

# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

May 2013

## St Michael's Church Restoration Fund

***Your support is urgently needed!***

On Saturday 20 April, William and Susan Gascoigne kindly opened Stanton Harcourt Manor to visitors to raise funds for St Michael's Church. The kitchen and chapel were open as well as the gardens, which allowed this photo of the Church and Pope's Tower, reflected in one of the old fish-ponds. Cream teas were served in the Church afterwards. Thank you to everybody who has so generously donated to the Church Restoration Fund in response both to this opportunity and to the recent appeal, and huge thanks to the Gascoignes for opening the Manor. To reiterate, all the funds raised go to the Church.

The Restoration Fund Committee is in the process of appointing contractors to complete those repairs to the Church which are most pressing. However, we are still some way off the amount required to complete all the work highlighted by the inspection report, and a reserve of funds is needed to cover ongoing maintenance and emergency repairs.

The Church is a beautiful and historically significant building at the heart of our Village. It is, of course, a place for worship and used by many in the community for weddings, baptisms and other rites of passage, but the Church is also an important focus for many other aspects of Village life including school activities, concerts, children's workshops, flower festivals, and exhibitions.

The care of the Church as a building and the costs involved in its upkeep are the responsibility of the parish. **Please consider making a donation.** You will be making an enduring contribution to an important part of the life of this Village.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Stanton Harcourt PCC Restoration Fund' and delivered to Clare Rich, All Souls House, Stanton Harcourt, OX29 5RP (the house to the right of the lane to the School). Please indicate if you are able to 'Gift Aid' your donation. Thank you!



## Tar Road Travellers' Site: ***New planning applications***

*West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) have confirmed that Direct Neighbour Notification letters are being sent out this week regarding three planning applications for the Tar Road travellers' site. See the Parish Council Updates section for the application numbers. If you wish to email or write to WODC with your views on the applications, please see their website: <http://planning.westoxon.gov.uk/>*

## ***Christian Aid Week: 12–18 May***

Did you know that one person in eight in the world goes to bed hungry? Help alleviate hunger and poverty by giving something to Christian Aid. Please don't throw away your red envelope – put something in it, keep it safe and it will be collected during Christian Aid Week. Thank you.

## ***Village Voice***

As mentioned previously, there will shortly be an opportunity to take the reins of *Village Voice*. If you would like to discuss it, please give us a call on 01865 883016 or drop us an email to [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk). We have also been asked to bring along a display of issues from the past few years to the Parish Meeting on Monday 13 May, so please feel free to catch us there too for a chat.

## New Play Facilities Committee and The Leys Big Clear-Up!

As many families in the Village are already aware, a new committee has been formed to work with the Parish Council towards improving play facilities in the Village for children of all ages. There is a great deal to do in terms of planning, consultation and funding, and inevitably the process will take some time. Thank you to everybody who has already volunteered their ideas, help and support – we would love to hear from anybody else willing to be involved (even on a small scale).

Whilst the bigger plans for a playground and equipment for older children are being developed, the Parish Council would like to encourage full use of Jubilee Field where temporary goal posts have been put in place.

With the help of the community, we would like to turn The Leys into a family-friendly natural play area with a grassy area, wildflower area, picnic tables etc. Please come and join us for a big clear-up which we will be doing over two weekends: **11–12 May and 18–19 May** (with a celebratory picnic for everybody involved on the 19<sup>th</sup>). Everybody is welcome for as much time as you can spare – please bring wellies and gardening gloves, and tools for cutting and chopping! If anyone has more-specialist skills, experience or equipment, we would be very grateful for your help.

For more information please contact:  
**Clare Rich (Play Facilities Committee)**

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**Angela Readings (Parish Council)**

[parish.council@areadings.co.uk](mailto:parish.council@areadings.co.uk)

## Stanton Can Make It!

Do you paint, draw, knit, sew or do anything else creative? If so, would you be interested in showing the Village what a creative lot we are as part of Festival Week in June? Contact Gill Salway on 881934 or [salwaypg@btinternet.com](mailto:salwaypg@btinternet.com).

## Village Singing Group

Taster sessions will be on the following Tuesdays (the day the singing teacher is available):

**May 7, 14 and 21, and June 11, 18, and 25,  
and July 2 at 7.00–8.30 pm at The Chapel**

These are just to see how we get along – we can then decide as a group how we wish to proceed.

For further information, contact Jan Tomlinson on 881709 or at [jpag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jpag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk).

If you have already told me you are interested I will see you there. If not, it would be helpful to know if you are interested.

## The Small Breakfast

**Saturday 18 May at 9.00–11.00 am**

Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

### Special this month:

**Have your sewing machine serviced** for £20 while you eat your breakfast (parts and repairs extra). All proceeds to Church funds.

## Take Care of Your Kids!

Please take extra care with your children when collecting them from the School! The narrow pavement past the old shop is very dangerous, and whilst driving through the Village recently a resident saw two 3/4 year olds running on their own close to the road. The mothers were so far behind they were out of sight and it would be devastating if any child was injured.

## Next Village Market – Sat 4 May

**12 noon – 2.00 pm in the Village Hall**

Lovely selection of fresh local produce, meat, jams and chutneys, home-baked cakes, homemade jewellery and crafts, and more. Come along and see what our stall holders have to sell this month and enjoy a mug of fresh coffee or homemade soup and a roll and a chat! Entry is free.

Further dates: 1 June, 6 July and 7 Sept

For more information or to book a stall,  
please email [jo@marketing-sense.co.uk](mailto:jo@marketing-sense.co.uk)

## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival 2013

Village Open Events start on  
Saturday 15 June and run through  
until Sunday 23 June

For more info, email: [jowilby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)  
or [mpowell97@btinternet.com](mailto:mpowell97@btinternet.com)

## Royal British Legion

### Visit to the National Arboretum

We are thinking of a trip to the National Arboretum in Staffs on Saturday 27 July. Anyone interested, please contact John Holland at 10 The Green or on 881906.

## Men who breakfast and Ladies who lunch

**Men's Breakfast: Saturday 11 May** at the Red Lion, Northmoor. Please book with Phil Birkett on 300545.

**Ladies' Lunch: Tuesday 7 May.** For bookings, please call Lilian Wetherald on 300523.

## Bridewell Organic Gardens

*Therapeutic Gardens in West Oxfordshire*

Walled garden and vineyard in Wilcote (OX7 3EB)

**Open Afternoons (2.00–5.00 pm)**

Sundays 2 June, 14 July, 18 August

**Community Afternoons (2.00–4.00 pm)**

Monday 17 June; Wednesday 3 July;

Thursday 25 July; Friday 9 August

*Refreshments, plants and  
our organic wine will be available*

For further details contact us on 01993 864530

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## Parish Council AGM

*Monday 13 May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall*

We have the following speakers attending the Parish Council AGM:

- PC Richard Conner – Thames Valley Police
- Ian Clarke, Oxfordshire City Council – Highways Area Steward
- Karen Jupp, Stanton Harcourt Primary School – Head Teacher
- Jon Hardy – Eynsham Fire and Rescue
- Matthew Hare – Gigaclear Broadband

*It's your opportunity to come along and pose any questions you may have regarding the Village.*

*Share some of your ideas and vision.*

The meeting will also include a display of *Village Voice* from the past few years – please come and talk to Phil and Linda if you would be interested in taking over.

## Stanton Harcourt Village Hall AGM

Thursday 16 May at 8.00 pm at the Village Hall

*It will be followed by a committee meeting.*

*It is important that organisations that use the Village Hall are represented.*

*Everyone else is welcome to attend.*

## The Harcourt Arms

**Regular menu offers:**

**Tuesday Night** ~ Pizza night ~ £8.95 pp

**Wednesday Lunch Offer** ~ senior lunch £7.50 for 2 courses or 3 for £10.00

**Wednesday Night** ~ Fish, chips and proper mushy peas ~ buy one at £10.50 and get the second for half price

**Thursday Night** ~ Steak night from £8.95 pp incl 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

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## Parish Council Updates

**Tar Road travellers' site:** New planning applications have been submitted to WODC Planning for the Tar Road travellers' site, the first mentioned last month having been rejected as inadequate by WODC. The reference numbers are 13/0495/P/FP, 13/0496/P/FP, and 13/0497/P/FP. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

**Beaumont House planning application:** Glyn Jones, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, was representing the Parish Council at the Beaumont House Planning Hearing on Monday 15 April at Lowlands. To view the original application (number 13/0245/P/OP), view people's comments and the Parish Council's response, go to the WODC website: <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/>.

**Vandalism apology:** A temporary goal was placed in Jubilee Field recently by Matthew Judson (thank you, Matthew), having been assembled earlier that afternoon, and by early the next day it had been damaged. However, those responsible have apologised, and will help to repair the goal. Thank you to them for owning up and for the offer of help – the apologies have been gratefully received.

## Did you know that it is illegal not to clean up your dog's mess?

Please can dog owners in the Village act responsibly and pick up their dog mess and use the bins provided? This will make a walk around our lovely Village more pleasurable and improve the local environment for residents and children playing.

Please help to keep our Village clean and healthy. Thank you as ever to those who already act responsibly and clean up after their pets.

## Eynsham Arts Group

### Spring Exhibition, 18–27 May

*The Bartholomew Room, The Square, Eynsham*

Opening times:

Saturdays 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Sundays, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Wednesday 12.00–6.00 pm

Thursday and Friday 12.00–8.00 pm.

Also open Bank Holiday Monday.

## St Michael's Church 200 Club

### April draw

1st	191	M McEachern	3rd	296	J Eagle
2nd	250	D Wilby	4th	275	C Mathew

## Cooper Black

### Kicking off the Festival!

### Saturday 16 June in the Village Hall

Back by popular demand!

Live music to kick-start Festival Week!

Tickets £12/head on the night, £10 if purchased in advance. Includes hot supper.



**Northmoor  
Thames Pageant**

Annual Duck Race  
Come & Try Canoeing  
Kata Kanu Regatta  
Pub grub & drinks at the Ferryman Inn

May King & Queen  
Traditional Maypole  
Country Market

**Monday 27th May**  
Bablock Hythe • Midday–5pm

Further details: 01865 301518

Canoe races start at 10.30am

## St Michael's Church

Rev Sarah Sharp

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### May

5	9.30 am	Parish Communion and Sunday School
Th 9	7.30 pm	<b>Ascension Day – Benefice Communion in Standlake</b>
12	10.30 am	Benefice Communion in Standlake with a speaker from the Holy Land Pilgrims
19	10.30 am	All Age Worship and baptism
	8.00 pm	Late 8ers in Sutton Chapel
26	8.00 am	Holy Communion

### Emmaus – The Way of Faith: Fridays 10 and 17 May

The theme for this new course is 'Living images' and it aims to enable us to reflect upon what it means to be fully human, exploring grace, celebration, creativity and being in community with others. Sessions are relaxed and friendly, with plenty of time to exchange thoughts and ideas over refreshments. Come to one or both, as you wish! **The meetings will be on Fridays 10 and 17 May in St Giles' Church, Standlake at 7.30–9.00 pm.** Please contact Carol Collinge on 01865 300849 if you have any questions, or would like to come but need a lift. Everyone is very welcome.

**Bible in One Year Gathering:** As mentioned previously, we are a couple of busy mothers who are interested in reading the Old Testament part of The Bible in One Year. The Bible in One Year is a book divided into daily readings containing a passage from the Old and New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. We felt that we would like to start with the Old Testament and hold four sessions throughout the year for anyone who would like to join us. Neither of us has read it before and we thought it would be a good thing to do. The readings are available at the back of church. **The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 May, at a time and venue to be confirmed.**

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

### May

5	10.00 am	Mr K Crawford, Family Service
12	10.00 am	Rev R Donoghue, incl Holy Communion
19	10.00 am	Mrs S Bristow
26	10.00 am	Mr I Gray

**Weds 1 May:** 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

Fr Martin Flatman

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**Services:** Sunday Mass 10.00 am with a Children's Liturgy  
Saturday 7.30 pm; Monday 5.30 pm; Tuesday 7.30 pm;  
Wednesday 9.30 am; Thursday 12 noon; Friday 6.00 am.

**St Peter's Church:** Open for prayer every day at Abbey Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HR. [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

**Pope Francis:** In March, we celebrated the election of a new pope and are excited to hear how much he intends to mix with ordinary people and avoid the tendency to get cut off in the Vatican. One man, even if he is Pope, cannot solve all the failures of the Catholic Church, but the new pope appears to have great integrity, humility and grit.

## And finally ...

### Fancy a stroll with Alice?

Remember *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*? Would you like to explore Oxford's literary and historical past through the theme of the famous stories? Local historian and author Mark Davies is organising a **Waterland Walk** around Christ Church Meadow on the mornings of 4 May and 22 June, as well as a **Pilgrimage Walk**, following the route of the rowing trip in 1862 when 'Alice' was first created (afternoons of 4 May, 6 July and 26 July). For tickets, details and more information, go to: [www.oxfordalicewalks.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.oxfordalicewalks.eventbrite.co.uk).

## Parish Council information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

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Parish Council website: <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

**Thank you to this month's contributors.** Material for *Village Voice* can be sent by email or put through Phil and Linda's letterbox. Please include your name and phone number in case we need to check anything.

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