

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

April 2014

*A belated Happy Mothers Day to all the mom's
and an early Happy Easter to all the bunnies!*



FOSHS invites you to an EASTER Family Fun Day

Sunday 20th April 3 – 4pm

Easter Egg Hunt in Simon's Garden (on the
bend next to the olde village shope)

Then from 4pm Tea, Face Painting and
Lucky dip at The Harcourt Arms

Tickets £5 per child, includes entry, chocolate
prize and food in pub, available from Suzy
Miller, Leonie Newman and Jo Hunt. For
further information contact Leonie 01865
731175

Police Local Have Your Say (HYS) Dates

The Neighbourhood Police Team will be nearby on:
16th April 3-4pm Stanton Harcourt School

BARN DANCE

**Brought to you by 1st Standlake and
Cokethorpe Sea Scout Group**

SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL 2014

DOORS OPEN: 7:00PM

STANTON HARCOURT VILLAGE HALL

£10 Adults £6 Children Including hot supper

**With music by TUMBLEDOWN DICK,
RAFFLE & BAR**

Tickets on sale via the Scout Group, at
Stanton Harcourt and Standlake Village
Shops & The Harcourt Arms

SUTTON METHODIST CHAPEL INVITE YOU TO OUR 'FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL'

Raising money for important repair work

Saturday 10th May 10am till 4pm

Sunday 11th May 2pm till 4pm

Admission free (Donations welcome)

Refreshments served

Some festival items will be for sale

Spring at The Parsonage House

Raised £200 for St Michaels Church, thank
you to all those that supported it.

St Michael's Church 200 Club March draw

1st 126 J Thomson

3rd 278 H Hulme

2nd 107 S Watts

4th 120 M Hill

Memorial Service for Peter Smith

A Stanton man through & through.

There will be a memorial service for Peter
Smith on Friday 11th April at 1pm in Stanton
Harcourt Church.

Village Markets

After a break over the winter, the village markets
on the first Saturday in the month are back! Do
pop along to our **Village Market** on

Saturday 5th April from 12-2pm

in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall. There will be lots
of local stallholders selling plants, produce, eggs,
locally farmed lamb and beef, handmade
jewellery, crafts, gifts and cards, home baked
cakes, Greek food, jams and chutneys and more!
Enjoy homemade soup with a roll, fresh cafetière
coffee and cakes – all in aid of village hall funds.

Following market on 3rd May

Free admission. All welcome.

New stall holders always welcome. Email
jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

The Eynsham Arts Group is holding 'The
Annual Spring Exhibition' from
Saturday 10th May to Sunday 18th May
An exhibition of original artwork at affordable
prices by local artists (*More detail next month!*)

Your Village Hall Committee Needs YOU!

New committee members wanted! We meet 4
times a year so it's not too onerous; anyone
interested should contact Jane Eagle on 880736

WANTED

Rainbow Guider for September 2014

If you are interested or would like more
information please contact Jane Watts 01865
882361

Polite Notices

- **DO NOT!** park on blind bends in the road,
this is not legal and is dangerous for
cyclists and pedestrians, plus any damage
wont be insured!
- **Please** consider your neighbours and the
wind direction when having a bonfire so
we can all enjoy the fairer weather
- **More Doo!** reported on steady's lane,
please clear up after your dawg!

NEWS

SHAPE has now submitted an application to WREN for a grant towards the proposed village play areas. We will hear the outcome in July, but in the meantime have lots more money to raise to reach the project target. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported all our events so far.

A Huge Thank You to everyone involved in "An Evening with the Stars" including cooks, servers, bar staff, MC, Sam Strange and all the entertainers, back stage crew, audience, ticket sellers, washer uppers etc etc. Both SHAPE and St Michael's received £1234.00 each to boost their funds, we couldn't have done it without you all!

'The Great Village 100 Mile Run' held on 9th March exceeded all our expectations – so much so that we got a key part of the title completely wrong: on a gloriously sunny day, 144 participants clocked up a grand total of 342.5 miles! We raised the phenomenal sum of £1,940. Thank you to all the team who helped on the day and made the event run smoothly and safely, to all those who took part and raised money, and to everyone who sponsored the younger participants. The children's medals were very generously provided by Martin Simmonds of Ashlogs. The suggestion has been made that this becomes an annual event – we've set the bar high for our target mileage next year!

To contact SHAPE please email shapecommittee@btinternet.com or call Clare on 01865 881943

Open day for new Gigaclear fibre broadband service in Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

From Nigel Elliott, Chairman of the Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Broadband Group.

Gigaclear is now very much 'Go' with Stanton & Sutton now just days away from the fibre-optic broadband switch on. An exciting time and thanks to everyone that signed up and made this possible. Please see below the latest update from Gigaclear's Robin Band on progress:

Most of Stanton Harcourt is now fibred up and by the time you read this work should have advanced along New Road to Sutton Lane and then out on to the Eynsham Road.

This has been a significant undertaking in some pretty poor weather conditions, so we at Gigaclear hope that residents have found the civils work bearable and our contractors polite, accommodating and tidy. Some grass areas will take a little while to recover but once the rubble, spoil and teabags(!) have been removed, grounds will be reinstated, reseeded and repaired, and hopefully in a few weeks all you'll be left with is the knowledge that you now have amongst the world's fastest broadband! This is no exaggeration: any city that you care to name – London, Paris, New York, Sydney – all have broadband speeds significantly

slower than those that will soon be available to every resident in the community.

Gigaclear networks are 'fibre to the premises' (FTTP), which is significantly faster and more reliable than 'fibre to the cabinet' (FTTC) solutions which utilise the existing copper telephone network from a fibre-enabled cabinet. Residents and business owners can choose speeds up to 1000 Mbps (megabits per second), roughly 500 times faster than what is currently available to the community.

Gigaclear will be hosting an Open Day at Stanton Harcourt Memorial Hall on Saturday April 12.

Companies such as Richer Sounds, Contact Security and Paddock IT will be on hand to offer advice on using catch up TV and other popular entertainment services, improving Wi-Fi coverage in your home and making the most of all that's now available online.

For any further details regarding the upcoming Open day or the Gigaclear broadband service in Stanton Harcourt & Sutton please visit

www.gigaclear.com/stanton-harcourt-sutton or email us on info@gigaclear.com

Gigaclear
Ultrafast Community Broadband

Gigaclear Ultrafast Broadband Demonstration Day

Stanton Harcourt Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th April
09:30 – 16:00

Join us to see what you can do with up to 1000Mbps of ultrafast broadband for communications, entertainment, games, work and study.

Have your broadband questions answered by our experts.

Take part in our speed challenge! Bring along your tablets, smartphones and other internet enabled devices to test out the high speed connection for yourself.

Plus, your chance to win a Smart Television!

Enter our FREE prize draw to take home a 39" Samsung Smart TV!

Just submit your name and address at our registration desk to enter (no purchase necessary).

For more information, please visit
www.gigaclear.com/events

School News

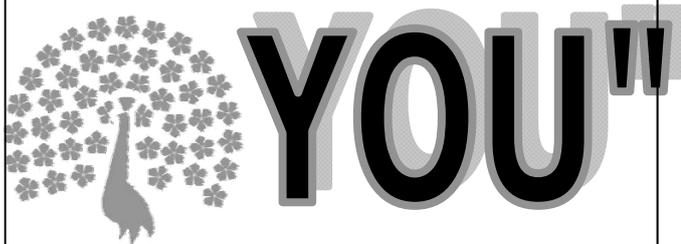
As the weather is at last slowly improving, the children of Stanton Harcourt Primary School have enjoyed taking part in some outdoor activities! The children took part in "Big Bird Watch", there has been a successful Tennis Taster session for all pupils and everyone has been strongly encouraged to scoot or cycle to school, (the Big Pedal!) which helped to collect points for the inter school competition.

The children very much enjoyed the International Day in February, an enriching experience for all pupils and the World Book Day at the beginning of March where Mrs Purves came dressed as "Mrs Armitage on Wheels", the well known Roald Dahl character.

Mrs Walsh will be replacing Mrs Purves who is leaving the school at the end of this term. She has been a very popular teacher at the school for many years and the school is very grateful for everything she has achieved.

There is an up-date on the school website referring to the imminent academy status and more excursions for the children to look forward to, such as a visit to Enstone airport as part of Class Three's topic on flight, as well as to the Oxford Bus museum for Class Two's topic, Wheels. All the school age children will be going to the Ashmolean to have look at a particular painting by Walter Sickert, which will be the basis of the "Take One Picture" project for the summer.

"YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS



...to bring the Carnival to Stanton Harcourt.

Want to get involved in your community and make this year's Summer Festival one to remember?

Help us bring colour and excitement to the village.

How? (we hear you ask!)

Raise money for your own organisation or favourite charity with open gardens, Festival Week events and stalls on the field.

Interested?

Contact Jo Wilby: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

The Page 3 Bird is busy as nesting season has begun! More birds next time!

Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



Regular menu offers:

Wednesday Lunch Offer

Senior lunch £7.50 for 2 courses or 3 for £10.00

Wednesday Night

Fish and Chips & a free drink ~ £10.95

Thursday Night

Steak night from £8.95 pp & free pudding

Lunchtime à la carte menu

now available 12.00–2.30 pm

À la carte dinner menu

Available Tuesday to Saturday from 6.00 to 9.30 pm

Sunday lunch ~ from £9.50 pp

Tel: 01865 881931 Emails: ahailes@btinternet.com
and calleyone@hotmail.com

Parish Council Updates

Next PC Meeting: Mon 7th April.

AGM: 12th May 2014 – starting with a brief ordinary meeting at 7pm, then straight into the AGM at approximately 7.30pm. *More information will be confirmed in the next Village Voice and on the website.*

Great Village Litter Pick

In late March the Parish Council organised the annual Litterpick. Despite a grim, cold and wet day there was a fantastic turnout by members of the village who collected dozens of bags of rubbish from Stanton Harcourt and Sutton.



As in previous years, the array of discarded rubbish was as mystifying as it was plentiful: underpants, swimming trunks and, for some unknown reason, the usual dozens of empty bottles of Rosé wine. *Thanks to all of those who turned out.*

Landowner Maintenance

A reminder that if you have hedges or watercourses running along or through your property you are the 'riparian owner' (responsible for maintenance).

Hedges should be kept in order where they border roads, footpaths and other properties, now is the time to get control before the growing season gets going!

Watercourses must be kept in good order and free from obstructions to ensure any impact on flooding is minimised, if a watercourse borders your land the boundary is usually in the middle of the stream!

If you are aware of a public footpath or watercourse which is obstructed, please notify the Clerk (Trudi Gasser) who will contact the owner of the hedge to request that it is maintained accordingly. Should the landowner not carry out the requested maintenance, the next step is for West Oxfordshire District Council to be notified, who will then take further action, which may be to carry out the work and bill the landowner. For more information refer to the Parish Council website for a full copy of the Environment Agency's information booklet 'Living on the Edge'.

Next stages for West Oxfordshire's Local Plan

The key findings of the 2014 Strategic Market Housing Assessment (SHMA) for Oxfordshire have now been published. The key headline from the SHMA is an identified need for the provision of between 4678 –

5328 homes a year over the 2011-31 period. This is the overall figure for Oxfordshire Whereas the draft Local Plan (which was based on the former Regional Plan) identified a target of 306 homes per year or 5,500 homes in total for West Oxfordshire, the SHMA suggests that a target in the order of 635 - 685 homes per annum is needed. The SHMA suggests a significant increase in the number of new homes that are needed in West Oxfordshire in the future. For further information

visit: www.westoxon.gov.uk/draftlocalplan

Council Tax frozen

services protected, grants safeguarded – plus pledge to invest in rural broadband

West Oxfordshire District Council have confirmed that Council Tax is being frozen again, there will be no reduction in services and further efficiency savings are on track in West Oxfordshire - with a promise to protect grants to voluntary organisations, invest in rural broadband and protect facilities like free parking.

Further information can be found on the WODC website (www.westoxon.gov.uk)

Make our community dementia-friendly

Come and find out about how you can support those in Standlake, Northmoor and Stanton Harcourt living with Dementia. No experience necessary – all ages – free training. Find out more about dementia on Monday 28 April, 2pm, Standlake Village Hall. To find out more, call Brenda on 01865 300370 *A partnership project supported by NHS South Dementia Challenge Fund*

Daffodils

I am sure you will have noticed the daffodils look really impressive at the moment and brighten up the village!

The Parish Council (with the assistance of any volunteers...) plant bulbs every year around October/November time. If you notice any areas which would benefit from some bulbs on the next planting, please let Trudi know, and she will keep a note of the areas.

One final note... the daffodils are for all of the village to enjoy, so please refrain from picking the flowers.

SHAPE

The Parish Council met on Friday 21st March to discuss and approve its application to WREN for funding the playground on Jubilee Field. We have to thank Clare, Sally and the SHAPE Committees for their fulsome work on this application and the plans for both areas, and we are very hopeful that all that effort will now provide the facilities that Stanton Harcourt and Sutton need and deserve.

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>

Need a babysitter?

My name's Thea, i'm 16 years old, currently doing AS levels at Bartholomew School and am here to help! I am able to babysit on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 10 pm Fridays and both days of the weekend until later in the evening - as well as during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Contact me on 01865882361 or theawatts2010@hotmail.co.uk for more details or to see if i'm free!

Deadline for next issue is 18th April
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

St Michael's Church

While there is no resident Rector please contact Pat Burden for help or advice on service arrangements: ☎ 01865 880652

April

6 th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
13 th 10:30am	Palm Sunday benefice communion	Northmoor
15 th 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Stanton Harcourt
17 th 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday holy communion with fellowship supper and watch	Stanton Harcourt
18 th	Good Friday	12pm Northmoor 2pm Standlake
20 th 11am	Easter Day Parish Communion	Stanton Harcourt
27 th 8am	Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

April

6 th 10am	Mr Iain Gray Family Service
13 th 10am	Rev R Donoghue inc Communion
17 th 6pm	Maundy Thursday Supper at Sutton Chapel
20 th 10am	Easter Day, service followed by breakfast at the Chapel
27 th 10am	Mrs Stella Bristow

Wed 2nd April: Coffee morning, 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.

The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Martin Flatman

☎ 07719 646790 ✉ fmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Special Events of the Season

Holy Thursday 17th April 7:30pm

Good Friday 18th April 3pm

Holy Saturday 19th April Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Easter Day 20th April 10am

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

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ROYALTY FOR THE DAY

Can you pull off wearing a dress, looking pretty and smiling for the day?

Then you could be our
2014 Summer Festival Attendant

Voting commences this month!
(See your village voice for voting slips)

Return all votes to
Pat Burden, Sylvanus, Sutton
by
Saturday 3rd May 2014

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!

*Please check that your nominee is willing to be voted for
Nominees must be 14 years old before or on 21st June 2014
and resident in Stanton Harcourt or Sutton*

GET VOTING!!!

STANTON HARCOURT SUMMER FESTIVAL ATTENDANT 2014

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

The Carnival

Nominee should:

- Be 14 years old or over by 21st June 2014
- Be resident in this village
- Be willing to be nominated (please ask them first)

Nominations need to be received by Saturday 3rd May 2014

Please complete the nomination slip below and return to **Pat Burden, Sylvanus, Sutton**

I nominate _____ for
the Summer Festival Attendant 2014

Address of Nominee _____

Phone No. _____

Date of Birth of Nominee _____

She has given her permission to be nominated