



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

November 2022



## Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Windrush Historical Society 7.30pm Standlake V.Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cafe at the Chapel 10.00am - 12.00pm, The Chapel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast Club 8.00am, The Harcourt Arms
- 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Knitting Group 10.30-12.30pm, The Chapel
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Village Market & Cafe 12.00 - 2.00pm, Village Hall
- 12<sup>th</sup> Village Hall Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service 10:30am, St Michael's Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sutton Singers AGM 7.00pm, The Chapel

## Is this the end?



Village Voice still needs a new editor.

If we don't have anyone interested in taking on the task by the end of December 2022 there is a real risk that there will be no more Village Voice.

The editing team is currently made up of one person, so once the current editor leaves in December there won't be anyone left (unless Bernard the ghost steps up but he's not very tech savvy).

If you have the time to spare, and would like to take this on, then please contact the editor.

This is probably a job best suited for more than one person - if you'd be happy to share the job with anyone else then please let me know!

To volunteer your services, or if you have any questions please email me: [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

Thanks, Sarah

## Sutton Singers

Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at The Methodist Chapel, New Road, Sutton.

We are learning new songs, singing songs we already know for fun and rehearsing new and old Christmas songs!

**A date for your diary – Christmas is coming and we will be performing our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 20th December at 7pm for 7.30 pm.**

If you are interested in coming along - we welcome new members - no audition needed. Now is an excellent time to join as we learn new songs for Christmas. Do please get in touch or just come along on a Tuesday evening.

For information about the group contact:

Jan Tomlinson 01865 881709 / [janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

Keep singing! It's good for breath control, relaxation, fun and sounds lovely too!! Singing reaches the part of our brain that other verbal skills can't! Come and join the joy!

*Reminder: Our AGM is at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd November*

## RBL Poppy Appeal 2022

Support this year's appeal by donating when the collector calls or from the Village Shop or the Harcourt Arms.

From the 27th October to the 13th November 2022.

Let's see if we can raise more than the 2021 figure of £2500!

Alan Dyer,

Poppy Appeal Organiser for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton.



The saxophone is the only instrument in wide use today that was invented by a single individual - Adolphe Sax. His first saxophone was patented in Paris in 1846.

**ADVENT WINDOWS 2022**  
**St Michael's 7th annual event**

This year we would like as many homes as possible to join in with decorating and lighting a window for advent.  
 Just pick a day and keep the window display up and lit from your chosen day until Christmas.

Please let us know asap which date (between December 1st – 24th) you have chosen and we will include you on the map.

The map will be available from the end of November at the village shop for 50p

Contact Carole on 01865 880416 or email us at [st.m.creamteas@gmail.com](mailto:st.m.creamteas@gmail.com)

**12** This is a lovely thing to do and the more the merrier!!

## Writing Competition

Sadly, we didn't receive any entries to our writing competition. So we've selected The Children's Literacy Charity to donate the value of the missed out book token to.

## Village Hall Questionnaire

Don't forget to complete the questionnaire included with this issue: The Village Hall Committee are considering a small extension to provide extra storage space for the hall. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it to the box in The Village Shop or scan/take a photo of your form and email it to [janviv28@gmail.com](mailto:janviv28@gmail.com)

## Parish Council News

**Next Parish Council Meeting in the Old Guardroom  
Monday 7th November 7:30pm**

Online observation link: <https://meet.google.com/ifb-ezdy-dci>

### Your Village Voice needs you!

With the very sad departure of Sarah getting ever closer, Village Voice is still on the lookout for a new editor to take over. Do you have a flair for communication and want to take the next step? Any questions or applications, please contact Sarah at [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

This is a valuable resource for villagers', and we are at risk of losing it if we don't get a new editor.

### Financial help for those struggling

West Oxfordshire District Council want to try and help everyone get through this tricky time financially, especially as we are now heading towards the colder months. If you are struggling, there are some useful bits of information and help on their website: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/news-items/help-if-you-re-struggling-with-living-costs](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news-items/help-if-you-re-struggling-with-living-costs)

This site has access to things such as help with pension credit, childcare costs, debt advice and much more. If you don't have access to the internet, they can be called on 01993 861000 or by popping into the town centre shop in Witney.

### Remembrance Sunday

A reminder that there will be a remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony at St Michaels Church on 13th November, 10:30. All are welcome.

### Remember, remember, the 5th of November

With bonfire night around the corner, please remember to be careful when handling fireworks, ideally head to a local organised display. If you are having a bonfire, don't forget our little spikey friends and look for hedgehogs in the pile before you light it. They often find bonfires a nice place to curl up in for a sleep.

### The Old Guardroom is open

The Old Guardroom is now available for bookings. The room is slightly smaller than the Holland Room in the Village Hall but does have a large outdoor space. If you wish to find out more information or to make a booking, please check <https://www.hugofox.com/community/stanton-harcourt-and-sutton-parish-council-13404/home> for contact details.

The Old Guardroom compliments the facilities already available at the Village Hall. If you do want to book the Village Hall, this can be done through <http://stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk/> or by email at [oldguardroom@shpc.co.uk](mailto:oldguardroom@shpc.co.uk)

### Fix my Street

With the nights drawing in, if you find anything that needs fixing, or if you come across any fly tipping; don't forget to report this to fix my street on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

If you come across any unmarked pot holes, don't forget to let Keith know so that he can get them reported and fixed [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk)

### Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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### Your Oxfordshire County Council councillor is:

*Dan Levy*

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### You Member of Parliament is:

*Robert Courts*

- Phone: 0207 219 5638
- Email: [robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk)

### Your Parish Councillors are:

- Matthew Judson, Chairman, [matthew@shpc.co.uk](mailto:matthew@shpc.co.uk)
- Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, [rachel@shpc.co.uk](mailto:rachel@shpc.co.uk)
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- Joe Deane, [joe@shpc.co.uk](mailto:joe@shpc.co.uk)
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### Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. [Clerk@shpc.co.uk](mailto:Clerk@shpc.co.uk)



Adolphe Sax originally created 14 different saxophones, ranging from the soprano (high range) to the contrabass (low range). However, there only four types in widespread use today: Bb soprano, Eb alto, Bb tenor and Eb baritone

## CAFE AT THE CHAPEL



**WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 10.00 - 12.00**

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE SELECTION OF TEAS  
TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT BUTTERED TOAST  
BOOKS AND GIFT SALE TABLE TO BROWSE

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE TO MEET UP WITH FRIENDS  
FOR A CHAT AND CATCH UP OVER COFFEE  
WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OUT OF THE VILLAGE  
OR JUST DROP IN FOR A CHAT AND SOME FRIENDLY COMPANY  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

## Church Raffle Tickets

It's almost that time of year, where you can win yourself a fabulous hamper full of tasty festive treats, amongst other great prizes.

Keep your eyes peeled for raffle ticket sellers outside the shop in December!



## Handy Hints for Horticulturalists

*Time to relax a little and plan your spring gardens for 2023!*

- 🌸 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 🌱 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 🌻 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- ✂️ Prune roses
- 🌧️ Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging

## Page Three Bird - Raven



Meet John C. Raven, the charismatic documentor of superhero battles and part time wildlife enthusiast.

John is the biggest member of the crow family, with a wingspan of 120-150cm.

His large size, sleek black feathers, heavy eyeliner and gurgling croak ensures he fits in perfectly with the spooky season; ideal given that he is, unfortunately, a goth.

Often found involved in conspiracies,

household favourite, John, is a hardcore listener of English rock band, The Cure.

John has a varied diet, including carrion, mammals, birds and eggs, insects and other invertebrates and is found in a number of habitats around the UK. Happily, John and his fellow conspirators are rated as Green in their UK conservation status.

If you look out during your autumnal walks, you might be lucky enough to spot John lurking in trees. On Friday's you'll find him singing about his favourite fruit - the apple - but best to say clear on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### ST GILES CHURCH, STANDLAKE

Revd Jo and all at St Giles invite you and your family to our All Souls Service on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You will be welcome to light a candle in their memory.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

## Lower Windrush Historical Society

Our new season of talks has commenced and we welcome new members and visitors. Email [lwshcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:lwshcommittee@gmail.com) for more details, or come along to our next talk. Visitors are welcome at £5/talk, or email for details on membership.

1st November 2022, 7.30pm Standlake Village Hall:

**'Apples! The Myth and Mystery of England's Favourite Fruit'**, by Tim Healey

6th December 2022, 7.30pm Standlake Village Hall:

**'Nineteenth Century women travellers and explorers'**, by Katherine Bradley

7th February 2023, 7.30pm Standlake Village Hall:

**'How the English fell in love with tea'**, by Melanie King

7th March 2023, 7.45pm Standlake Village Hall:

**'WW2 rationing and cooking for victory - with food samples'**, by Karen and Bret Wiles

4th April 2023, 7.30pm Standlake Village Hall:

**'Armistice 1918 and After: Some Local Perspectives'** by Stephen Barker

## Poetry Corner

### Autumn Fires

*In the other gardens  
And all up in the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!*

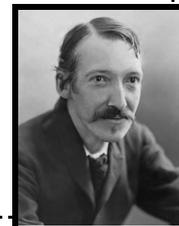
*Pleasant summer over,  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The grey smoke towers.*

*Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!*

*Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)*



*The saxophone is the only woodwind that was never made of wood: it has a body made of brass, but it's played with a single reed, which classifies it as a woodwind.*



## West Oxon Waterways Day

Friday 18th November 2022, 9.30am to 5.30pm

West Oxfordshire District Council offices, Woodgreen, Witney

West Oxfordshire District Council are hosting a Waterways Day to bring together major local stakeholders and experts to give residents an opportunity to hear about the current state of our watercourses and to learn how to restore their broken ecology and how to manage them to prevent flooding.

To allow the district to estimate the number of attendees, residents are encouraged to register their interest via the [Eventbrite page](https://bit.ly/3N7nVe5) (<https://bit.ly/3N7nVe5>) but anyone can turn up on the day as well.

Full information on the event can be found on the council's website at <https://westoxon.gov.uk/WaterwaysDay>.

## Quiz Night

Brought to you by our quizmasters Martin Roberts & Alison Hill

### Fun, light hearted quiz with antipasti platter & crusty bread supper

in aid of the Village Hall

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets £12 in advance (£15 on the door)

Available from The Village Shop, Alison Hill, Jane Eagle, Jo Sensecall or [jo@marketing-sense.co.uk](mailto:jo@marketing-sense.co.uk)

Teams of 6 or just come along and we'll find you some team mates on the night!

### Licenced cash bar

## Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Tuesday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Wednesday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Thursday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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## Witney Music Society

The second concert of Witney Music Society's new season will be a piano recital given by Alexander Soares, a BBC Music Magazine Rising Star. His programme 'A European Odyssey' will include works by Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 11 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) are available in advance online or at the door from 7pm. For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

## Gunpowder, Treacle, and Plot

### Toffee apple bread & butter pudding

Celebrate this time of year with this delicious comfort food dessert, share it with friends or keep it all to yourself (we won't judge!) Try it with clotted cream if you're feeling particularly decadent.

#### Ingredients: (serves 6)

3 red dessert apples  
juice 1/2 lemon  
4 tbsp golden caster sugar  
397g can caramel (we used Carnation)  
6 brioche finger rolls, sliced into rounds  
3 eggs  
400ml full-fat milk  
200ml double cream  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
ice cream, to serve (optional)



#### Method:

1. Core the apples, then slice into rings about as thick as a 50p piece. Toss through the lemon juice and 2 tbsp sugar. Spread about 2/3 of the caramel over the base of a large baking dish (ours was 20 x 30cm).
2. Layer the brioche and apple rings in the dish in overlapping lines. Dot spoonfuls of the leftover caramel here and there, leaving bits of apple poking out. In a jug, whisk the eggs, milk, cream, vanilla extract and 1 tbsp sugar. Pour the mixture over the brioche and apples, making sure it's all well covered, then wrap in cling film. Set aside for at least 30 mins, or overnight, in the fridge.
3. Heat oven to 170C/150C fan/gas 3. Uncover the pudding and scatter with the remaining 1 tbsp sugar. Bake for 45-50 mins until the top is golden and the custard has set. The caramel should be bubbling around the edges and the pudding puffed up. Serve with vanilla ice cream, if you like.

## Church News

### Lower Windrush Benefice

#### St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

##### Sunday 6th November

8:30am HC BCP at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt (Revd Canon Charles Chadwick)

##### Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

10:30am Remembrance Service at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm we have a short service of Compline via Zoom.

Thursday mornings we have Early Bird Prayer at 7:30am via Zoom.

All Zoom codes can be found on [www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice (Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush benefice website:

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



### Sutton Methodist Chapel

#### Sunday 13th November

3.00pm Informal Service - everyone welcome

### St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit

[www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/)



Lower Windrush Choral Society  
presents Mendelssohn's

# Elijah

Directed by: Terry McNamara

Saturday 26th November 2022  
at 7.00 pm

High Street Methodist Church,  
Witney OX28 6HG

Tickets not required; donations welcomed

[www.lowerwindrush.org](http://www.lowerwindrush.org)  
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An early performance of the saxophone took place at the 1844 Paris Industrial Exhibition where Sax played a solo from behind a curtain! It hadn't yet been registered and he was afraid others would copy his design.

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

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