



VILLAGE VOICE

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

April 2019

April

1 st	Parish Council
3 rd	Coffee Morning at the Chapel
6 th	Creation Crafts at the Chapel
12 th	Give Blood – Eynsham VH 1:15 – 3:30pm
13 th	Village Litter Pick 10am till the market
13 th	Village Market and Café 12-2pm
13 th	Bingo! (w/ bar in-between) Eyes Down @ 7:30 9:45 Beer! and Music! till the bar's dry!
18 th	Maundy Thursday Supper at the Chapel
19 th	Good Friday
20 th	FOSHS Village Inn 7:30 till late
21 st	Easter Sunday
22 nd	Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Saturday 13th April



Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:30pm
£5 per set of tickets

Cash & Prize Bingo Bar, Raffle

Proceeds to the village hall



Bingo and Beyond!.....We're excited to have

bingo in the village, this will be accompanied by beer and music later on so if you can't make the start join the editor/DJ for beer and music after the bingo action.

- **Beer and Bingo: Eye's Down from 7:30pm**
- **More Beer and Music: Dancefloor opens at 9:45pm**

Village Market and Cafe

12 – 2 at the Village Hall on:
13th April

Come on down to see a range of produce and crafts, enjoy a bite to eat at the café and catch up with your favourite villagers!



April FOSHS Village Inn

Saturday 20th April from 7:30pm till late!
As before there will be a licensed bar, pub grub and pub games. Come and enjoy your preferred tipple 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.

Community Litter Pick

13th April 10am-12

Meet at the Village Hall



Please join us if you can!
(if you can't - come to the next one!)

*We can provide bags and pick sticks, wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring appropriate gloves if you have them.
Children are welcome but MUST be supervised by an Adult at all times*



FRANKIN-SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all the cast and crew of the village Panto, once again an epic production was achieved from everybody's hard work and enjoyed by young and old alike! Official reviews include glowing commentary "The whole show was very well received, original and a brilliant new concept to the pantomime genre. The original songs by Eleanor and Steve Tuck with additional lyrics by Elizabeth Griffiths were catchy and well performed by the entire cast" More drama news coming soon, if you enjoy acting, wiring lights or even just making funny noises at the back of the room – why not get involved!

Feeling Creative?

Come and join us in the Methodist Chapel on the first Saturday of the month and enjoy a variety of crafts. Make friends and try jewellery making, painting, card making, sewing etc.

10.30 – 2.00. Small donation to cover costs. Bring and share lunch.

Mandy Cowell and Brenda Waring Creation Crafts

Free Environmental News and updates for

Oxfordshire. To hear the latest news, events, training and volunteering opportunities, sign up to Wild Oxfordshire's fortnightly Environmental Bulletin. It's free of charge and it's easy to sign up on www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk

Oxfordshire's Citizen Science WaterBlitz

The 8th Thames WaterBlitz will take place on 26th to 29th April 2019. This bi-annual Citizen Science event, first launched in September 2015, involves hundreds of volunteers carrying out quick and easy to use tests for phosphates and nitrates in local ponds, lakes, ditches, springs, streams and rivers. The Water Blitz is timed to coincide with tests carried out on the non-tidal River Thames by scientists from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH). Sharing the data with the Environment Agency, CEH and Catchment Partnerships helps to fill gaps in our knowledge about our local environment. The intensive testing done by volunteers can help identify key pollution sources or clean water spots that act as refuges for some of our special wildlife that's more sensitive to water quality, such as the beautiful but rare fen violet.

Registration is now open for the next Thames WaterBlitz between the 26th and 29th of April. Please follow the steps on this video to register for the event and request your free Freshwater Watch kit <https://freshwaterwatch.thewaterhub.org/group/thames-blitz>. Don't forget to register before 21st April to allow time for testing kits to be posted.

Sutton

Singers-

Would you like to have a go at singing?

No auditions or previous experience. Just an enthusiasm to have a go!! Fabulous local singing teacher – Lizzie Soden leads our group. We have recently performed at Chipping Norton Music Festival and were highly commended – the photo shows some of us at the Festival. Look out for us during Village Summer Festival Week - 18.6.19

Come along and join our friendly fun group if you fancy a go at singing songs from musicals and other popular songs - for more details please contact: Jan Tomlinson on 01865 881709 or email janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

We meet on Tuesdays in the Sutton Chapel, New Road at 7pm, Sutton.



**Stanton Harcourt and
Sutton Summer Festival
2019**



“Stanton ... To the Moon and Beyond”

Festival Week Events from Saturday 15th June

Festival Day: **Saturday 22nd June 2019**

Festival Attendant: It's not too late to send in your application to become Festival Attendant to support our Festival Queen Lucy Taylor. If you are interested and are in school year 7 or above, then email your details to gill@gillmason.com before 6pm on Monday 8th April.

The countdown to Festival 2019 is well underway so a reminder that...

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

If you are interested in holding an event during festival week please contact Mike Parker (tel 884435 / email mikeparker12@gmail.com) who is co-ordinating the schedule of open events.

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.thom77@gmail.com)

The Festival Committee



Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Village Inn – Saturday 11th May 2019



“Inn on the Moon”



The countdown to Festival has begun.

Come along for a friendly night of fun – it will be out of this world!



Licensed Bar with Real Ales

Games and snacks

7.30pm



Hosted by The Festival Committee

What did you look like in 1969 – the year of the moon landings?

Send us a picture of yourself taken in 1969 and we will have a picture quiz on the night! (email louise0110@btinternet.com or post to Rue Croft near the village green)

Also: Saturday 15th June - kicking festival week off in style - an 'Out of this World Village Inn!' Run by FOSHS!

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 1st April 7:30pm

Eynsham Post Office

We were very sorry to hear of the horrific break-in on the 2nd February, at the Eynsham Post Office run by Hitesh & Anita. Thankfully no one was injured but they made a real mess of their Post Office.

Our sympathy goes out to Hitesh & Anita, we wish them well and hope to see them up and running in Eynsham very shortly

Oxfordshire 2050

The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 team has launched a 'Call for Ideas' to try to identify areas for new development and environmental protection in Oxfordshire.

The Plan will set out aspirations for the county's future and consider how best to deliver new homes and infrastructure and other improvements. The plan team wants to gather public views on which broad locations should be considered within the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. These could be locations for large-scale housing or employment, infrastructure projects, or for strategic environmental designations. Even if you just have some initial thoughts, please do let the council know what you think. [Oxfordshire Plan](#) Have your say!

The closing date for submissions is Friday 12 April 2019

The Airfield Development

Hayfield Homes have started work on the former RAF Airfield at the edge of our village. The development has been named Hayfield Green and street names will reflect the types of aircrafts flown from the site. The Parish Council has provided input on the street names and will continue to work with the developers throughout the building phase.

As you know the site is rich with history from the Second World War, most notably as the starting point for a crucial raid, and for being Winston Churchill's departure point for the pivotal Casablanca Conference. To retain its historic significance, Hayfield will be respectfully bringing some of the remaining buildings into the modern day, with careful refurbishment. Other historic structures will be brought back to life and used as informal recreation features, with informative boards explaining their heritage. Walking routes will weave their way through Hayfield Green and along the airfield's former taxiway so that residents, locals and visitors alike can partake on a historical journey of the site's story. In the short term it was necessary to close the foot path through the centre of the development for safety reasons.

The developers are creating a new community hub within the refurbished former Guard Room which will be handed over to the Parish council to manage and maintain and make available as a 'community use building' to new and existing residents alike.

The planning permission for this development is for 66 new homes, including 5 homes within retained airfield buildings and a mixture of 1-5 bedroom new build homes, includes 9 bungalows and 40% affordable housing. Hayfield is aiming towards an

off-plan launch in April 2019, with a show home opening in the summer.

Village Spring Clean

Thank you Steve Tuck for organising the March Spring Clean. It was good to see so many young and old people out collecting to help us ensure the village remains litter free. The volunteers focused in the village this month as the B4449 road side was the focus last month. As a result over 30 bags (and some large items) were taken to the tip.

Next Litter Pick Saturday April 13th, 10am – the same day as the next Village Market in the Village Hall so you could support two community events in one day.

Village Hall Car Park

The 1st phase of the Car Park Improvement has been completed - tarmacked slope and additional granite chippings to aid drainage but unfortunately, we don't have a date for the road and pavement repair at the car park entrance

Cycling Race

The OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race will pedal through the county on Wednesday, June 12. The council expect cycling fans to visit Oxfordshire to watch the race, generating additional business for restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops.

The race will start in South Oxfordshire and end at Blenheim Palace. Details of the exact route, which will pass through the Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire, will be revealed in coming weeks.

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

Have you ever thought of becoming an on-call firefighter?

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are looking for On-call Firefighters to join their team!

Do you want to earn extra money, serve your community and save lives in a rewarding role? If so, a career as an On-call Firefighter might be just the thing for you.

On-call Firefighters are the backbone of the fire service and anyone can be one. If you're employed full-time, are a parent, out of employment or just have some spare time, you can respond to emergency calls.

On-call Firefighters are trained and paid for their time and service - and on average are expected to be called out two or three times each week for about an hour at a time - this can be at night or during the day.

They are looking for anyone over the age of 18, who is physically fit (this can be worked on), doesn't suffer from vertigo, claustrophobia or dislike the sight of blood. They need good common sense, to be enthusiastic, reliable and honest.

If this sounds of interest, please visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters

Coffee with councillors, croissants too

If you'd like a chance to bend the ear of your elected Labour District Councillors then Saturday morning, 13 April, at The Swan Pub, Eynsham is the place to be. Drop in between 11.30am-1pm.

In the interest of balance, the Liberal Democrat councillors are available at the Bartholomew Room between 1 and 3pm the same day.

We couldn't find sit downs with other parties, but you can find out more at Eynsham Online.

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
www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

April

7th 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
14th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor
16th 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Stanton Harcourt
18th 7pm	Supper and Holy Communion	Sutton Methodist Chapel
19th 12:00	Good Friday Liturgy	Northmoor
20th 7pm	Taizé Easter Vigil	Standlake
21st 9:30	Easter Day Parish Communion	Stanton Harcourt
28th 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt

The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Mark Lagorio

☎ 01865 881613

✉ stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 5pm

Bible Study after Mass on Wednesdays

Adoration after Mass on Fridays

Special Services

PALM SUNDAY 14th April 10.00am

HOLY THURSDAY 18th APRIL : MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19th APRIL : LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 20th APRIL : THE EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.00pm

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

April

Sunday 7th 10am	Informal Gathering
Sunday 14th 10am	Rev Rose Westwood inc Holy Communion
Sunday 21st 10am	At Long Hanborough
Sunday 28th 10am	Stella Bristow

Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month

3rd April, 1st May, 10.00–11.30 am. All welcome

The Back Page Bird

This month's bird is Terrence and he's a Twite! A finchy cousin of Frank the Linnet.



Twites however are a little smaller with shorter beaks and longer tails, the boys have a pink rump no less, while as usual the girls are more elegant and dress in a matching tawny all over.

Bridewell Gardens
mental health recovery

SEASONAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, 13th April 2019 - 11am - 2pm
Bridewell Gardens, Wilcote, OX7 3DT
01993 868313
(SatNav N-51.83361, W-1.45584)

Bridewell Gardens is holding a seasonal plant sale with a variety of herbaceous perennials available at reasonable prices.
Come along and support our charity, which promotes gardening for better mental health.
Please note that this is a plant sale ONLY and the gardens will not be open to visitors.
Open days for 2019 are: 19th May, 23rd June, 28th July

Give Blood Eynsham Village Hall

12 Apr 2019 13:15 - 15:30

Do something special! Contact Centre 0300 123 23 23 or just turn up at the Eynsham Village Hall.

You don't have to be generous or special to give blood, everyone can do it – even if you're a right grumpy sod, often this is even better as it's compatible with many of the people who need it who are also grumpy while in hospital!

St Michael's Church 200 Club March draw

1st 251 J&B Thornton-Kitching 3rd 280 S Simms
2nd 122 M Roberts 4th 243 B Buckley

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

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