



Village Voice



The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

September 2014

Welcome back, hopefully you've had a nice summer and the fairer weather won't abandon us too soon. This month we have a couple of goodbyes from the village, and there are quite a few new people joining us, so if you're one of the new lot, welcome! (hopefully the estate agents explained the tradition of buying the editor a pint on joining the village!)

Village Markets

Saturday 6th September, 4th October,
1st November & 6th December,
all from 12 till 2pm at the Village Hall
New stall holders always welcome. Email
jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

Village Hall Quiz – Time to revise!

Change of date: The Village Hall Quiz will now be on Saturday 4th October rather than Sat 6th September. 7.30pm for an 8pm start, hot supper included. Teams of 6. Tickets £10/head from jo@marketing-sense.co.uk or the village shop.

Special General Meeting Stanton Harcourt Drama Group Last chance saloon!



If you want the Drama Group to survive
Please come along!
Monday 22nd September 2014
7.30pm At Village Hall -Function room.
Contact Jan on -881709 or
email~: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

Bounce News!

Many thanks to all those who supported our summer charity dance event in July. We raised a magnificent £230 for Prostate Cancer UK and all the performances were fab! Classes resume on Saturday 6th September in the village hall -9 a.m for the children's and 10 a.m for the adults. Beginners welcome. If you or your child are interested in joining please call Jenny on 01865 731600.

The Last Post!

A letter from our village postman who retired at the end of August.

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts and good wishes for my retirement. It has been a pleasure, most of the time, depending on the weather and post office robbers, delivering your mail for the last 10 years. No doubt I will see some of you whilst shopping in Sainsburys to catch up on village life. Thank you once again.
Chris Deadman

Royal British Legion



'Poppy Concert'
In the Village Hall
25th October at 7:30
Includes Sutton Singers & Others
Entry: £5 Adults, Children Free.

A Fond Farewell!

The Webster family would like to say goodbye to their friends and neighbours in Sutton and Stanton Harcourt. Sadly we are moving on but a big thank you to everyone for making Sutton such a wonderful place to live for the past 16 years. Mary, Jono, Tom, Lucy (and of course Benji!).



Witney Model & Collectors Club EXHIBITION

St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt
Saturday 13th September 2014

Doors open 10am – 4pm

Admission £2

Children under 16 free

The show includes

Model engineering, die casts, collections, live steam and junk modelling by Stanton Harcourt Primary School.

Refreshment, cake stalls, Tombola.

All proceeds to church funds!

Small Breakfast

13th September 10 – 12

Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

Witney Music Society

The first concert of the season organised by the Witney Music Society will be held on **Friday 3 October** at 7.30pm at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

The Piatti String Quartet will be performing works by Haydn, Beethoven and Dvorak. The group is described as "Musically compelling" and a warm welcome is extended to all to come and hear them. Further details from 01993 702296 or do visit our website at witneymusicsociety.org.uk



NEWS

EXCITING NEWS: we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a substantial grant by WREN – the organisation which helps fund projects in communities close to landfill sites (www.wren.org.uk). We have been allocated the full amount that we applied for, which puts us in a position to be able to go ahead with developing the proposed play areas on Jubilee Field and The Leys. Hurrah!

WHAT NEXT? The final drawings have been prepared for the sites and are currently out to tender so that we can select the contractors to carry out the work once the quotes have been received.

PLEASE DONATE NOW! Thanks to the support and generosity of many people in our community our local fund-raising total stands at nearly £12,000. To reach our target of £20,000 would be such a reward for everyone who has been involved: meaning that we can turn the full designs into a reality. The grants do not cover all the costs, and at the moment it seems unlikely that we will be able to afford all of the equipment on the plans, so we would be hugely grateful for any further donations. We will need to finalise our accounts soon, so if you have been thinking of making a donation, it would be very helpful if you could make it now...even a small contribution would be a boost. Cheques should be made out to 'SHAPE/Stanton Harcourt Parish Council' and delivered to Clare Rich, All Souls House, Stanton Harcourt, OX29 5RP (the house to the right of the school lane), or bank transfers can be made to SHAPE, sort-code: 20-97-48, account no: 93938581. Thank you!

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

Strictly Success

News from Sarah Ayers School of Dance

I run Ballroom and Latin-American dance classes in Eynsham and Stanton Harcourt and Anne and Thea have recently passed dancing examinations with the International Dance Teachers' Association (IDTA).



Anne (aged 3) has achieved her First IDTA Rosette Award (dancing Samba) and Thea has passed the IDTA First Star examinations in both Ballroom and Latin-



American (achieving high marks in both disciplines).

A new dancing term starts in September and new pupils are welcome (from age 3).

My contact details are:

Tel: 01865 881208

Email: dance@seayers.plus.com

This Month's Brain-Teaser!

You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

Answer to last month's: 'Because he was playing monopoly!'

VOTE FOR SHAPE!

SHAPE has made it to the final stage of the Lloyds Bank Community Fund scheme.

We are up against 3 other local groups for a chance to win either £3,000, £2,000, £1,000 or £500 – whoever gets the most votes gets the most money!

Please show your support for our project by voting for us. Voting opens on **2 September** and closes on **10 October**. There are several ways to vote:-

ONLINE: Go to <https://lly-cf.co.uk/WGB> and follow the simple instructions

SMS TEXT: 'VOTE WGB' to 61119 (at your mobile network operator's standard messaging rate – no additional charge)

TWITTER: Tweet #**COMMFUND WGB**

BRANCH VISIT: Pop in to the Witney branch of Lloyds to collect a token to place in the SHAPE slot of the voting stand

You can vote for SHAPE more than once by using some or all of the voting methods but you can use each method only once (i.e. one vote per email address / mobile no. / Twitter account / Branch visit).

We'll be posting updates and information on our Facebook page

SHAPE Stanton Harcourt Action for Play and Enjoyment – please join us!

We would be very grateful for any efforts to spread the word – by emailing details to friends, family and colleagues; and sharing on Facebook...Thank you!



It's back to school time - for the longest term of the year! But don't worry half term's the last weekend in October and we'll be there before you know it.

Everyone's so busy at the start of term we don't have an update this month - let's hope no news is good news!

We'll have all the news of the new term and upcoming events next month! Ed.

GreenTEA/EAWW – Eynsham SwapShop 13th September

At the Sports Pavilion, Eynsham, from 10-11:30am, people can bring or take or both – all FREE.

Talk to Ros Kent if you'd like more info – or to bring a swap on 01865 580502

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting has changed – it will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 15th September (in the main hall).

The October meeting will be on the usual first Monday of the month (6th October).

SHAPE SUCCESS

The Parish Council are thrilled to congratulate Clare Rich and members of her senior and junior SHAPE team for their fantastic funding success and we look forward to progressing together plans in the near future, now that we are close to achieving the total required to develop the play areas.

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON GIFTED A LIFELINE

The Parish Council are extremely pleased to announce that an anonymous donor has very generously gifted an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the Parish Council.

AEDs work by delivering an electric shock to restart a person's heart. The small, portable machines give clear, spoken instructions and are designed to be used by anyone, even without training. They are placed within a secure box in a public area, with a code to access the box that can only be obtained from the ambulance service. When someone goes into cardiac arrest time is of the essence. For every minute that passes where there's no active treatment, the chances of a successful resuscitation reduces by 10%.

AEDs are proven to dramatically increase the chances of survival in the case of cardiac arrest and can be used with no previous instruction or training as the equipment is designed to tell users exactly what to do at the time of use.

In cases of emergency, people should always call 999 in the first instance.

Defibrillators are of vital importance in a rural Parish like ours and this appliance will make our parish one of the safest places to live if you suffer cardiac arrest.

The unit will be located in a central location in the village (in principle, the Village Hall- to be confirmed).

Training will be provided to raise awareness about AEDs and teach local residents how to give initial care should a cardiac arrest occur – dates of training will be publicised when known – please make every effort to attend a session!

WODC LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Further consultation on the emerging West Oxfordshire Local Plan is due to take place shortly, with the consultation period provisionally set as being from Monday **28 July** with the deadline for responses being **Friday 19 September 2014**.

The Plan will address many pertinent issues including:

- Gravel extraction
- Housing
- Highways (ie Sutton Bypass)
- Public Transport
- Amenities...and many more important issues

A copy of the Plan will be made available in the Village Shop, or the document is available on the WODC Website: <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/july/local-plan-consultation/>

Please email a copy of your response to the Clerk (trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

HEDGE TRIMMING AND DITCH CLEARING

Could all landowners please ensure that all hedges on footpaths are trimmed to give clear access for members of the public? A number of residents have not responded to our earlier appeal.

Also, as Autumn is fast approaching, please ensure all ditches are cleared of debris and growth to minimise flooding in the instance of heavy rain.

NOBLE FOODS ROUTING AGREEMENT- B4449

No progress has been made on the routing agreement – further news will follow when progress is made.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Passing places on Moreton Lane, Northmoor will be renovated in the very near future, starting 7th September.



WANT TO REPORT A PROBLEM, DISCUSS OR VIEW LOCAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS GRAFFITI, FLY TIPPING, BROKEN PAVING SLABS, OR POT HOLES?

Visit www.fixmystreet.com

1. Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area
2. Locate the problem on a map of the area
3. Enter details of the problem
4. The details are sent to the council on your behalf

KEY FOUND....

A Yale like key on blue tag marked ' Inner Front door'found on Leys – please contact the Clerk, (trudigasser@rocketmail.com / 01865 301720).

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>

The Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014

Today Cllr. Hilary Fenton and I become some of the first District Councillors to be affected by legislation that came into force on 8th August that henceforth allows for the live filming, recording, broadcasting, tweeting, etc. direct from the Council Chamber, or meeting room.

Some folks have expressed concern at this new "openness" but for my part I welcome it wholeheartedly. To my mind council meetings that are open to public scrutiny allows the electorate to more easily see and understand all the hard work that Councillors undertake on their behalf.

To open up the town halls right across England to give the man in the street the right to film, blog or tweet at council meetings is very significant in clearly demonstrating an "open community", especially as in the past some councils have infamously preferred meetings to be held in smoke filled rooms, behind closed doors.

I shall be interested to see the new legislation in action for the first time today at our Planning meeting. No doubt there will be a few teething troubles, for example there is to be an area set aside specifically for those wishing to film, positioned so as not to show the faces of members of the public in the audience, but I am sure we will all get used to it soon.

Who knows, perhaps having read this you might consider attending a council meeting sometime and recording it on your iPhone. Sometimes it's dramatic, quite often it can be heated, occasionally it's very funny and, at its best truly gripping stuff that affects us all deeply.

Anyway, I must dash now and get myself along to make-up! Lights, Action, Cameras.

Best regards,

Cllr. Steve Good

Note: this legislation applies to Parish Councils too.

The Page 3 Bird

This Month's bird is Sydney the Swallow! (*Hirundo rustica*)

Swallows like to summer in the UK hoovering up all those pesky flying bugs before heading South in the Autumn for warmer climates. Stanton Harcourt is the best for Swallows due to its open pastureland and plentiful waterways.

This year Sydney is off to visit relatives in the middle east, but we'll see her again next year if the British government don't suspect her of terrorism!

p.s. Sydney says "VOTE FOR SHAPE!"



Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



Regular menu offers:

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

St Michael's Church

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

News from St Michael's

Rector Drew Tweedy will be the speaker at the Men's Breakfast at the Red Lion Northmoor on Saturday 13th September at 8am. On the same day St Michael's Church will host an Exhibition by the Witney Model and Collectors' Club and the annual Ride and Stride event to raise funds for local churches and the Historic Churches Trust will take place. On Friday 19th September our Diocesan Bishop John Pritchard will celebrate Holy Communion at St Michael's, as part of his Pilgrimage.

In the near future we are hoping

(a) to launch a new website for the Lower Windrush Benefice of churches,

(b) to run Pilgrim Courses which help us all see how Christianity can make a positive contribution to our lives and society, and

(c) to start a weekly Parent and Toddler session at the Church.

Drew would also be interested to meet other ukulele players or anyone interested in learning to play and sing together in an group, just for fun.

Regards, Drew

September

7 th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
14 th 10:30am	Benefice Communion	Standlake
6:00pm	Taizé Prayer Service	Stanton Harcourt
Fri 19 th 8am	Holy Communion with Bishop John	Stanton Harcourt
21 st 10:30am	Family Service	Stanton Harcourt
28 th 8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Stanton Harcourt
6pm	Informal Pub Service at the Ferryman	Bablock Hythe

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am in St Giles Standlake

Everyone is also welcome to join Drew for Evening Prayer at 5pm on Mondays or Morning Prayer at 8:30am on Fridays at St Michaels Church Stanton Harcourt

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

September

Sunday 7 th 10am	Mr Kenneth Mumford
Sunday 14 th 10am	Mrs Stella Bristow
Sunday 21 st 10am	Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th 10am	Mr Keith Crawford

Wed 3rd September, 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 ✉ frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Recipe of the Month!

Easy Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients:

3oz (85g) Soft Margarine

4oz (113g) Sugar

2oz (57g) Soft Dark Brown Sugar (or whatever you have)

1 Egg (metric or imperial egg will do, let the chicken decide!)

5oz (142g) Self Raising Flour

1oz (28g) Cocoa

4oz (113g) [1 bag] Chocolate drops, chips, bits or chunks!

The Daring Doo!

Get the oven nice and hot beforehand ~180°C / Gas mk 4
Mix the ingredients together one by one in the order above, sieve the dry ingredients if you can be bothered and beat the egg as you put them together.

You should end up with a stiff dough (unless you have a large egg in which case it'll be a bit runny!)

Make the dough into blobs about the size of a golf ball and space out on a greased or lined baking tray (if a bit runny just dollop a spoonful on well spaced out!) you should end up with about a baker's dozen (a dozen plus one for the chef!)

Pop in the hot oven for approximately 11 minutes, until risen but before the edges burn too much, take out and allow to cool (they'll be soft and harden on cooling – if you've done it right they'll end up hard on the outside and a bit gooey on the inside – Yay! Then find someone to share them with!

Recipe by the editor's old housemate Rachel's Grandmother!

**Deadline for next issue is 21st September
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk**

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

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