

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

April 2016



Welcome to April, a little more punctual this month with any luck!

April

2nd Eynsham Rotary Club Film Night

4th Parish Council Meeting

7th Nominations close for Parish Council 4pm

9th Bounce Dance Classes resume

9th Village Market 12-2pm

12th Tuesday Girls 7:30pm

23rd Open Mic Night 7:30pm

May

1st Festival Attendant Deadline

14th ** Pub Quiz ** at the Village Hall

June

11th ** 70's Disco** at the Village Hall

18th ** Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival **

Summer Festival 2016

"Stanton At Sea"

We have a fabulous nautical theme for our summer festival this year and as 2016 is sailing by at a rate of knots, it's time to get your thinking caps on and start planning your contributions to this year's festivities!

Festival Attendant

The nomination form for this year's attendant is included in this edition of VV. Spare forms are available from the village shop.

Nautical Gardens/Open Events week

Hosting an open event during festival week is a great opportunity to have some fun and raise some funds for your local organisation or favourite charity.

If you would like to host an event during festival week please contact: Mike mikeparker12@gmail.com or Richard rich.thom@btinternet.com

Stall Holders

Don't forget that all those Seafarers docking at the Port of Stanton will be spending their gold on Festival day! Do you want them to spend it at your stall? To book a stall Contact: May may.powell5@gmail.com, Dan dan@dcbarton.co.uk or Claire mert.clare@gmail.com

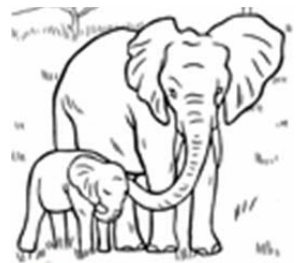
All Hands on Deck

As usual we rely on a team of deckhands to help out on festival day (Sat 18th June) and to help put up the village bunting on the 6th June @6pm. If you can you help please contact Jo: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

SAVE ROUTE 18

100 local villagers met at Stanton Harcourt village hall last night to express their concern at the proposed withdrawal of the 18 bus service on July 20th due to County Council budget cuts. They discussed a number of ideas and all pledged to help the campaign to keep the service. Mike Parker, who chairs the Save Route 18 group, is asking for any residents who are concerned about the loss of the service and want to show their support to email him at mikeparker12@gmail.com

Big Visit! April saw a visit from a family of elephants to the village, the plucky pachyderms were following the trail of their ancestors after getting free access to ancestry.com over Easter. Helpful locals explained that when the 'Man' dug up all the gravel their distant relations were given a new home in the Ashmolean museum by a nice archaeology lady. Luckily our new friends could go and visit the museum using the number 18 bus!



Open Mic & Social Night

If you play an instrument or can sing and would like to perform in an informal atmosphere with like-minded musical folk, bring your voices and instruments and meet in the committee room at the Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Saturday 23rd April 7.30 p.m.- 11.00 p.m.

If you have your sheet music the house band led by Lizzie Snoden, Sutton Singers Choir leader, will endeavour to accompany you. Bring your friends and fans and your own refreshments as there is no bar. Or if you would just like to be the Audience and soak up the vibes you are also very welcome.

For more info contact Phil Pryse at: pjpryse@hotmail.co.uk

A small charge of £3.00 per person is requested for the hire of the village Hall

Don't be shy, see you there!

Bounce News!

Summer term is underway and we are busy learning some fun and funky dance routines for our summer coffee morning on Saturday July 9th at 10.30 a.m.

Classes resume after the Easter break on Saturday 9th April 9 a.m for the children/teen class and 10 a.m for the adults.

If you or your son/daughter are interested in either class please contact Jenny atjposselwhite07@aol.com. We would love some new members and beginners are welcome.

A special thank you for all the dancers for working so hard this term. We've been learning some technically challenging pieces and you are all doing brilliantly!

Happy Easter and see you back on the 9th April!

Jenny Posselwhite and Eleanor Tuck

Bounce Dance Teachers

St Michael's Church 200 Club

April draw

1st 107 S Watts
2nd 169 A Bell

3rd 229 C Stone
4th 215 T Church

Your Village *Still* Needs you!

Parish Council Election is on 5th May, Nominations for councillors is open **30th March - 7th April**. Nomination forms available from the Parish Clerk.

Nominations must be 'hand' delivered to the Returning Officer by 4pm Thursday the 7th (due to archaic election laws!)

If you're not registered to vote (Shame on You!) you have till the 18th of April. This also allows you to vote for the Police Commissioner for the 'Shire' and something about Europe everyone's going crazy about in June.

Tuesday Girls

Our next meeting will be a flower arranging demonstration in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm Why not come along and find out how to turn all those lovely blooms in your gardens into a spectacular table centre arrangement £3 on the night to include raffle(the arrangements) and a cuppa

For further details contact Kay Harvey on 883590

School News



Hogwarts came to Stanton Harcourt Primary School during Science Week. All the children came dressed for the day. Potions were mixed using Dragon's Blood, Inky Slime, Frog's Breath and other strange and magical ingredients. Wands were whittled and prepared for spells. The children made a periodic table out of biscuits and learnt names of some of the different elements. Some children included the names of the different elements in their wand designs. On Thursday the children played Quidditch matches and of course the Sorting Hat decided which Harry Potter Teams they would play in! Well done Ravenclaw! The week was rounded off with a visit from Renee Watson who helped us to mix different elements which had some surprising results!



www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk

01865 881948

office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

Village Markets

We are moving from the 1st Saturday in each month to the 2nd Saturday in each month for 2016, so dates are: April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th and Dec 10th 12-2pm. Free entry, all welcome. If you'd like a stall email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

Also dates for the diary

(all in the Village Hall in aid of Village Hall funds):

Sat 14th May Pub Quiz. 7.30pm £10/head inc supper

Sat 11th June 70's Disco 8pm

Village Hall Post Office & Shop

Shop opening times:

Tues & Thurs: 7am-12.30pm, Mon, Wed & Fri: 7am-12noon

Saturdays: 8am-12.30pm, Sundays: 8am-12noon

Post Office service:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12.30pm

www.stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk

EYNHAM ARTS GROUP SPRING EXHIBITION



With the Eynsham Arts Group experiencing an ongoing surge in

membership, visitors to the spring exhibition can expect to see an exciting variety of work, including many different styles and mediums, from artists old and new, displaying the depth of artistic talent to be found in and around the village.

Opening times are geared to coincide with the Oxfordshire Artweeks.

Saturday 21st May to Sunday 30th May

Please check our website for more information and updates on opening times

www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk

Wanted: eyes & ears in West Oxon!

Do you have an interest in the local landscape and/or planning issues? If so, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) would love to hear from you!

CPRE West Oxfordshire District has a small committee of volunteers who monitor and respond to planning and landscape issues across the area, and provide advice and support to local communities.

We are on the lookout for a few more people to be our 'eyes and ears' on the ground, reporting back on concerns within the local area and helping to feed in to District-wide policy.

The committee meets on a quarterly basis. The input in between can be as little or as much as you like, but we would ask for a minimum of a few hours per month. You don't need any previous experience or expertise as we can provide information and training as required.

A great deal of development is proposed in the District over the next few years. CPRE is fighting hard to make sure that it is appropriate development, helping to provide genuinely affordable housing and necessary infrastructure, whilst protecting our much loved landscapes and the area's rural character.

Time to add your voice!

Want to find out more?

Just email campaign@cpreoxon.org.uk or T: 01491 612079.

We'd love to hear from you!

Open weekend set for lift-off

The countdown has begun to a special event offering residents discounted entry to a host of visitor attractions across West Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds.

The Welcome Open Weekend (WOW) is being held from Friday 15 to Sunday 17 April and covers a total of 23 attractions in both districts.

They include:

- ☞ Blenheim Palace, Woodstock
- ☞ Crocodiles of the World, Brize Norton
- ☞ Bourton Model Village, Bourton-on-the-Water
- ☞ Cotswold Falconry, Moreton-in-Marsh
- ☞ Oxford Bus Museum, Long Hanborough

WOW offers residents a range of 'two for one' vouchers to local attractions. The event has already proven popular in West Oxfordshire and it promises to be even better this year as it has been extended to cover the Cotswold District.

www.westoxon.gov.uk/wow

EYNHAM EMPORIUM

"An enjoyable mix of shopping & relaxed hospitality"

*Uncommon Gifts,
with space for everyone,
and serving food all day...*

Open 8.30-5pm Monday to Friday
9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717.
info: www.eynham-emporium.co.uk
32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Samantha the Starling.

Starlings are very common in April, and one of the earliest nesters. Although they look black at a distance, up close they have glossy purple and green patches.

Starlings are a bit nefarious with regard to mating and nesting, something they learnt off a Cuckoo I suspect, so we won't mention that! Starlings are famous for their flocks prior to nesting, where thousands can be seen making patterns in the sky, this is known as a 'Murmuration'



Stanton Harcourt Branch

Royal British Legion

The 95th Anniversary of the Village British Legion Branch will occur in July (18th July 1921)

A "Poppy Picnic" is proposed to celebrate in July

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary,
Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

An advert on advertising

If you would like to advertise in village voice, please contact the Parish Council clerk to agree costs and requirements.

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 4th April 7:30pm

2016 Litter Pick

Early in March the Parish Council organized the annual Stanton Harcourt Litter Pick. It was good to see some new faces, but the turnout was still not overwhelming. Thanks to all that did attend.

The date chosen was deliberately chosen to be earlier than in recent years - so that the

grass was shorter and the pesky litter could be seen more easily. We weren't disappointed, just under 30 black bin liners full of sorts of rubbish was collected. A wholly unscientific survey indicated that wine bottles were as prominent as ever, but we were down – so to speak - on mens' underpants. WODC were a little slow in picking up the bin bags from the Village Hall, but we are still chasing.....

Noticeboards

You may have noticed that we are currently limited on noticeboards at the moment.... The main noticeboard by The Green was recently damaged in a storm which has left the board requiring major surgery! This is currently underway and the board will be returned to the area within the coming weeks, apologies for the inconvenience. We do still have a fully functioning Parish Council notice board outside the village hall.

Village Hedge - The Green

After considerable discussion at Parish Council meetings since the need to carry out serious repair to the Village Green railings became unavoidable, it was duly decided by the public and Councillors that a beech hedge was the most economic, aesthetic and effective solution. It was planted back from the present fence to ensure that it did not affect road users' visibility on the corner.

In due course the hedge will replace the fence as it decays further and the intervening grass space could be planted with daffodils for the spring.

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>



New Deliverer Wanted!

The time has come for another of our excellent young deliverers to retire. If you would like to take on this round please contact the editor on village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

Round:

Flexneys Paddock and the Main road opposite (36 Copies)
Expenses of 9p per copy are available to youngsters taking on the round.

Scandal!

We've had reports of people taking notices off notice boards! If you have any information on such nefarious events please let the editor know!

If you want to post a notice that cannot be taken down, why not put it in village voice (but don't miss the deadline!)

If you know of other scandals, why not let us know!
The editor is pondering whether we could have community CCTV, Village Vision if you will. Not a Big Brother type, more of a Big Sister looking out for us!
If you have CCTV make sure that you record the date and time stamp with the video, otherwise the Fuzz won't be able to use it to nick the #####'s

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

Father Martin will be retiring, his last Sunday Mass will be 8th May. Father Mark Lagorio will be taking over who comes to us from Thame.

Special Events

12th April Annual Meeting 7:30pm

15th April Bring and Share Easter Supper

30th April Coffee Morning in Standlake

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎01865 880200

Service every Sunday at 10am

Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month

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.

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

April

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| 3 rd 9:30 | Parish Communion | Stanton Harcourt |
| 10 th 10:30 | Benefice Communion | Standlake |
| 17 th 10:30 | All Age Worship | Stanton Harcourt |
| 18:00 | Taizé Prayer Service | Stanton Harcourt |
| 24 th 8:00 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Stanton Harcourt |

A note from the editor

The official deadline for village voice contributions is the 20th of each month!

It's been this way for a number of years now, so to all those who ask when the deadline is a week later, you are unlikely to get such a polite response in future, and even less likely to get things included if they're late – you have been warned!

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

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

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Recipe of the Month Apple Cake Tray Bake (Fingers)

| Ingredients* | Method |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 10oz / 280g plain flour | Grease or line a swiss roll (flat) tin |
| 2 teaspoons Baking Powder | Sift flour, baking powder and salt into bowl |
| Pinch of Salt | Rub in margarine and add sugar |
| 5oz / 140g Margerine | Peel and chop apples (dice) and add to mixture |
| 5oz / 140g Brown Sugar | Mix in beaten egg and milk to form soft dough |
| 1lb / 450g Cooking Apples | Turn into tin and spread out |
| 1 Egg** | Cook till golden brown in a hot oven ~180°C |
| 1 Tablespoon Milk to mix | Cut into fingers when cold and dust with caster sugar |
| Caster Sugar to sprinkle on top | |

*Original quantities are imperial, grams are approximate but close.
**An Imperial or Metric egg can be used!

Why not serve warm as a desert (the sweet kind not the sandy kind), with cream or ice cream (or both?)

**Attendant Slip-Cut me out with scissors! ✂
(be careful with the scissors ✂ ouch!)**

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2016



"Stanton at Sea"



Festival Attendant 2016

The festival committee is inviting nominations for this year's attendant to support the Festival Queen.

The nominee should be:

- Aged 14 years or over by 18th June 2016
- A resident of Stanton Harcourt or Sutton
- Willing to be nominated (please get their permission!)

I nominate _____

as Summer Festival Attendant and confirm they are willing to be nominated.

Address of nominee: _____

Tel no. of nominee: _____

Date of birth of nominee: _____

My name is: _____

Please complete the nomination slip and return to:

Pat Burden, Sylvanus, Sutton Lane.

Nominations must be received by Saturday 1st May 2016.