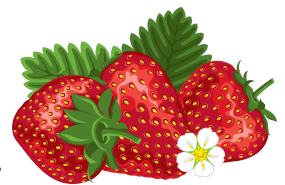


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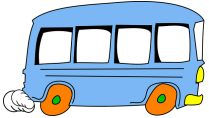
The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

June 2021



Calendar

10th – Village Market *Home baked goods galore*
 20th – Father's Day *Check out our gift guide*
 21st – Summer Begins *Get the barbecue out!*



A bus may be coming to a stop near you!

Some individuals in the district are setting up a new community bus company which, with volunteer drivers, will be operating minibuses to link some villages that are not served by buses at present with villages with good public transport links and/or shopping centres.

It is critical, therefore, that we recruit some volunteers from our villages. To drive a 16-seater minibus you do not need a PSV licence. You will need to have been DBS checked. Shifts are up to 4 hours long and it will be up to you how many you do each week.

If you are interested in helping your village have a viable bus service by volunteering to drive then please call David Miles or David Hartley on 07722 067504

Sutton Singers

Finally we have met to sing again – it was an absolute delight! Currently, we have to meet outside in Jan Tomlinson's garden and are dependant on the weather. We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jan Tomlinson.

01865 881709 or janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com



June 200 Club Prizes

1st Prize 155 Peter Wood £25
 2nd Prize 256 J. Elmer £12
 3rd Prize 251 B. Thornton-Kitching £8
 4th Prize 290 Barney Strange £5

If you'd like to buy a number and be in with a chance of winning a prize each month, please contact Liz Strange (oldmotherstrange@gmail.com) Oxford 882020

Youth of the Village Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner for England is holding a simple 5-10 minute survey called *The Big Ask* for children aged between 4 - 17. The survey aims to gather information about what children feel is most important for their future. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



STEM corner

International Women in Engineering Day is on 23rd June. This year is a celebration of the amazing work that women engineers around the world are doing, not only in response to the pandemic but also in supporting lives and livelihoods every day. For more information: <https://www.inwed.org.uk/>

This summer, *Science Oxford* are offering a summer holiday work experience scheme for students in Year 11 or 12, from Monday 26 July to Friday 6 August 2021. This free two-week programme will give you the opportunity to gain relevant skills, experience and expertise, with the chance to sign up for workshops, talks and sessions.

Visit <https://scienceoxford.com> for more information.



Did you know? The strawberry's botanical name is "*Fragaria ananassa*." The average strawberry has 200 seeds.

Parish Council Vacancy

As you may know, in the last elections there was no vote for the Parish Council as there were not enough people running.

There is also a vacancy for another person. If you believe you are the right person please contact

Cllr Matthew Judson

Email: matthew.judson@talk21.com Telephone: 07977502209

Village market

Saturday 10 July, 12-2pm, Village Hall

This popular village event is back! Do pop in and see what our wonderful local stallholders have for sale and treat yourself to a mug of fresh coffee and a cake, or a bowl of homemade soup and a bacon roll. Home baked cakes and pies, chutneys and jams, fresh produce and plants to crafts, gifts and hopefully lots more! Free entry.

New stalls are always welcome - tables & chairs are provided and there's no charge for a stall. Contact jo@marketing-sense.co.uk for more information or to book a table.

Organised by the Village Hall Committee in aid of the Village Hall.

Thank you! Any questions, do call or email!

Jo Sensecall 07772 085578 jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

River Pollution



Untreated sewage being dumped in our rivers has been a serious problem for some time.

WASP (Windrush Against Sewage Pollution) is a group of volunteers investigating the pollution of the River Windrush & her sister rivers.

WASP are working hard to bring this issue the attention it deserves and finally some progress seems to be being made with Thames Water. But the fight isn't over yet. Village Voice will be bringing you updates relating to this serious issue as often as we can.

In the meantime, WASP have more information on their website: <https://bit.ly/3sSeun7>

WITNEY TALKING NEWS



Do you know someone who is blind, or visually impaired? If you do, you may like to know that Witney Talking News is a free service designed especially for them. We record items from local news publications, which are posted out weekly on a memory stick. These can be listened to on a special player which we can provide. Sticks are then posted back to us (free of charge) for recording again the following week.

If you know someone who could benefit from this service, or would like to join us for reading, admin or packing sticks for despatch, we would be delighted to hear from you. We record every Thursday evening at High Street Methodist Church in Witney. If you would like to contact us please call 01993 444986 or go to <https://wtn.org.uk>

Covid News

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119

People aged 32 and above can now book a vaccine appointment on the NHS website: <https://bit.ly/3oJvvzp>

Parish Council News

Next Parish Council Meeting at the Faulkner Hall
Monday 7th June 7:30pm (Covid restrictions will be in place)

Oxford to play host to crucial G7 health talks

Oxford University – an international hub of clinical and medical expertise - will host G7 Health Ministers' meeting 3-4 June. The 2021 G7 Health Ministers' meeting will be held in-person and will bring together health leaders from the world's leading democracies to agree life-saving action in critical areas of global health.

They will convene at Oxford University which has been at the heart of the global fight against COVID-19, with world-leading clinical trials and its not-for-profit partnership with AstraZeneca on COVID-19 vaccines already saving thousands of lives across globe.

New OCC Administration

A new administration has been formed at Oxfordshire County Council following the 6 May elections where there was no clear party majority.

The final shape of the council following the election count on 9 May was: Conservative 22 seats; Liberal Democrats 21 seats; Labour 15 seats; Greens 3 seats; Henley Residents Group 1 seat; independent councillors 1 seat.

The Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green groups have now agreed to form a new administration.

The new leader of the council will be Councillor Liz Leffman. The deputy leader will be Councillor Liz Brighthouse (with responsibilities for education, children's services and youth services).

Other cabinet member appointments are as follows:

- Corporate Services: Councillor Glynis Phillips
- Community Services and Safety: Councillor Neil Fawcett
- Climate Change Delivery & Environment: Councillor Pete Sudbury
- Travel and Development Strategy: Councillor Duncan Enright
- Highway Management: Councillor Tim Bearder
- Public Health and Equality: Councillor Damian Haywood.
- Finance: Councillor Calum Miller
- Adult Social Care: Councillor Jenny Hannaby

The new Chair of the county council will be Councillor John Howson who served as Vice-Chair to the outgoing Chair Councillor Les Sibley.

The new Vice-Chair will be Councillor Susannah Pressel.

Introducing Your Council Representatives

Your Member of Parliament remains:

Robert Courts MP, contact:

Witney Office: 58-60 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HJ
Telephone: 01993 22 50 20

Westminster Office: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Telephone: 0207 219 5638 Email: robert@robertcourts.co.uk

Oxfordshire County Council

Cllr Dan Levy is our new County Councillor for Eynsham Division (which includes Stanton Harcourt and Sutton) of Oxfordshire County Council. Previously he was a West Oxfordshire District councillor. He is a representative of the Liberal Democrat party. Dan lives in Eynsham with his wife, and his professional background is in finance. He has two adult children who grew up in Eynsham and went to Bartholomew School. He states that he is committed to ensuring that infrastructure comes before unnecessary building, and that there are adequate roads, railways and buses. He is passionate about putting an end to raw sewage being dumped in our rivers and suffering avoidable floods. Dan wants to speed up the process of averting a climate catastrophe, for example by accelerating the roll out of electric vehicle charging points. He is a passionate cycle campaigner and was the cycle champion for West Oxfordshire District Council. Contact: 58-60 Acre End Street, Eynsham, Oxon, OX29 4PD dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk 07852 748362

West Oxfordshire County Council

Cllr Lysette Nicholls is our new Councillor for the Standlake, Aston and Stanton Harcourt Ward in the West Oxfordshire District Council. She is a Conservative party member. Having studied Politics and Economic History at Southampton University Lysette embarked on a career in recruitment. Lysette has always been interested in giving something back to the community and wants to make a difference. Lysette sits on South Leigh Parish Council and is their representative on the Neighbourhood Action Group/Community Resilience Forum.

Contact:

Chapel Cottage, Chapel Road, South Leigh, Oxon, OX29 6UP

Mobile: 07766 251125 Email: lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk

Cllr Steve Good remain as our other WODC Councillor. Steve is also a Conservative party member.

Contact: Council Offices, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB

Email: steve.good@westoxon.gov.uk

Stanton Harcourt with Sutton Parish Council Membership

Cllr Matthew Judson – Chairman - I work locally for JSP Ltd where most of the village grit bins have come from. I moved to the village in late 2002 with my young family. Jack and Ellen both went to Blackditch Bunnies before the village school and then to Bartholomew. With young children, I was involved with the play areas from soon after I came to the village. I first stood for the PC in 2004 wanting to help look after the lovely Parish that we had moved to and that is still my aim. I have been helping run the local Scout Group since Jack joined and continue to do so. I am currently also Vice Chair of the Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum, a statutory advisory body for Oxfordshire County Council. Contact: matthew.judson@talk21.com 07977502209 (preferred contact is email or text)

Cllr Gill Sellars – Vice Chairman - My husband Donald and I moved to Beaumont Green, Sutton in 2015 shortly after our retirement. We have three married children and 5 grandchildren age range 16 to 22 who live around this area, we moved to be closer to them. We settled here because we thought the village and the area was beautiful and soon found ourselves in the midst of a fantastic community which is an added bonus. I have really enjoyed community life since relocating, participating in the Drama Group (costume production as part of the Team) and 'Litter Picking group' and joining the Parish Council in 2017 and becoming a Village Hall Committee member. I provide occasional HR consultant services (without payment) for small local charities and local businesses. I am also a Pension Trustee for a large Company Scheme. My hobbies are reading, sewing and baking – I particularly enjoy creating cricket teas for the Oxford Downs Cricket Club in Standlake where two of my Grandsons play – I have missed that since the lockdown.

Contact: gill.sellars@gmail.com 07778 924964

Cllr Rachel Arnold - I moved to Oxfordshire in 2010 for university as a mature student and ended up staying. I moved to Sutton in 2018 and work with a local housing association. I'm a keen walker with my black lab who I am training up as a working dog and also attend shows around the country supporting the armed forces and associated charities. I have become involved in the Parish Council as I feel that this is a lovely place to live and want to help shape the future for many generations to come.

Contact: dovydaitis6795@gmail.com

Cllr Joe Dean - I have lived in the village since the age of 1, currently working for the Atomic Energy Authority as an engineer and safety expert in support of nuclear fusion research. I've supported all sorts of village activities over the years from the drama group and village newsletter through to playing banging tunes for village events or wielding a chainsaw to tame unruly shrubbery. I currently live alone which leaves plenty of time to fight tyranny, social injustice and also enjoy real ale very much. While much of the village was literally fields when I was a lad and the world has become a bizarre and scary place these days, I'm keen to help ensure the village retains what makes it special and is a safe and friendly place for everyone. And while the village will inevitably expand and evolve, ensure the village community and amenities can be maintained and expanded wherever possible. Contact: joe_deane@hotmail.com 07812204277

Cllr Keith Hickson - By profession, I am an Information Security Consultant who has rarely worked where I have lived until this last year. I moved to Sutton from London in December 2015, since then I have settled into the village and have made many friends. I have taken up bell ringing and enjoy walking and cycling around the area. I have found the village very welcoming and friendly which makes it a lovely place to live. I became involved in the Parish Council to support the community to develop sustainably and maintain its friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Contact: Email: keith.n16@gmail.com Telephone 020 3006 2668

Trudi Gasser - Parish Clerk

Is at the center of our Parish Council may be contacted by

Email: trudigasser@rocketmail.com or Telephone: 01865 686498

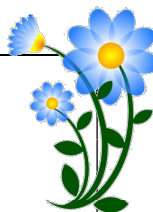


Did you know? Strawberries are high in folic acid, which is good for pregnant women. Birth defects like spina bifida (a condition where foetus's spinal cord doesn't develop properly) can be significantly reduced when folic acid is consumed regularly.

Handy Hints for Horticulturalists

Jobs for your garden this June:

- * Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- * Keep on mowing those lawns
- * Plant out summer bedding
- * Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
- * Shade greenhouses to keep them cool (providing the sun actually arrives!)



Poetry Corner

This month would normally be Stanton Harcourt's Summer Festival. Many of us are disheartened that our usual summer festivities won't be happening, especially our Queen, Lucy Taylor, as this is the second year she is unable to pass her crown on to Ellie Douglas. But there is light at the end of the tunnel with the amazing vaccine programme taking place in the UK; so we've found a hopeful poem to inspire light in those dark days.

*This is my wish for you;
Comfort on difficult days,
smiles when sadness intrudes,
rainbows to follow the clouds,
laughter to kiss your lips.
Sunsets to warm your heart,
hugs when spirits sag,
beauty for your eyes to see,
friendships to brighten your being.
Faith so that you can believe,
confidence for when you doubt,
courage to know yourself,
patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803 – 1882



Page 3 Bird – Egret

Ethan the Egret has recently been spotted in the village, have you been lucky enough to see such an elegant bird near your pond or stream?

The little egret is a small white heron

with attractive white plumes on crest, back and chest, black legs and bill, and yellow feet.

Ethan has a wing span of 88 - 95cm and during UK wintering there are around 4,500 birds.



Hospital Bus Link

The H2 bus route goes from Eynsham (next to Spar) to the John Radcliffe approximately every hour. The bus timetable can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3ufKty2>

STANDING with GIANTS

After our hugely successful soldier silhouette display at Blenheim Palace in

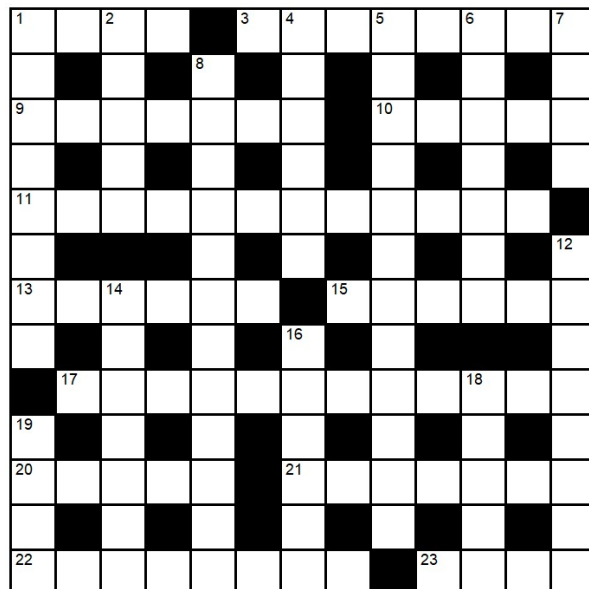
November 2020 raising £40,000 supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we've been really busy during lockdown pushing the project forward from home. We are applying to funding bodies & community grants to help towards running costs of the project. We have created a 5-minute video pitch for the National Lottery Community fund (available on the website below) It's an uphill struggle to find funding, even more so during a global pandemic, so when we face a closed door we just keep pressing on and hope we will be successful. Our website has been revamped and we are creating a regular newsletter for subscribers to receive update bulletins directly to their email inbox. We are currently in discussions with some prestigious potential sites for our displays this year, its early days to make any announcements yet, but we are really excited with the prospects. We've received a fantastic donation of paint from a local paint company to enable us to paint our soldiers & poppies currently in production. We will soon be starting to weld together more metal frames to attach the soldiers to, so lots to keep us busy.

We are so grateful to all our wonderful Stanton Harcourt & Sutton volunteers for their amazing help last year. We are really looking forward to meeting up with friends again for painting and assembly sessions once lockdown restrictions lift. Remember this project started right here in Stanton Harcourt!!

If you would like to volunteer any help & get involved, please contact Jo Wilby or Janette Barton info@standingwithgiants.co.uk

Stay safe. Dan Barton www.standingwithgiants.co.uk

Puzzle Madness! Answers found on page 4



Across

- 1 Quality record player (2-2)
- 3 In any place (8)
- 9 The state of perfect happiness (7)
- 10 Door fastener (5)
- 11 Stanton Harcourt church (5,7)
- 13 Percussion instrument (6)
- 15 Radcliffe ____, Oxford landmark (6)
- 17 Coldest possible temperature (8,4)
- 20 Summarise (5)
- 21 Water-based stalactite formations (7)
- 22 Most weighty (8)
- 23 Of the mouth (4)

Down

- 1 Good-looking (8)
- 2 1938 Physics Nobelist, Enrico ____ (5)
- 4 Vitamin B3 (6)
- 5 It's just cheese on toast, really (5,7)
- 6 Very severe (7)
- 7 Bounce back, in a way (4)
- 8 Foregone conclusion (4,8)
- 12 Merry-go-round (8)
- 14 ____ Long-Bailey, MP for Salford and Eccles (7)
- 16 Devil's ____, Stanton Harcourt landmark (6)
- 18 Noted blind mathematician, Leonhard ____ (5)
- 19 Curved structure (4)

Village Shop & Post Office Opening Times at the Village Hall

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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Vegetarian Sausage Rolls

Saturday 5th June is Sausage Roll Day. As some of the best British grub out there we thought we'd bring you a tasty recipe with a twist.

Also on 5th June is World Environment Day, which is all about reducing the amount of greenhouse gases we give off to help preserve this amazing world for generations to come.

Meat is classed as a polluting food: animals give off carbon dioxide from respiration and methane, especially from cows with all their farts and burps. We are not saying never eat meat but we need to cut down to help the planet.

Ingredients (makes 8)

200g mushrooms	3 tbsp olive oil
2 leeks, finely chopped	2 large garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbsp sage, finely chopped	1 tbsp brown rice miso
2 tsp Dijon mustard	30g chestnuts, finely chopped
60g mature cheddar, grated	70g fresh white breadcrumbs
1 x 320g sheet ready rolled all butter puff pastry	
1 medium egg, light beaten to glaze	

Method

1. Put the mushrooms in a food processor and pulse until they're very finely chopped.
2. Put half the olive oil in a large frying pan and add the leeks along with a pinch of salt. Fry gently for 15 mins or until softened and golden brown. Scrape the leeks out of the pan and into a bowl. Heat the remaining oil in the pan and fry the mushrooms for 10 mins over a medium heat. Add the garlic, sage, miso and mustard and fry for another minute, then leave to cool slightly.
3. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Combine the mushroom mixture with the leeks in a bowl, add the chestnuts, cheese and breadcrumbs. Season lightly to taste (the miso and leeks will add salt, so don't add too much) and work everything together until you have a slightly stodgy mixture.
4. Unravel the puff pastry on a floured surface, then roll out so one side measures about 40cm. Push the mushroom mixture down the centre of the pastry. Bring the pastry around the mixture and seal the edges with a fork, then cut into 8 pieces. Lay on a lined baking sheet and brush each one with the beaten egg. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until deep, golden brown. Allow to cool a little before eating.



Share your life, change a life



Could you give someone the opportunity to live the fullest life they can live? Help them grow in confidence? Encourage them to become more independent?

The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need additional support

to be independent, with carers and their families. Become a Shared Lives Carer for Oxfordshire County Council in a rewarding home-based, paid role - oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlivescarers



Eat those strawberries! They're good for your muscles, your brain, and your heart. These super fruits also lower blood pressure, help prevent the development of cancer and even aid in improving cognitive processes.

Church News

LOWER WINDRUSH BENEFICE SERVICES

Sunday June 6th Trinity 1
 10am Benefice Holy Communion – *Stanton Harcourt*
 6pm Evensong BCP – *Yelford*

Sunday June 13th Trinity 2
 10am Benefice Holy Communion – *Northmoor*

Sunday June 20th Trinity 3
 8am BCP Holy Communion – *Yelford*
 10am Benefice Holy Communion – *Standlake*

Sunday June 27th Trinity 4
 10am Benefice Holy Communion – *Stanton Harcourt*
 (immediately followed by *Stanton Harcourt APCM*)

Every WEDNESDAY evening at 8.30pm: Compline Night Prayer online via Zoom.

The Zoom link and Orders of Service for Sunday Evening Prayer and Compline can be found on our website: www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org in the section 'Services and Events'.

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/



Bike Week

This year Bike Week is 5th-13th June. One way to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions is to bike instead of jumping in the car.

Biking is also a great method of exercise, helping to increase muscle mass, reduce body fat, increase joint strength and help reduce the chance of disease such as cardiovascular disease.

So pump up those tires, check those lights are working and make sure your helmet fits.

Father's Day Don't forget, Sunday 20th June is Father's Day. If you're stuck for gift ideas this year, don't worry, we've got you covered! And if this doesn't tickle your fancy, a good BBQ, a cracking cooked breakfast or a platter of scones (if you're feeling decadent you can always try all three) is sure to go down nicely!



1. Eat as many ice lollies as possible (sorry it isn't summer weather)

2. Use a hot glue gun or super glue to create a base and a lid of the same length (e.g. both with 12 sticks), and to the lid

secure with two more sticks underneath to secure

3. Take the base and alternate the sticks up on the edge to create a box shape

4. Use a sharpie or coloured glue to write 'My Dad rocks' and find a small rock to stick in the middle

5. You have yourself a souvenir box for your dad – what more could they want?!

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