



Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

December 2019

December

7th Carols by Candlelight at the Church

10th Sutton Singers @ Morrisons
Carterton

12th Don't Forget to Vote!

14th Village Litter Pick

14th Village Market & Cafe

14th Lower Windrush Choir Concert

17th Sutton Singers @ the Village Church

24th Carols & Cake at the Chapel

January

18th Big Fat Quiz of 2019

27th –
29th Village Pantomime

ST MICHAEL'S ADVENT WINDOWS

We hope you enjoy our Annual event.
Guides with a map are for sale at the village shop.

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 7th December

4:30 pm St Michael's Church



Stanton Harcourt. Everyone Welcome
Please bring an un-wrapped gift for children
up to 16yrs. Gifts are distributed locally
by the Salvation Army to children who
would otherwise receive nothing at
Christmas. *Thank you!*

Litter Pick & Village Maintenance

14th December 10:00-12:00

11th January 10:00-12:00*

8th February 10:00-12:00*

**if the markets not on we'll have a cuppa at the pub!*

Meet at the Village Hall

*More details will be published on the line in
due course.*

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*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL 2019



The Villagers of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton
raised the wonderful amount of £1457.27!
A massive thanks from me to all who donated
and to the small team of house to house
collectors and counters for your efforts.
Alan Dyer
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Stanton Harcourt and Sutton EHE34

Dance Marathon News!

Thank you soooooo much for all those
dancers, influencers (!) and helpers who
came to last month's charity event. We
raised a whopping £520 for cancer
charities in 3 hours and danced our
socks/leg warmers off!

***Special thanks and respect to my
'bredrin' M.C Hammer a.k.a Stevie T
for getting the party started!***

Jenny and Jane

Thank you!



CAROLS AND CAKE AT SUTTON CHAPEL

TUESDAY 24 DEC 4.00 PM

*Come and join us at Sutton Chapel for our
Annual Family Christmas Eve celebration.*

*Live music, on screen images and you
get to choose the carols. Followed by
tea, coffee and nibbles*



St Michael's Church 200 Club November draw

1st 279 C Fleur

3rd 157 P Gullis

2nd 173 J Harrison

4th 105 P Burden

Village Market and Café

12 – 2 at the Village Hall on:
14th December

“Christmas Edition!”

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!



Lower Windrush Historical Society

The Rise and Fall of Pleasure Boating on the Thames

Tues 3rd Dec 2019, 8pm Standlake Village Hall

£3.50 on the door, Members Free!

Big Fat Quiz of 2019

January 18th 2020 at the Village Hall 7pm

Tickets £5:00 will be on sale from January 1st.

Look out for posters and start revising about all things
that have happened this year!!



On behalf of Black Mountains Chapter Wales we would like to thank the villagers for their kind words and enthusiastic reception @ yesterdays Remembrance Service. A 7.00am start from Swansea and a 300 mile round trip didn't dampen the event and it was enjoyed by all - especially in the winters sunshine. It was difficult to decline certain elders requests to have a spin on the Harleys ! Everyone's requested a return visit, so perhaps in warmer weather...and we'll have more time to have a better look around the village. With Kind Regards, Alan Holland

Election Special – 12th December.....

If you haven't registered to vote – it's too late now.

Candidates standing in the Parliamentary election:

- Rosa Bolger (Labour and Co-operative Party)
- Robert Courts (Conservative Party)
- Charlotte Hoagland (Liberal Democrats)

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2020

This year we went to "the moon and beyond" but the committee are now back down on earth and starting to plan for Festival 2020!

The most important date that you need to save for next year is Festival Day and we can confirm that this will be held on: **Saturday 20th June 2020**

Festival Week open events will be held around the village in the week leading up to Festival Day (i.e. from Sat 13th June onwards) We will reveal the "theme" for Festival 2020 in the February edition of Village Voice and on our Festival Facebook page

We hope to have another packed schedule of open events taking place in the week leading up to Festival Day 2020. Hosting an open event is a great opportunity to have some fun and raise money for your local organisation or favourite charity. If you think you would be interested in holding an event next year, please contact Mike Parker (tell 884435 / email mikeparker12@gmail.com).

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of next year's event then please contact Richard Thomson (rich.thom77@gmail.com)

The Festival Committee



Danksy Does it Again! Well done Dan for your epic installation "Walking With Giants!"

Christmas Rubbish Collections...

Friday 27 December - Recycling

Friday 3 January - Rubbish

Thursday 9 January - Recycling

Normal collection resumes Mon 13 January.

No garden waste collections Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January.

Sutton Singers get into Christmas! 🎵 🎵 🎵

As we enter the latter part of a busy term, here's a reminder of our Christmas performances.

With Lizzie, our Musical Director, we are now fully into Christmas songs and carols, ready for our Christmas fund-raising concerts. Come along and enjoy getting into the Christmas mood with us!

Tuesday 10th December at Morrisons in Carterton @ 7pm – donations to the local day care centre. Stock up on Xmas bits while you're there!

Tuesday 17th December at St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt @ 7pm – profits donated to the upkeep of St Michael's church. There will be light refreshments after the concert to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

For more information on our regular singing sessions or any performances, please contact Jan Tomlinson: 01865881709
janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com



THE
HARCOURT
ARMS

Open over the Christmas Season, including on New Year's Eve with a DJ!

Pick up a brochure for full details

For more information visit:

www.theharcourtarms.com

or call: 01865 416516

Parish Council News

Next Parish Council Meetings

2nd December, 7:30pm

Making the local roads safe

It's winter in Oxfordshire – as far as our OCC winter team is concerned at least.

Although winter officially starts in the UK on 1 December the drivers and support crews who spread salt on Oxfordshire's roads are poised from the start of November for the first forecasts of freezing road temperatures.

That means that now is a good time to think about how you, your family and your community are preparing for winter weather.

Although OCC grit main roads they can't look after all rural roads. We have to do that, this means that volunteers need to spread small amounts of salt (provided by the parish council) in high risk areas prior to a freeze. If you would be willing to be one of these volunteers that helps to keep our village safe for all please let Trudi Gasser (our Parish clerk) know.

Emergency Plan

You will all have heard on the news about the terrible flooding in the north of the U.K. Some of the worst hit areas have never had a problem with flooding before and they felt it came out of the blue and they were not prepared. Disasters do happen even in villages like ours. This is why the County Councils are asking all areas to prepare their own emergency plan, so they can help themselves and the community until the relevant authorities can free up staff to help. I know from personal experience that when flooding hits a community it has a devastating and it is really important to work together as a community to help one another. If you are willing to put your name forward as someone who could pitch in if an emergency did hit our village please send your details to Trudi Gasser. We might need people who could provide first aid, drive vehicles, row boats and who know what else. The key requirement is to have sufficient names that could be called upon.

Our village plan placed on the Stanton Harcourt PC web site (minus any personnel data) so all can contribute. The plan will be reviewed regularly so if at any time you want to remove your name that is fine to.

School Expansion

The Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust, working with Oxfordshire County Council, proposes to expand Stanton Harcourt Church of England Primary School from an Admission Number of 15 to an Admission Number of 20.

A consultation into this proposal is now open and will run until Wednesday 8th January 2020. You are invited to comment on the proposal and feedback your thoughts, and can access the consultation at the following link:

https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/stanton_harcourt_expansion/consultationHome

If you have any questions relating to this email school.planning@oxfordshire.gov.uk and quote 'Stanton Harcourt Expansion.'

The Parish Council strongly supports the Primary School and applauds the very good education that it is giving. However the traffic problems at opening and closing hours are already challenging, without increasing the annual intake, both to those living nearby and to the passing traffic.

Local resident reports that a large lowloader carrying heavy machinery drove through the 7.5tonne weight restriction in Stanton Harcourt village on Monday 25th November at 12.50pm. Action was taken and contact made with the local Company, from which the HGV had come. For safety and to curtail risk, it is important that the weight restriction is respected through the village.



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

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This Month's Bird is Rhonda and she is a Ruddy Duck!

Male Ruddy Ducks have a chestnut coloured body and blue beak! But as usual the ladies are more refined. Ruddy Ducks are actively being wiped out as they are an invasive species from America coming over here and upsetting the native white-headed ducks causing them to die out. Ruddy ducks are well known for their 'stiff' tails, although you won't see them soon as there aren't many left.



New Rector for Stanton Harcourt

Our new Rector will be the Rev Joanna Hurst. Jo is currently living in Cumbria where she has worked in the parish team at Kendal and is currently the chaplain to two hospices, one of which is for children. She has local roots and her parents live in Witney. She will be moving to Stanton Harcourt in late June or early July with her family of three teenaged children and a dog. Her installation as Rector of the Lower Windrush Benefice will be at St Michael's on July 14th.

If like me you're wondering what the difference between a Rector and a Vicar is, in the old days a Rector ran a parish and would employ a substitute to do some of the work – in Latin substitute is VICARIUS. Therefore, in olden days terms a Rector is even more important than a Vicar!

Sherlock Holmes and the case of The Missing Throne



Pantomime Performance Dates

- Thursday 27th February 7:30pm
- Friday 28th February 7:30pm
- Saturday 29th February 2pm and 7:30pm

Tickets will go on sale in January
email: info@stantonharcourtdrama.com
phone: 01865 880306

Stay updated by following us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/StantonHarcourtDrama/



SCAN ME

Lower Windrush Choral Society
Music Director: Terry McNamara

a Christmas Cracker

Christmas music through the ages

Saturday 14th December
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm)
Bar

Tickets £10 (£12 on the door) Under 18s free
Available online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/lowerwindrush
Or from choir members, St Andrew's Bookshop, High Street, Witney
or Rapture, Woolgate, Witney
Enquiries to: 01865 300625
www.lowerwindrush.org
Registered Charity No: 1152661

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

Special Services

Christmas Eve 5pm Carol Service for families

Christmas Eve 8pm (early midnight mass)

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Mass

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

December

Sunday 1 st 10am	Informal Gathering
Sunday 8 th 10am	Rev Rose Westwood
Sunday 15 th 10am	Mr Eddie Fowler
Sunday 22 nd 6pm	Carol Service at Long Hanborough
Sunday 24th 4pm	Carols and Cake Christmas Eve Family Celebration
Sunday 25 th 6pm	Christmas Morning Service at Long Hanborough
Sunday 29 th 10am	Service at Long Hanborough

January

Sunday 5 th 10am	Covenant Service at Long Hanborough
Sunday 12 th 10am	Mrs Stella Bristow
Sunday 19 th 10am	Rev Charles Harris inc Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th 10am	Service at Long Hanborough

Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month

4th Dec & 1st Jan 10.00–11.30 am. All welcome

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

For all other queries please contact:

Gill Salway salwaypg@btinternet.com

Jane Watts jane.saddleback@talktalk.net

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

December

1 st 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
Saturday 7th 16:30	Carol Service with gifts for the Salvation Army	Stanton Harcourt
8 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Standlake
15 th 9:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
22 nd 10:30	Benefice Communion with Bishop Colin	Stanton Harcourt
24 th 18:00 21:30	Carol Service First Communion of Christmas	Northmoor Standlake
25 th 1030	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
29 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor

January - See benefice website for services

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
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