

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

April 2015

SUTTON CHAPEL

Sutton Methodist chapel is, sadly, after 115 years of being an important part of the villages of Sutton and Stanton Harcourt, considering having to close its doors for the last time.

Over the last few years, as with many churches, the number of people attending Sutton chapel on Sundays has fallen year on year and there remain very few who now regularly attend Sunday Services.

Those of us who do attend Sutton are very saddened that we have come to this point. The residents in the village who came to our 'Carols and Cake' service on Christmas Eve last year experienced one of our informal services, where we have songs, pictures and film clips projected onto the wall and a lot of 'congregational participation', with activities for the children, who are able to move around during the service.

We have services like this almost every month throughout the year, when 'Local Arrangement' is on the Sunday Services calendar in the 'Village Voice'.

We are looking intensively at any possibilities which would enable us to continue to remain open and would warmly invite you to contact one of the people listed below with any thoughts, comments or suggestions you may have –

Malcolm Buckingham sutton.methodist@gmail.com

Rita Stockhill on 01865 – 880200

Julie Adcock on 01865 – 882051

STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON PLAYERS

WILL BE DOING A SUMMER PRODUCTION ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH OF THE COMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE (FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER)

it will be our version of the Reduced Shakespeare Company's brilliant piece and we need actors, stage manager, prompt, musicians, choreographer and costume and prop makers, and as many enthusiastic members as we can get. All welcome including or perhaps especially people who like Shakespeare in very small doses. It should be fun.

please email me JUDITH PARKER

on holderjudith@yahoo.ca for a copy of the script

anyone interested in taking part please come to a meeting at my house Okeford Sutton Lane on 13th April at 7.30

or call me on 884435

and AUDITIONS SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AT 2-5PM



Public Exhibition, Dix Pit Landfill Restoration, Stanton Harcourt

The operator of Dix Pit Landfill FCC Environment, cordially invites those interested parties or individuals to a public exhibition on proposals for final restoration of the facility on 14th April from 2pm until 9pm, at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall.

from waste to resource

Royal British Legion

Next meeting

Thursday 21st May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Prospective new members will be welcomed

Enquiries to Secretary 01865 881664

Will you support the British Legion? You can support just by being a member at £15 per year, or get involved with meetings and fundraising, talk to Kerstie Judson or John Holland for more info and we'll have more details of doing it online next time.

Thanks to a Village Hero

At the March meeting a presentation was made to Rita Stockill of Sutton, who has been a British Legion member for 45 years and has sold poppies in the village to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal every year.



Tuesday Girls (TGs) . . .

is a new club for ladies, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. ALL ladies are welcome. Come along just for a coffee and a chat or perhaps bring your knitting or latest project. It will be fun to see what everyone is up to. We are planning to have some speakers and, weather permitting, we hope to have some garden meetings.

On April 14th at 7.30pm our first meeting kicks off with a wonderful demonstration of flower arranging called 'Spring into Spring'. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be £3 to include coffee and biscuits and a raffle ticket, which could win you one of the beautiful arrangements. There will be other prizes too.

Do come along and support us and get this new club buzzing.

CALL MY WINE BLUFF

Sat 9 May, 7.30pm

Continental sharing
platter supper

Tickets £10 available

from Jane Eagle, Alison Hill, Lucy Heath, Jo Sensecall and the Village Shop.

Licensed bar (*please buy tickets in advance so that we know numbers for catering!*)



Are You Registered to Vote?

To register visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call 01993 861410. To vote in the May elections you need to have registered to vote before 20 April 2015.

Village Hall Post Office

The Post Office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 9am-12.30pm, based at the Village Hall office. They now have a phone (881 565) and a fridge to stock milk and a small shop is running with basic groceries and papers.

St Michael's Church 200 Club

March draw

1st 168 H Cross	3rd 225 R Lucas
2nd 109 The Watts Family	4th 123 J Burden

Do you have time to collect?

The West Oxon branch of the MS Society has regular street collections in order to raise funds to support those with MS and their families that live in this area. We are often short of people to stand in the street holding a collecting tin. If you can spare an hour on any of the following dates and times, this would be greatly appreciated: 25th April - Witney, 11th June - Carterton, 1st August - Woodstock, 17th October - Witney. Please call Jane-Marie Harrison on 01865 731200, Thank you.

Village Markets

Next Village Markets

2nd May

6th June

12 -2pm Free entry – all welcome.

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying homemade soup and catching up with neighbours at the market café last month – and it would be great to see some new faces!

New stall holders always welcome.

Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.



Final Consultation on WODC Local Plan

The final round of consultation on WODC Local plan has begun and will end on 8th May. Further information is available on the Council's website: www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2031



GREAT VILLAGE RUN 2015

Sunday 19th April

10am start (registration from 9.30am) Steadys Lane, Stanton Harcourt (the start is ¼ mile down the lane) Please join us to stretch your legs, have fun and raise some funds for SHAPE – the village play area project. You can toddle, walk, run or sprint as far as you like. Kindly sponsored by Ash Logs www.ashlogs.co.uk.

- Entry: minimum donation of £3 per person / £10 per family (or children can collect sponsorship – please ask for a form)

- Medals for all children taking part
- Homemade cakes and drinks
- No dogs please! No parking near start – please walk or cycle.

Can we beat last year's grand total of 342 miles?

If you would like to take part or have any queries, please email SHAPE shapecommittee@btinternet.com

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

FOR 24TH AND 25TH JULY

I have family and friends here in the village for my 60th birthday on 25th July and am looking for people who might be willing to put some of them up since i can't find any bed and breakfasts at all! Obviously happy to pay the going rates but it would be lovely for them not to have to drive into Eynsham.

Anyone who might be happy to take some 60 something's for one or two nights perhaps they could email me?

holderjudith@yahoo.ca or tel 884435.

Death of a village or call to arms?

The following article was provided by a great village soul and has been revised slightly following additional comments from Village Elders.

<i>The Old Days</i>	<i>These Days</i>
Village Shop, and later pub shop	Shops close one by one
Village Post Office (Est 1861)	Post Office closes <i>Outreach Post Office provided from Eynsham (thank you Hitesh)</i>
2 Pubs (Est 1775 and 1847)	Pubs close one by one <i>Ale now pursued in Eynsham.</i>
Village Football Team	Wound down
Village Cricket Club 2 Teams!	Cricket Team Still going <i>Why not get involved!</i>
Scouts and Cubs	Wound down, but continuing at Eynsham and Standlake
Women's Institute	WI closes <i>Tuesday Girls begins!</i>
6 Dart Teams	Darts Teams gone!
Drama Club Thriving	Drama Club brought back from the brink!
Flower Show and Fete	Festival(Gala) and Church Flower Festival still going
Play area on the village green and leys	Play areas removed <i>Team SHAPE on the brink of new construction!</i>
Papers delivered Morning and Night	Papers gone <i>Papers soon at the village hall post office!</i>
Tennis Courts	Gone
Thursday Club	Still going <i>Can you help?</i>
Bounce!, Ballroom, Ballet and more	Still Dancing! <i>Why not join in!</i>
Youth Club (with a building!)	Demolished!
Youth Club (in village hall)	Ended!
Xplosion and Late8	Wound down!
Model and Classic Vehicle clubs	Still going!
Community Fund	Gone!
2 Book Clubs!	Still reading!
Rainbows	To close if no new leader found!
Village Choirs	Still singin!
British Legion	Saved form closure <i>But need more support!</i>
Bell Ringers	Still Ringin!
Christmas!	We'll see....
<i>The Village Expands! Great hope for more!</i>	<i>As lively as a Church Cemetery? Or get involved and bring back our Village Soul!</i>

Disagree? Why not let us know what you think!

A Window Out of the Past

It may be of interest to some that there is a 200 year old window in the Fox which was last visible to the Stanton Harcourt well before the Russian Revolution (or WW1 if you like:-) and may well go back even pre-Boer Wars. It is open for viewing, easily from outside. Inside viewing can also be arranged for anyone interested.

It is a gorgeous window of the period and I thought I should share it with all in case there are interests (No it is not uPVC!).Enough said, except that it will have to be roofed over again soon so will only be visible from inside.



Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 13th April 7:30pm

The Parish Council would like to thank all who came and generously gave their time to a very successful and well attended litter pick.

Sheehans Planning Application has been temporarily withdrawn and may be heard in May by OCC.

Trees have been planted by SHAPE in Jubilee Field to augment those still alive from the previous plantings.

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>

BALLET CLASSES STARTING APRIL 13TH

Poised Performing Arts is opening a new dance school, contact Katy for your free trial.

MONDAYS

Standlake Village Hall

- 1pm Tiny Toes Ballet (2.5-4years)

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

- 3.30pm Tiny Toes Ballet (2.5-4years)
- 4pm Ballet (4-5.5 years)
- 4.30pm Ballet (5.5-7.5years)
- 5pm Ballet (7.5 plus years)

www.poisedperformingarts.co.uk

Email us at poisedperformingarts@gmail.com

Call us on 07752880132



The Page 3 Bird

Its nesting season ;) Please do not disturb!

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

Festival Committee

"Strictly Stanton"

Saturday 20th June 2015

With Stanton Harcourt Gala Day just over two months away it's time for local residents to step forward again to help make the week-long festivities a success.

If you would like to open your garden and/or hold a fund-raising garden event for your favourite charity during the week from June 13th to June 21st now is the time to step forward!

Contact either Richard Thomson 01865 881483

rich.thom@btinternet.com or May Powell

may.powell5@gmail.com

"Why not dance into the festival this year and make some money for your favourite cause (even if that's you!). Run a stall, set up a game or arrange an event on the field on Fete Day. All ideas, whether traditional or innovative very welcome. All we ask is a donation from your profits.

Please call Jane Cocking on 731215 or e-mail janecocking@btinternet.com."

Your Festival committee needs you! If you would like to help out on the day please contact Jo:

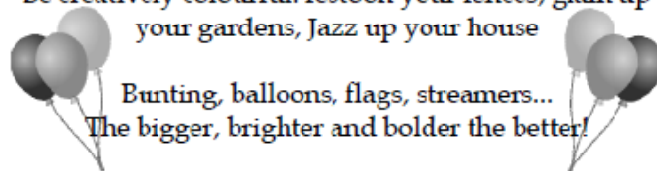
jowilby@hotmail.co.uk



Jazz Up Your House

Join in the Festival - make Stanton Harcourt and Sutton stand out from the crowd

Be creatively colourful: festoon your fences, glam up your gardens, Jazz up your house



Bunting, balloons, flags, streamers...
The bigger, brighter and bolder the better!

Prize for best dressed house/garden

To be in for a chance to win decorations need to be up by Saturday 14th June

No entry form necessary - your adorned house will be enough!

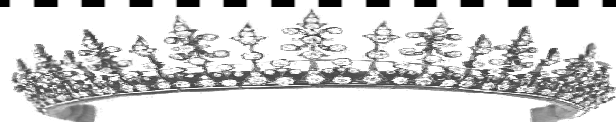


EYNSHAM ARTS GROUP SPRING EXHIBITION

With the Eynsham Arts Group experiencing a surge in membership, visitors to the spring exhibition can expect to see an exciting array of work, 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 first week of Oxfordshire Artweeks, which features artists from the north and west of the county. So be quick if you want to snap up some quality original artwork at well below gallery prices.'

Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 10th May

Please check our website for more information and updates on opening times www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk



ROYALTY FOR THE DAY

Would you like to be this year's attendant?

If the answer is YES then you could be our

2015 Summer Festival Attendant

Voting commences this month!

(See your village voice for voting slips - on the back of this page!)

Return all votes to

Pat Burden, Sylvanus, Sutton

By

Saturday 2nd May 2015

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!

Please check that your nominee is willing to be voted for

Nominees at least 14 years old before or on 20th June 2015

And resident in Stanton Harcourt or Sutton

GET VOTING!!!

St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Andrew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Pat Burden: ☎ 01865 880652

April

2 nd	19:30	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Light Supper	Stanton Harcourt
3 rd	12:00	Good Friday Midday Liturgy	Northmoor Standlake
	14:00	The Last Hour	
5 th	9:30	Easter Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
12 th	10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor
	18:00	Taizé Prayer Service	
19 th	10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
26 th	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Stanton Harcourt

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

April

Sunday 5th	10am	Kenneth Munford
Sunday 12th	10am	Peter Allen
Sunday 19th	10am	Mrs Dawn Haley
Sunday 26th	10am	Rev Melanie Reed

Coffee Morning – 1st April

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.

Stanton Harcourt Summer Festival Attendant 2015

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

Strictly Stanton

Nominee should:

- Be 14 years old or over by 20th June 2015
- Be resident in this village
- Be willing to be nominated (please ask them first)

Nominations need to be received by Saturday 2nd May 2015.

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

I nominate _____
for the Summer Festival Attendant

Address of Nominee _____

Phone number _____

Date of Birth of Nominee _____

She has given her permission to be nominated

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

Special Events

The Lords Supper – Thursday 2nd April 8pm

Good Friday – Friday 3rd April 3pm

Easter Vigil – Saturday 4th April 8:30pm

Easter Sunday – As usual, but with Easter Eggs

Recipe of the Month:

Maple Syrup and Pecan Cake

Or – Bung in a bowl and cook cake!

Ingredients:

175g / 6oz Self Raising Flour

175g / 6oz Sugar

175g / 6oz Margarine

3 Eggs

55g / 2oz Pecans, coarsely chopped

2 Tablespoons Maple Syrup

If you don't have these ingredients, you could try others, although we don't guarantee results!

Method:

Preheat oven to 190°C / 375F / Gas mk5

Put all ingredients into a bowl, mix until thoroughly blended.

Put into a lightly greased 9inch cake tin (a cake tin).

Bake for 25-30 minutes, *till it looks done, not a disaster if a bit gooey! Unless you don't like gooey!*

Allow to cool and serve!

The Combined Choirs of
Lower Windrush Choral Society & L'Ensemble Vocal Montclair
Present
Choral Classics

Including
Faure Cantique de Jean Racine, Handel Zadok the Priest, Mozart Ave Verum Corpus, Parry I was Glad
Sat 23 May 6pm St Mary's Church Witney
Conductor Terry McNamara Organist Francis Rumsey

Tickets £10 Available from:
St Andrew's Bookshop High St Witney
Rapture Woolgate Witney.
Enquiries 01993 773283

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