



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

March 2020

## March

14 <sup>th</sup>	Litter Pick / Village Market
28 <sup>th</sup>	FOSHS Barn Dance
31 <sup>st</sup>	Formal Notice of Local Election

## April

8 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Deadline for PC nominations
21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline to register to vote

## May

7 <sup>th</sup>	Local Elections
8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	New PC members take office

## June

20 <sup>th</sup>	Festival Day 2020
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### Litter Pick & Village Maintenance 14th March 10:00-12:00

Details to be confirmed on the Facebook –  
Annual Spring Clean!

**Please join us if you can (else come to the next one!)**  
*Children are welcome but MUST be supervised by an  
Adult at all times*

### Village Market and Café

**14<sup>th</sup> March 12 – 2 at the Village Hall**

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!



**SAVE THE DATE - EASTER BINGO!**  
**SATURDAY 11th APRIL at the Village Hall.**  
**Bingo, Bar and Music raising money for  
the Village Hall Eco-Project**

## “It’s Complimentary – My Dear Watson!”



Congratulations to all those involved in the  
most excellent village pantomime of Sherlock  
Holmes! This year we had a mega cast  
including some new faces on stage and  
behind the scenes, we hope you all enjoyed  
our efforts and if you fancy getting involved  
then why not join in next year!

# BARN DANCE

BAR - FOOD - LIVE MUSIC - CALLER

**28 MARCH STANTON HARCOURT  
6-9PM VILLAGE HALL**

**TICKETS**  
£10 incl food (Meat and veg chilli)  
£5 without food.  
Primary aged children free  
Available from school, village shop or contact us on FOSHS FB page.

**Stanton Harcourt CE Primary School**

Profits to FOSHS (1061604) to benefit pupils of the school and Friends of AICM (1011451) to fight poverty in Uganda.

## Speedwatch

We are proposing to restart Speedwatch in Stanton Harcourt & Sutton within the next few weeks. Speedwatch is a Thames Valley Police initiative which involves monitoring vehicle speeds within our 30 mph areas. Monitoring is carried out by local volunteers using a Speed Indicating Device at the roadside. Details of speeding vehicles are logged and passed to the police who will send warning letters to registered vehicle owners. Persistent speeding may result in a police visit. However, Speedwatch is not part of a legal enforcement process and cannot lead to the imposition of fines or any other sanction. If anyone would like to participate in Speedwatch as a local roadside volunteer please contact Graham Dixon-Brown ([deansfarmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:deansfarmhouse@gmail.com)) or Peter Bartrip ([pwibartrip@gmail.com](mailto:pwibartrip@gmail.com)) for further details.

# Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2020

**Festival Day: Saturday 20th June 2020**

**Festival Week Events from Sat 13<sup>th</sup>  
June 2020**

To celebrate the Tokyo 2020 games, our theme  
this year is an Olympic one:



## **Festival Attendant required!**

We are delighted to have Eleanor Douglas as our  
Festival Queen this year.

We are looking for a Festival Attendant to  
accompany Eleanor on the Royal Float and to take  
up the role of Festival King or Queen in 2021. If  
you are in school year 7 or above and would like to  
be our Attendant, email your details to  
[gill@gillmason.com](mailto:gill@gillmason.com) before 6pm on 10th April.  
(Youngsters – please ask your parent or carer to email  
on your behalf so we know they are happy for you to  
be nominated. Grown-ups – please make sure that  
anyone you are nominating is happy to take on this  
role!)

We will reveal the identity of the lucky applicant in  
the May edition of VV.

If you would like to have a stall on the school field  
on Festival Day then please contact Lucy on 07775  
604466 or email [lucylowe1974@gmail.com](mailto:lucylowe1974@gmail.com). We  
are particularly keen for organisations to run  
“activity” stalls so there is lots to do on the field  
on the day.

If you or your village organisation would like to  
hold an event during Festival Week, please contact  
Mike Parker (tel 884435 / email  
[mikeparker12@gmail.com](mailto:mikeparker12@gmail.com)) who will ensure that  
all details are included in the Festival programme  
booklet.

If you are involved in a local business and would  
like to place an advert in the Festival Programme  
then contact Gill ([gill@gillmason.com](mailto: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](mailto:rich.thom77@gmail.com))

**The Festival Committee**



**Save the date- Saturday 16th May**

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**

We are hosting the next touring play from the  
Watermill Theatre in Newbury and hope you will  
once again come along and at the same time  
support our fund raising efforts to improve the  
hall. This time it's a play called “Camp Albion”  
and it's sure to be another fabulous  
performance.

## **New Deliverer Required!**

**Our most excellent deliverer for Lower  
Sutton (the leys to the bottom) of 50 copies  
is retiring to go on grand adventures. If you  
would like to take on this round please  
write to the editor at the email at the end of  
the newsletter.**

## **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.

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](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

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

*In March we will be joining in with Chipping Norton  
Music Festival (CNMF) on March 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.  
To catch the songs we perform at CNMF come along to  
the Summer Festival Concert on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at  
The Chapel – a date for your diary.*

### **St Michael's Church 200 Club February draw**

1 <sup>st</sup> 263 Mrs Roberts	3 <sup>rd</sup> 295 N Eagle
2 <sup>nd</sup> 277 Mr & Mrs Jones	4 <sup>th</sup> 275 C Mathew

Tip closed for cleaning and maintenance!

***Dix Pit (Stanton  
Harcourt) - Tues 24<sup>th</sup> & Wed  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2020***

## **May Elections!**

In May there are 3 local elections occurring:

- **6 Seats on the Parish Council;**
- **1 Seat on our ward of WODC;**
- **A Police and Crime Commissioner for the  
Thames Valley**

For more info, see the PC News section and the  
WODC 'Elections' website.

## Parish Council News

**Next Parish Council Meetings** 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm

### **Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Parish Council Elections**

A Stanton Harcourt Parish Council Election will take place on Thursday 7 May 2020 if more than six people put themselves forward to be considered for one of the six Parish Councilor posts. Nomination papers are available from the Parish Clerk or the WODC Returning Officer via the web or Woodgreen offices.

**Deadline for Nominations is 4pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.** *Papers must be delivered by hand to the Witney Woodgreen office of WODC prior to the deadline..*

### **Coronavirus.....**

If the new Coronavirus is as bad as they are currently indicating the situation could last for a long time. To slow the spread of this virus and give the scientists time to develop suitable medical intervention people are asked to self isolate. Looking at the current UK statistics over 4000 have been asked to self isolate with the vast majority fine and just a few have been confirmed to have the virus

The government has produced a number of sites where you will find the latest information about the situation in the UK, along with guidance for what to do if you think you're at risk. Go to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself. Use the 111 online coronavirus service to check if you need medical help.

### **To protect yourself**

#### Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

#### Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

### **Look after each other**

Please do remember to keep an eye out for your neighbours, if they live on their own check they are ok, if a family is asked to self isolate they might appreciate help with shopping etc

**[www.pc.stantonharcourt.online](http://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](mailto:trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

## **Village Hall Eco-Project**

We are working very hard to make our village hall even better but we need your help. We have recently had both an energy audit for the hall done by Oxford Brookes University as well as a feasibility study to look at all options to make the hall more energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint. The one big thing that will make all the difference to our carbon spend and save us a lot of fuel bill money, is to install an array of solar panels and a large battery to store the energy they generate for use when we need it most in the evenings. Any extra can also be sold back to the grid. We have a large roof area that can take approximately 30-40 panels embedded into it depending on their size, plus a battery so we are looking at a cost of around £30K plus VAT. With a life of about 25-30 years and savings of around £1.5K a year, it makes sense financially as well of course as environmentally.

We already have about £10K towards it from our fundraising over the last couple of years and will be looking for possible grants too. Unfortunately the local landfill tax Community Action Fund no longer funds solar project but we are hoping local businesses might help in supporting the cost of one or more panels or the battery and that the Village will support it with various fundraising events. Any that need the use of the hall would obviously not have to cover the hire charge! Our first fundraising event will be an Easter Bingo night followed by the Watermill Play coming in May so please do support both. If you have any fun fundraising ideas or offers of support in some way, then do get in touch either with:

Lucy Heath at [lucy.heath1@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.heath1@gmail.com) or  
Jane Eagle at [jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com](mailto:jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com)

With thanks

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Committee**



### **Page 3 Bird**

This Month's Bird is Clarice and she is a Cirl Bunting, an attractive cousin of the Yellowhammer family. Clarice is mainly found in the South West of the UK hunting along the Jurassic coastlines for big juicy bugs. But given all the storms it won't be a surprise if she turns up round here for a spot of lunch!





THE  
HARCOURT  
ARMS

A warm welcome every day for the best food, drink and accommodation for miles around.

**New for this year Pub Quiz nights on a Monday and acoustic music nights on a Thursday**

For more information visit:

[www.theharcourtarms.com](http://www.theharcourtarms.com)

or call: 01865 416516

The Village Hall committee are very grateful for the contribution to V Hall funds from the proceeds of the first quiz back in the Harcourt Arms. Many thanks to the team at the Arms and to Alison and Martin for the good food and fun questions.

LOWER WINDRUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Creative Women

*The history of women involved in the Arts & Crafts movement, including Jane and May Morris*



**A TALK BY KATHERINE BRADLEY**

**Tues 7 Apr 2020 • 8pm • Standlake Village Hall**  
**On the door £3.50 • Members FREE**

## Get help with home repairs

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to get the help they need.

The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy

repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

For more information or to make a referral

visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs)

## The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

**Fr Mark Lagorio**

☎ 01865 881613

✉ [stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.stpeterseysham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseysham.org.uk)

### Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 5pm

### Special Services

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

**Contact: Rita Stockill** ☎ 01865 880200

### March

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Mrs Mary Blow
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Mr Robin Gurney
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10am	Service at Long Hanborough
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Service at Long Hanborough

### Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month

**4<sup>th</sup> March - Open to all – come for a tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat, we would love to see you.**

## St Michael's Church

If you have any queries regarding a funeral, marriage or baptism at St Michael's, please contact Alison Shaw initially; 01865 300 615 [ali46pshaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ali46pshaw@yahoo.co.uk)

For all other queries please contact:

Gill Salway [salwaypg@btinternet.com](mailto:salwaypg@btinternet.com)

Jane Watts [jane.saddleback@talktalk.net](mailto:jane.saddleback@talktalk.net)

[www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### March

8 <sup>th</sup> 10:30	Benefice Communion	Stanton Harcourt
15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
22 <sup>nd</sup> 11:00	Mothering Sunday	<b>Northmoor</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> 10:30	Benefice Communion	<b>Standlake</b>

There is a said Benefice Communion service every Wednesday morning, 10:00am, at **Standlake**

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month**  
**[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)**

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