

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

May 2014



It's May! Not only are there two bank holidays but the sun's shining too, at least some of the time!

Calling all classic car owners.....



the Stanton Harcourt Festival is staging a classic car show at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th June in the car park at the Harcourt Arms.

All owners of pre 1973 cars and motorcycles are welcome to participate. All inquiries to Richard Thomson, tel: 01865 881483, or David Wallom, tel: 01865 881924.

Small Breakfast

May 17th 9.00–11.00am

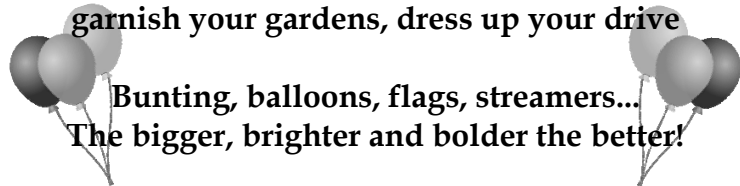
Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50.



Jazz Up Your House

Join in the Carnival - 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 14th June

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



A Bridge Too Far....

Travel news... and the postponed closure of Gaunt Mill Bridges is now due to start on the 2nd of June and last 4 weeks – this means during the closure the only route to Standlake will be via Hardwick or ye olde Moreton Lane for the braver travellers.

The End of Inter-Regnum!

Rev Andrew and Billie Tweedy would like to thank everyone for welcoming us to the village. We love our new home and are looking forward to getting to know more of you. The new phone number of the Rectory is 880914.

Stanton Harcourt Baby and Toddler Group

Do you have a young child? Do you want to get to know local people?

Baby and Toddler Group is a very friendly and open-minded bunch of local children, parents and carers. We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall from 10.15 to 11.45 am. There are lots of toys for the children (from birth to school-age) to play with and they can have a snack and a drink too. We offer tea and coffee for the adults and the opportunity to meet other people. We are friendly and there's always a warm welcome to newcomers. For more details please contact Rachel Hart on 731699.

SUTTON METHODIST CHAPEL INVITE YOU TO OUR 'FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL'

Raising money for important repair work

Saturday 10th May 10am till 4pm

Sunday 11th May 2pm till 4pm

Admission free (Donations welcome)

Refreshments served

Some festival items will be for sale

Village Markets

Please do pop along to see what's on sale at our Village Market in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall. There will be lots of local stallholders selling plants, produce, free range eggs, locally farmed lamb and beef, handmade jewellery, crafts, gifts and cards, home baked cakes, Greek food, jams and chutneys and more! Enjoy homemade soup with a roll, fresh cafetière coffee and cakes – all in aid of village hall funds. Free admission. All welcome.

Saturday 3rd May 12 – 2pm

Saturday 7th June 12 – 2pm

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



The Eynsham Arts Group

'The Annual Spring Exhibition'

An exhibition of original artwork at affordable prices by local artists .

Open from 11am till 4:30pm in the historic Bartholomew rooms in Eynsham village square on the 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th of May.

St Michael's Church 200 Club April draw

Numbers next time!

Police Local Have Your Say (HYS) Dates

The Neighbourhood Police Team will be at:
Northmoor village shop 24th May 10-11am
South Leigh village shop 24th May 2-3pm



NEWS

SHAPE have now submitted two major grant applications to WREN and WODC for funding towards the planned new play areas in the village. We will not hear the outcome of these until June and July.

In the meantime, SHAPE would like to ask for support towards our community fund-raising target of £20,000 – please see enclosed letter.

We have already raised £4,000 from the events we have held to date, and the SHAPE committee and SYC (our youth committee) would like to thank Dan Barton for his extremely generous donation of £1,000 from his Wickerman charity.

If you would like to find out more about SHAPE's plans or want to get involved in the committee or SYC, we would love to hear from you.

To contact SHAPE please email

shapecommittee@btinternet.com or call Clare on 01865 881943

Bridewell Organic Gardens and Vineyard 20th Anniversary Year

**Open Afternoon: Sunday, 8th June
from 2 – 5 p.m.**

Teas, plants, stalls and Bridewell organic wine for sale.

2014 marks the founding of Bridewell 20 years ago – from small beginnings, the charity is now a well-established and respected provider of a recovery service for adults with mental health problems. Bridewell is situated in Wilcote, between North Leigh and Finstock.

For more information, please telephone 01993 864530 or 868313

www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

Our AGM will be in June - watch next Month's Voice for details.

We are currently "on hold" can you help us get going again? There has been no production from the Drama group for a while now as we need a new Director for productions. If you want this fabulous Village organisation to continue entertaining the village into the future please get involved.

Call Jan Tomlinson on 01865 881709

or email on ipag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk



School News



Everyone has returned back to school full of enthusiasm after the Easter break, various after school clubs are up and running again, this includes the orchestra, sports clubs and drama. Year 6 visited the Ashmolean Museum for the "Take One Picture" viewing, they looked at the painting by Walter Sickert titled "Brighton Pierrots" (1915) as part of the creative curriculum. Class 3 have also studied some Cinquain poems, these poems usually consist of 5 lines and tell a small story. The children came up with some excellent poems of their own, here is an example... (see below!)

Poetry is continuing to form a big part of the literacy lessons this term, Class 3 looked in detail at the well known poem by T. S. Eliot (Macavity, "the Mystery Cat"). They watched a video of the famous children's laureate Michael Rosen reading the poem aloud and then looked closer at the poetic devices T. S. Eliot used such as rhyme and repetition of words and phrases. They also examined and explained unfamiliar words before creating a "Wanted" poster with a picture of Macavity, a description of the latter and a list of his supposed crimes...

The school converted to Academy status on May 1st and will continue to work with other partnership schools even more closely than previously. Further details of what this will mean for the school will be in next month's Village Voice.

Food

Eat food,
Harmonic munch
For good taste in the mouth,
A feeling of happiness caught-
Yummy!

Oh no,
This is horrid.
A bad taste in the mouth
Yucky flavour to digest fast...
Not bad!

By Samuel Year 6

A Storm

Wind blows,
Knocking down trees.
Throwing snow at snowmen.
Creating blizzards everywhere:
Forcing...

Rain pounds,
Flooding rivers.
Sweeping through the meadows.
Currents so strong and dangerous:
Drowning...

A storm,
Fierce winds blow,
Treacherous rain pounding
Snow disguising and freezing all:
Terror...
By Hannah C Year 6

The Page 3 Bird

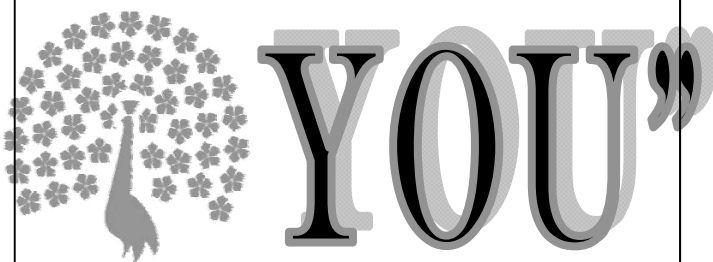
This month's bird is Polly, a Pied Wagtail, or 'Motacilla alba' in the fancy language. Pied Wagtails are small sprightly little birds dressed elegantly in black and white, perfect for a monochrome presentation such as ours. Wagtails like to eat insects and enjoy a good afternoon watching Casablanca - the original version of course.



Flying Cats!

Cindi, the Red Kite we met last year, would like to ask all cat owners to remind their Cats & Toms not to eat baby birds. This is particularly relevant since a visiting Cormorant explained how tasty cats can be in the spring!

"YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS



...to bring the Carnival to Stanton Harcourt. Want to get involved in your community and make this year's Summer Festival one to remember?

Help us bring colour and excitement to the village.

How? (we hear you ask!)

Raise money for your own organisation or favourite charity with open gardens, Festival Week events and stalls on the field.

Interested?

Contact Jo Wilby: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

Lower Windrush Valley Project

Explore Rushy Common Nature Reserve and Tar Lakes

Stanton Harcourt Road, Cogges. Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May 12-4pm
Bring a picnic and linger at Tar Lakes for as long as you like.

Booking is essential as car parking is limited.

There is no charge for this event.

Please call the Lower Windrush Valley Project office on 01865 815426 or email: lwvp@oxfordshire.gov.uk for more information and to book a place.

Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



This month:

Gamblers Dinner 24th May

Maximum table of 4 ppl, ask at pub for details!

Regular menu offers:

Wednesday Lunch Offer

Senior lunch £7.50 for 2 courses or 3 for £10.00

Wednesday Night

Fish and Chips & a free drink ~ £10.95

Thursday Night

Steak night from £8.95 pp & free pudding

Lunchtime à la carte menu

now available 12.00–2.30 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: ahales@btinternet.com
and calleyone@hotmail.com

Parish Council Updates

AGM

The Parish Council AGM will take place on Monday 12th May in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, following a brief ordinary meeting starting at 7pm.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

- o Thames Valley Police - speaker TBC
- o Lower Windrush Valley Project - Jane Bowley
- o Stanton Harcourt Primary School - Karen Jupp
- o Sheehans – speaker TBC

PLANNING

The following Planning Applications have been received:

Reference: 14/0520/P/FP

Location: 26 Bury Mead, Stanton Harcourt

Details: Alterations and erection of single storey extension

Reference: 14/0485/P/FP

Location: Fox Inn, Main Road, Stanton Harcourt

Details: Change of Use – Public House to Dwelling

Consultation on the above applications will close on 5th May.

THANKS TO JOE DEANE, EDITOR

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Joe Deane on continuing efforts in producing very successful and interesting editions of Village Voice. I am sure the residents will join us in thanking him for his efforts to continue this newsletter.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Just a note to remind you of the local district councillor elections which are taking place at the same time as the elections for the European parliament (MEPs) on Thursday 22 May.

SECURITY

No we are coming into summer please be security conscious and keep all windows, sheds and garages secured whilst unattended. There has been an ongoing increase in the amount of thefts from properties in rural locations.

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>

St Michael's Church

The new Rector was installed on the 1st of May!
For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Andrew Tweedy ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Pat Burden : ☎ 01865 880652

May

4 th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
11 th 10:30am	Benefice Communion	Standlake
18 th 10:30am	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
25 th 8:00am	Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt
29 th	Ascension Day (Thursday)	7:30pm Standlake

June

1 st 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
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Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am in St Giles Standlake

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

May

4 th 10am	Mrs Jeanne Taylor Family Service
11 th 10am	Rev Melanie Reed
18 th 10am	Mrs Rachael Prince
25 th 10am	Mr Phillip Mansell

Wed 7th May: 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

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 of the Season

Pentecost 8th June, which used to be known as Whitsun

Counties First Village Owned Pub

West Oxfordshire's first community-owned pub, the 17th Century Red Lion in Northmoor is preparing for its grand opening on Friday 2 May.

The End of the Dump

Agreement has been reached to close down the Waste site at Dix Pit (not the recycling station nor the Bulk Transfer station) late this year when the Ardley incinerator becomes active. A new restoration scheme will then need to be approved and this will be discussed with the local Parish Council in due course.

Tai Chi New Beginners Classes Starting

Monday 5th May at 6.30 pm in Standlake Village Hall

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 10.30 am in Eynsham Village Hall

(Ongoing classes on Wednesdays 10.30 am in Bampton Village Hall) Tai Chi is a Chinese practice for health and wellbeing; come and enjoy a series of graceful, flowing movements that will help you become flexible, strong and relaxed all at the same time. It will restore your energy, improve your balance and posture, and will reduce stress. Suitable for everyone, whatever age, with an open mind

Golden Flower Tai Chi School 01865 – 301 844
Instructor: Marie Carty mariecarty8@gmail.com

Need a babysitter?

My name's Thea, contact me on 01865882361 or theawatts2010@hotmail.co.uk for more details or to see if I'm free! , I'm 16 years old, and able to babysit on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 10 pm Fridays and both days of the weekend until later in the evening - as well as during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

Complaints!

We've had a complaint from one of our villagers about the use of the term 'Mom's' with regard to mothers day, apparently this is far too American. So next year Mum's the word!

Deadline for next issue is 18th May
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, reviewers, folders & deliverers

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