

Want to get involved?

*We need help with website management, and
designing and laying out the programme.*

Contact: Jo Wilby on 01865 731690 or
07881 900920 or at jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

**The Village Shop:
New Opening Hours**

Monday	7.00 am – 2.00 pm
Tuesday to Friday	7.00 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday	8.00 am – 12.30 pm
Sunday	8.00 am – 12.00 noon

A Victim of Fraud?

This is who to contact

From December 2012, all reports of fraud in the Thames Valley are being recorded centrally by Action Fraud. Individual police forces in the south east will no longer take any fraud reports. If you need to report a fraud, please call 0300 123 2040, or visit the Action Fraud website at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Thames Valley Police will continue to respond to reports of frauds in progress, but any other calls to report a fraud, including financially motivated e-crime, will be referred to Action Fraud. When a person calls to report a fraud, they will be provided with the Action Fraud phone number or website address.

The new process will have a number of benefits for victims of crime, including having a central point of contact to report all fraud, an effective and efficient way to bulk-report fraud, and an increased chance of identifying repeat and vulnerable victims.

The scheme has already been piloted successfully in five forces, and will be rolled out nationwide by March 2013.

**New discounted
leisure membership
for disabled people**

A new discounted leisure centre membership card is now available for disabled people living in West Oxfordshire. For just £19.95 a month disabled residents will be able to join the Windrush, Bartholomew, Carterton and Chipping Norton leisure centres. Their carers would be able to use the facilities for free.

The membership provides:

- access to all leisure centres run by the Council's partner, GLL
- access to centres at any time (not restricted to off-peak times)
- inclusive access to the gym, swimming, group exercise classes and a fitness induction
- free access to centres for carers of disabled customers
- no joining fee and no minimum contract
- available as a direct debit or annual membership
- 6 days advance telephone booking
- online booking for activities
- access to courses and other member-only activities
- up to 30% off non-member prices for any other activities.

Anyone over 16 years old will be able to receive an inclusive leisure centre membership, as long as they are in receipt of any of the following: severe disablement allowance; mobility allowance; disability living allowance; industrial injuries disablement benefit; disablement benefit; attendance allowance; employment and support allowance.

Last chance!

***BikeSafe Fundraising Barn Dance
with 'Mouse and Trousers'***

***Saturday 2 February at 7.00 pm
in Eynsham Village Hall***

Tickets £10 including supper. BikeSafe is campaigning for a Community Path alongside the B4044 between Eynsham and Botley. Contact Phil Loder at phil_loder@hotmail.co.uk or on 883016 for more details about BikeSafe and the barn dance.

St Michael's Church 200 Club

January draw

1st 210 G Gray 3rd 199 C Barnes
2nd 234 J Fissendon 4th 195 C Barnes (again!)

Wood and TEA

Fancy some coppicing?

Transition Eynsham Area (TEA) had an interesting talk about woodland management from David Rees, manager of Oxfordshire Woodlands Project. Together we identified several areas where we might plant trees for coppicing. He suggested a scheme for co-operative purchase, sale and delivery of firewood in the hope that people in the Eynsham area might install efficient and carbon-neutral wood-burning stoves. If you might be interested, please contact Sue Raikes on 01865 464 021 or email: sue.raikes@appleinter.net so that we can judge demand for the project.

The Northmoor Players present Beauty and the Beast The Panto

Northmoor Village Hall on 6–9 February 2013

A few tickets are still on sale from
The Red Lion, Northmoor

Snow business

Snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow!

You may have noticed ...

If you have pictures, please send them in to
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk and we'll aim to
include some in the next issue.



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Parish Council Update

Minerals and Waste Core Strategy document:

The Government Inspector has asked Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to provide additional information and documentation to set out in greater detail the evidence base for the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and better explain the justification for the strategies and policies in it. These requests are set out in three notes they have so far received from the Inspector. The Programme Officer has published these notes on the Examination webpage at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy-examination>; they are in the Examination Documents list on this page. It is estimated that it will take until the end of January to provide this additional information and documentation.

In view of this, the Inspector has indicated that it will not be feasible to hold the examination hearings in February 2013 and, taking into account the pre-election period, it now seems likely that the hearings will be delayed until at least the second half of May. OCC are currently considering possible dates for the hearings with the Programme Officer. The Inspector is also considering the need to hold an exploratory meeting and a hearing session on the issue of Duty to Cooperate before the pre-election period. Information on dates will be made publically available when they are known and the Programme Officer will be notifying those who made representations on the Proposed Submission Document.

Vandalism of salt and grit bins: As snow fell across the Village, vandals up-ended the salt and grit storage bins. This has made the materials damp and difficult to spread, hampering efforts to protect residents from the icy conditions.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 4 February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall All welcome!

The Rotary Club of Eynsham

Barn Dance with Jack's Maggot

Eynsham Village Hall

Saturday 9 March from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm

Tickets £10 including supper

Tickets available at Eynsham DIY or contact

Harold Jerred on 01865 881869 or at

harold.jerred@talk21.com

A Rotary event to support local and Rotary charities

Oxfordshire's top for recycling

National statistics from the government confirm Oxfordshire as the leading area in the country for recycling. West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council are all in the national top ten, and in WODC, we recycled 61.21%. Oxfordshire took the top spot as highest recycling county.

The Harcourt Arms Valentine's Day Dinner

3 courses for £25pp, including a glass of fizz

Book soon to avoid disappointment!

Regular menu offers:

Tuesday Night ~ Pie and a pint £10.95 pp

Wednesday Night ~ Fish, Chips and proper mushy peas ~ buy one at £10.50 and get the second for half price

Thursday Night ~ Steak night from £8.95 pp incl pudding

Lunchtime à la carte menu now available from 12.00 to 2.30 pm

À la carte dinner menu available Tuesday to Saturday from 6.00 to 9.30 pm

Sunday lunch ~ from £9.50 pp

Tel: 01865 881931 Emails: ahailes@btinternet.com
and calleyone@hotmail.com

St Michael's Church

Rev Sarah Sharp

☎ 01865 880249

✉ s550sharp@btinternet.com

February

3	9.30 am	Parish Communion and Sunday School
10	10.30 am	Benefice Communion in Northmoor <i>with guest speaker Fiona Craig talking about Church Schools</i>
13		Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes in:
	10.00 am	Standlake
	7.00 pm	Yelford
17	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	8.00 pm	Late 8ers in Sutton Chapel
24	8.00 am	Holy Communion

Friday 1 March Women's World Day of Prayer in Northmoor

Lent Course: Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World by David Winter

At *The Harcourt Arms* from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, followed by soup lunch for £3.

Session 1 – Mon 18 Feb: *God Who Hears Our Cry*

Session 2 – Mon 25 Feb:

The Shepherd Who Guides and Guards His People

Session 3 – Mon 4 Mar:

The Son Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Session 4 – Mon 11 Mar: *The God Who Shares Our Pain*

Session 5 – Mon 18 Mar: *The God Who Calms our Fears*

Session 6 – Mon 25 Mar: *Reflection*

The Bible in One Year

We are a couple of busy mothers who are interested in reading the Old Testament part of The Bible in One Year. The Bible in One Year is a book of daily readings containing passages from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms, and Proverbs. We felt that we would like to start with the Old Testament and hold four sessions throughout the year for anyone who would like to join us. Neither of us has read it before and we thought it would be a good thing to do. Our next meeting will be on **Thurs 21 March at 8.00 pm**. You are very welcome to this informal gathering. Call Inge on 301942 if you would like to join us.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

February

3	10.00 am	Mr M Bucknall
10	10.00 am	Local arrangement
17	10.00 am	Mr I Prince
24	10.00 am	Mrs D Haley

Weds 6 February: Coffee morning, 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.

The Catholic Church of St Peter

Fr Martin Flatman

☎ 07719 646790

✉ frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Services: Sunday Mass 10.00 am with a Children's Liturgy
Saturday 7.30 pm; Monday 5.30 pm; Tuesday 7.30 pm;
Wednesday 9.30 am; Thursday 12 noon; Friday 6.00 am.

St Peter's Church: Open for prayer every day at Abbey Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HR. www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

And finally ...

It's finding cats and dogs

Recently, there have been several reports circulated of lost pets. As a number of approaches may help to track down pets that have gone astray, you may be interested to hear about the local Animal Finders website, which has apparently been very successful at reuniting lots of pets and their owners. The address is: <http://witney.animalfinders.co.uk>

Parish Council information

The Parish Council posts its notices at four locations: on the Village Green, outside the Village Hall, in Sutton Lane near New Road, and at the top of Steadys Lane. When it is not practical to post at all four locations, the main ones are on the Village Green and at Sutton Lane. After approval at the subsequent meeting, Council Minutes are available in the Village Shop and on the website. All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

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Parish Council website: <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

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