

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

May 2015



Royal British Legion

Next meeting

Thursday 21st May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Prospective new members will be welcomed

Enquiries to Secretary 01865 881664

Will you support the British Legion? Talk to Kerstie Judson or John Holland for more info. Online applications are being revamped to allow joining the local branch shortly.

Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772



Village Hall Post Office & Shop

Shop opening times:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7am – 12:30pm

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 7am – 12noon

Saturdays: 8am – 12:30pm

Post Office service:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am – 12:30pm

The Shop now offers:

Passport Photos, Dry Cleaning, Video Transfer, Bread, Milk & Eggs, Fresh Sandwiches, Cigarettes, Household Goods, Confectionary, Newspapers & Magazines, Groceries, Drinks, Stationary, Cards & Copies of Village Voice!

Small Breakfast

Saturday 16th May 9 – 11

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

CALL MY WINE BLUFF

Sat 9 May, 7.30pm

Continental sharing
platter supper

Tickets £10 available

from Jane Eagle, Alison Hill, Lucy Heath, Jo Sensecall and the Village Shop.

Licensed bar (*please buy tickets in advance so that we know numbers for catering!*)



Village Markets

Next Village Markets

2nd May

6th June

12 -2pm Free entry – all welcome.

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying homemade soup and catching up with neighbours at the market café last month – and it would be great to see some new faces!

New stall holders always welcome.

Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.



Stanton Harcourt and Sutton
Festival Committee

"Strictly Stanton"

Saturday 20th June 2015

With Stanton Harcourt Gala Day just over two months away it's time for local residents to step forward again to help make the week-long festivities a success.

If you would like to open your garden and/or hold a fund-raising garden event for your favourite charity during the week from June 13th to June 21st now is the time to step forward!

Contact either Richard Thomson 01865 881483
rich.thom@btinternet.com or May Powell
may.powell5@gmail.com

"Why not dance into the festival this year and make some money for your favourite cause (even if that's you!). Run a stall, set up a game or arrange an event on the field on Fete Day. All ideas, whether traditional or innovative very welcome. All we ask is a donation from your profits.

Please call Jane Cocking on 731215 or e-mail
janecocking@btinternet.com."

Your Festival committee needs you! If you would like to help out on the day please contact Jo:

jowilby@hotmail.co.uk



Going for a Song!

Antiques are interesting - can they be entertaining?

Have you a family heirloom, old embroidery or antique that you would like identified? Then bring it along to the Marquee in the garden of Parsonage House, Stanton Harcourt.

Mr & Mrs Stephen Jarrett of Witney Antiques, Sandy Rich, *Antiques Master* and others will be pleased to assess and discuss your old treasures. (No jewellery please)

Pit your wits against the experts!

Musical Entertainment including

The Sutton Singers

The Northmoor hand-bell ringers.

Friday 12th June 7.30pm. Parsonage House Garden
in aid of St Michaels Church & its Restoration Fund.

Tickets £12

Including 'help yourself' Supper. Wine on Sale.

Tickets available from Sat 16th May at:

The Village Post Office

Peter Strange 01865 882020 peterhstrange@hotmail.com

Gill Salway 01865 881934 salwaypg@btinternet.com

St Michael's Church 200 Club April draw

1st 157 P Gullis	3rd 180 E Floyd
2nd 262 M Roberts	4th 295 N Eagle

Tuesday Girls (TGs)

Our first meeting seemed to be very successful with members and guests much enjoying the wonderful flower demonstration. Lovely arrangements that we all felt we could go home and try for ourselves. Coffee was served and the raffle was drawn and people sat around chatting until it was time to leave. It was great to see all the flower arrangements being carefully loaded into the cars by people with big smiles!

Next month's meeting is on May 15th at 7.30pm in the Function Room at the VH. The speaker will be Heather Shute from Medical Detection Dogs. Do come along and see just how clever our furry friends are.

In June Pam Gullis has kindly offered to host a garden party. More news of that next month.

If you would like to join us on a permanent basis the fee for the rest of the year is £10 plus £1 for coffee and a raffle ticket on the night. Visitors pay £3 a night to include coffee and a raffle ticket.

Giant Chickens.....

If you were perplexed to see a giant chicken strolling around Stanton Harcourt on Easter Sunday then you possibly hadn't heard about FOSHS' great Reverse Easter Egg Hunt! Families in the village were invited to join in the fun discovering the places the Easter Bunny had been en route to delivering all his chocolate eggs and the chicken was just one creature who knew where the Easter Bunny had been!

The event was held to raise money for the local village school but perhaps more importantly to bring the families in the community together and great fun was had by all...not only on the Hunt, but afterwards in the village hall where there were crafts, games and even a bouncy castle! And when everyone was exhausted it was lovely to settle down to tea, popcorn, glow in the dark candy floss (who knew!?) and a movie all together.

Massive thanks to everyone who help make the event possible and to all those who came to join in the Easter celebrations. And if you weren't able to come this year, do join us in 2016 - you really wouldn't want to miss it!, Gemma Barry, FOSHS

Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club.

The cricket season is upon us.

But before we bring you up to date about the cricket season, we will quickly mention our cricket tour. Stanton Harcourt cricket club went on tour to Croatia, and played 3 games of cricket against Zagreb cricket club. Fun was had by all and the cricket club won 2 games out of 3. Next year there is talk about Australia who knows?

So Stanton Harcourt cricket club season will be starting their league campaigns in division 4 of the Oxfordshire cricket association and the second team division 10 respectively.

Stanton 2nds will be playing at home to Kidlington 3rds on Saturday 2nd of May and the first team will be away to Swinbrook.

The cricket clubs welcomes all members of the community to come and support us, we are a family club always looking for new players.

We run 2 league teams, a Sunday team and a midweek team.

On match days we have a bar open selling refreshments during and after the game, along with BBQs when the weather is nice and warm.

We hope to see you come and support your local team. Your local cricket club needs you!!

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year runs between May 10th and 17th. There will be no house to house collection this year but we hope to have the red envelopes available in the village and points at which they can be dropped off.

On **Saturday May 9th** there will a coffee morning and sale with some entertainment at Sutton Methodist Church from **11.00am**. With so many people all round the world in need of emergency aid, we do hope you will come and lend your support.

Are You Registered to Vote?

No? Well it's too late now!

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GREAT VILLAGE RUN 2015

The morning of Sunday 19th April saw many village residents pulling on their tracksuits and lacing up their trainers to take part in The Great Village Run. Just over 100 participants ran or walked at varying speeds up and down Steady's Lane, clocking up a total mileage of 270 miles (a bit down on last year, but the average mileage was up – so we must all be getting fitter!).

Our official Race Starter, Mrs Suzy Miller, set the throng of eager runners on their way. It was wonderful to see so many smiley faces as the participants toddled, ambled, jogged and sprinted up and down the lane, collecting coloured stickers to indicate the distances they had covered. Medals were awarded to all the children taking part, and cakes were scoffed by all finishers.

The SHAPE Committee would like to thank all of those who took part and our fantastic team of volunteers who helped to organise and run things on the day. We are also very grateful to Ash Logs www.ashlogs.com for supplying the medals, and to Paul and Karen of Steady's Barn, and Rick from Tawney's Farm. Nearly £400 was raised for SHAPE which will go towards seating in the new play areas.

The Great Village Run is set to become an annual event in our village calendar – we hope that even more people will join us next year (plenty of time to get training!).

Seeing so many smiles on faces - young and old, fast and slow, energetic and exhausted - Events like this are a smiles on all helped make this such a fun community

For more details, email SHAPE

shapecommittee@btinternet.com

Oxfordshire Mind's Wellbeing Service Spring Update

If you're struggling with depression, stress, anxiety or another mental health problem, you're not alone: 1 in 4 of us in Oxfordshire will experience some kind of mental health problem during our lives. Oxfordshire Mind's Wellbeing Service can help.

Our friendly, informal support is open to everyone over the age of 16. You don't need to be referred by your GP (or anyone else), and you don't even need to have a formal diagnosis of a mental health problem. Everyone is welcome. To find out more about the Wellbeing Service, or to request printed copies of our service booklets, please contact the Oxfordshire Mind Information Line on 01865 247788 or email info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk or visit: <http://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/>



FOSHS will be holding a Mad Hatter's Tea Party during festival week!

Please come along and support our event.

Further details to follow!

FOSHS is Friends of Stanton Harcourt School, the village school's fundraising charity (registered charity number 1061604).

Death of a village or call to arms?

Update:

This scene was spotted as we were out walking our dog. A fantastic example of great village spirit. I understand that together they shifted 17 tons of gravel to make the village hall car park lovely for us all to use.



Disagree? Why not let us know what you think!

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2015 13th - 21st June "Strictly Stanton"

2015 Festival Programme

It is that time of the year when the festival committee are busy organising our summer festival week including production of the festival programme booklet.

The festival programme contains information about activities that are being held throughout the week and so acts as an essential guide to villagers who refer to it many times ensuring multiple "opportunities to see" for adverts placed within it.

If you are a local business and would like to place an advert in this year's programme please contact me on 01865 883561 or email gill@gillmason.com before 15th May to secure space.

We have full, half and quarter page options available, all at very reasonable rates!

Gill Mason – Programme Editor

Dix Pit Quarry Restoration Consultation

Thank you to all those who made comments on FCC the restoration plan. For full details see the Parish Council Website.

A second draft of the restoration proposals will be published in due course.

More details in future issues!

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Betty the Blackbird. Despite the name it is only Mr Blackbird that is Black with the distinctive orange beak. Lady Blackbirds and their young are brown coloured a little like Thrush's. Blackbirds can be heard singing in the morning, once it's broken.



Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 18th May 7:30pm followed immediately by the **Annual Meeting**

We have the following speakers coming along to provide an update and answer any questions:

- Thames Valley Police
- FFC – Dix Pit Future
- Thames Water

The Village Shop and Post Office service continues.....

The Parish Council is delighted that the Village Shop is now up and running supplying newspapers/basic groceries and the Post office services.

Shop hours are:

Monday to Friday: 7am – 1pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8am – 12noon

The Post Office will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 9am-12.30pm.

Daffodils in the Village....any suggestions welcome

This year's Daffodils in the village, were yet again, very impressive. The Parish Council will continue to plant bulbs at the end of the year to improve next year's bloom – if you have any suggestions for future planting, please drop an email to Trudi (trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

Local Plan 2031

A six-week consultation period is running from 27 March until 5pm on 8 May to give people an opportunity to comment on the soundness and legal compliance of our pre-submission Local

Plan, which sets out how the District should develop until 2031. The final version of the pre-submission Local Plan was approved by our Council last month and there is a requirement for it to be published for six weeks to give everyone the chance to submit further comments.

Following the final round of consultation, the Plan, evidence and all comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State later this year for independent examination.

The final version follows consultation last summer on housing issues, including a new target and strategy to meet this.

Further information available on the WODC Website: <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk>

Footpaths in Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

The Parish Council holds an electronic map of Oxfordshire which contains links to detailed maps of footpaths.

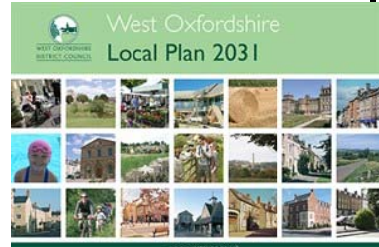
If you would like a copy, please contact the Clerk (Trudi) who will email a copy to you.

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>

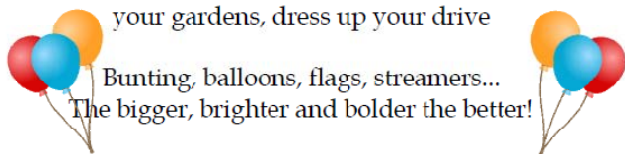




Jazz Up Your House

Join in the Festival - make Stanton Harcourt and Sutton stand out from the crowd

Be creatively colourful: festoon your fences, garnish your gardens, dress up your drive



Bunting, balloons, flags, streamers...
The bigger, brighter and bolder the better!

Prize for best dressed house/garden

To be in for a chance to win decorations need to be up by **Saturday 13th June**

No entry form necessary - your adorned house will be enough!



St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Andrew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Pat Burden: ☎ 01865 880652

May

3rd	9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
10th	10:30	Benefice Communion	Stanton Harcourt
	18:00	Taizé Prayer Service	
Thursday 14th	19:30	Ascension Day Communion	Northmoor
17th	10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
24th	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Stanton Harcourt
31st	10:30	Benefice Communion	Yelford
	18:00	Informal Service: "God, Loneliness and Isolation"	Ferryman Inn

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

May

Sunday 3rd	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 10th	10am	Rev Elgin Crew inc Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	10am	Mr Owen Carney
Sunday 24th	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 31st	10am	Local Arrangement

Coffee Morning – 6th May & 3rd June

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

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

Homilies on the Holy Spirit continue on Sundays through May

Deliverers Needed!

It could be you!

Two of our most esteemed deliverers are retiring this month, thank you both for all your hard work!

The rounds available are:

- Bury Mead 60 letterboxes
- Blackditch 79 letterboxes

If you'd like to volunteer to deliver, or if you're a youngster you can get paid a whopping 9p per letterbox! Or become the editor, although you don't get paid for that, and you may have to deliver them too!

Email the editor If you're interested, or why not email me regardless, it's always nice to hear from you!

LWVP Pond Dipping Event 27th May

See www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/lower-windrush-valley-project for more details.

Bridewell Organic Gardens Open Afternoons

See www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk for more details

A34/M4 Junction 13 (Chieveley) – Weekend Closures/Restrictions

Due to the replacement of the entire bridge the roundabout and motorway will be closed for a series of weekends from during May, June, July and August. See www.highways.gov.uk/m4chieveley

Standlake VE day Beacon

Friday 8th May, from 8pm with a 9:30pm lighting, at the Standlake Cricket Club. Food and drink available and admission is free.

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
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AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, reviewers, & deliverers

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