



# Village Voice

The village newsletter for Stanton Harcourt & Sutton **April 2018**

## COMET 2017 NOW GOES TO WITNEY

Now that Spring is approaching and the weather is getting better why not use the Comet mini-bus every Tuesday morning. It goes to Eynsham and/or Witney. Passengers still have to share the cost of £11. Below is the timetable and pickup points. If you would like to use this service you must ring Sheila Caygill on 01865 731394 to let her know your destination and so that the mini-bus can collect you. She will also explain about payment of your trip.

You will need to contact her at least a day before you wish to travel.

Northmoor (Red Lion)	10.11
Bablockhythe (Ferryman)	10.15
Stanton Harcourt (Harcourt Arms)	10.21
Sutton (Sutton Lane)	10.22
Eynsham (Red Lion)	10.27

The mini-bus will depart Witney at 1.00 and/or Eynsham at 1.30

## Teaching Assistant Wanted.....

St Peter's Church of England Primary School (Cassington) is looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our team from 17th April to work in our Early Years for the summer term.

Teaching Assistant  
Part time: 7 hours per week, paid at Grade 4.  
Timings: Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30 – 12pm

Application packs available from our website:  
[www.st-peters.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.oxon.sch.uk)

Closing date: Monday 16th April 2018

## Bar Staff Wanted.....

if anybody in the village wants any lunchtime work ( and evenings ) the swan hotel in eynsham are looking for staff , 01865 881225 ask for Kay or Gorden

## History on The Facebook

The Lower Windrush Historical Society (LWHS) now has a new Facebook Group.

The LWHS Facebook group is for anyone interested in the history of the people and villages of the Lower Windrush and surrounding area. Please use the group to share pictures and memories, as well as for asking for information about the past.

## Are you a fire fighter in waiting?

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are looking for On Call and Full Time Firefighters as well Community Safety Volunteers.

While Firemen are traditionally men, they are also looking for lady firefighters to keep the men in line. If you're interested in joining the fight, check out their website:

<https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/fire-service-recruitment>

## E Y N S H A M A R T S G R O U P Spring Exhibition

The Arts Group will be opening this year's show on the 5thMay with a varied selection of art by a group of talented local artists.

5thMay until 13thMay, Bartholomew Rooms, The Square, Eynsham, Oxfordshire OX29 4HW

## St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Drew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich ☎01865 881943, [sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk](mailto:sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk) [www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### April Services

*(at Stanton Harcourt unless stated)*

1st April 9.30 Easter Parish Communion and Sunday School

8th April 10.30 Benefice Communion **AT NORTHMOOR**

15th April 9.30 All Age Worship

18.00 Taizé Service

22nd April 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

29th April 10.30 Benefice Communion

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

All regular services at 10am on Sundays

### April

1st Service at Long Hanborough

8th Rev Hilary Ewing inc communion

15th Rev Richard Donoghue

22nd Service at Long Hanborough

29th Service at Long Hanborough

**Coffee Morning** 4th 10-11:30

## The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Mark Lagorio

☎ 01865 881613

[stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com)

Website: [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

### Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 5pm

### Special Services

EASTER LASTS FOR FIFTY DAYS so although Easter Sunday on April 1st is the special day, every Sunday throughout April is an Easter Sunday and the great Easter Candle which was brought in at the Easter Vigil on the Saturday Night (March 31st) stands alight in the sanctuary declaring the joy of Jesus alive for us in this new mysterious way.

Spotted a gap in the text? why not send in something to fill it up, articles can be big or small, fun or serious!

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month**  
[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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### April

9th Parish Council

14th Village Market and Cafe

14th Village Inn by the Festival Committee

22nd Toddler Group Jumble Sale

20th School Science Fair

28th Quiz Night at the Village Hall

May 12th Watermill Production at the Village Hall

June 16th Village Inn by FOSHS

June 23rd Festival Day

September 16th Produce Show

## Village Inn at the Village Hall

**Saturday 14th April 2018 – 7.30pm**

Licensed Bar, pub games, snacks.

Come and enjoy an evening at your local "pub"!

The Village Inn will be run by the Festival Committee so expect a "60s" vibe in advance of this year's Festival week!

### Stanton Harcourt Toddler Group

Are holding a Second Hand/Jumble Sale at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall.

We will be selling baby and children's toys and equipment, books and clothing.

**New Date April 22nd 1 - 3pm**

If you have any of the above you would like to donate please leave it outside the Village Hall From 11:30am on day of sale.

### Stanton Harcourt Produce Show

**A date for your diaries!**

The schedule for the Village Produce Show on September 16th will be available in the village shop by Easter weekend. Don't forget to pick up a copy and start planning which classes you are going to enter!

If any of you could help on the day, that would be very welcome. Contact 01865 881934

## Thelma Faulkner

It is with regret that I have the sad news that Thelma Faulkner passed away on Monday 19th of March. She passed away peacefully in her own home having battled cancer for many years. She will be much missed by her 5 god-children, extended family and her many friends.

I would like to thank everyone who phoned and visited Thelma over the last couple of months. These visits made a huge difference and were greatly appreciated by Thelma whilst in hospital, Sobell house, and at home.

I would also like to particularly thank David, Penny and their respective families for being such wonderful neighbours and assisting Thelma.

Dave Simmonds (Nephew)

**A memorial service will take place**  
**Wednesday 4th April, 1pm at St. Michaels church**

As many of you will know Thelma has been involved in the Village newsletter since it was started many years ago by her husband John, the first editor, and has been an inspiration right up to the current editor and will continue to be going forward. Thelma has also been a longstanding member of the drama group orchestrating the magic from backstage and beyond. Thelma will be missed by a great many of us and her involvement in the village a testament to how good we can be at making the village a better place for everyone.

## Quiz Night April 28th.

**Saturday April 28th**  
**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**

Tickets £5

Doors open 7pm

Quiz starts at 7:30pm

Bar and Raffle.

Selection of snacks for each team!

No more than 6 per team.

Tickets available at the Village Shop after Easter.

## Village Cafe and Market

Village Market & Cafe starts again in March on the 2nd Saturday in the month (except August) from 12-2pm. New stallholders welcome.

**Next Market 14th April**

## Scamwatch!

"Can you just enlighten local residents of a Scam telephone call I received yesterday!"

Telephone message left on answerphone, saying:-

*This is Lisa Williams, from HMRC (telephone number given) suggesting there is a Law Suit against me! You must contact this number immediately etc. Although the number given is a very strange one starting 282!!*

**Don't get caught by nasty scammers - if in doubt don't give them any information!**

## Tuesday Girls

We don't have specific details at printing but for more info call Kay Harvey 01865 883590

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall becomes the Village Inn – Saturday 16th June 2018  
From 7:30pm till late!**

Help us to kick off festival week with a swinging sixties themed bar – dress for the era and drink to the memories!

As before there will be a licensed bar, pub grub and pub games. Come and enjoy your preferred tippie in pleasant company as we recreate the village pub atmosphere at the centre of our community.

Proceeds from the evening will go to Stanton Harcourt Primary School.

## Bridewell Open Gardens 2018

13th May, 10th June and 15th July 2 – 5 p.m.  
August 16th and September 14th 2 – 4 p.m.

The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Near North Leigh, OX7 3DT.  
01993 868313 [www.bridewellgardens.co.uk](http://www.bridewellgardens.co.uk)  
Charity no: 1158456



## Local Elections 3rd May

There will be local elections on the 3rd of May, these include one in Stanton Harcourt for a District Councillor (WODC) to Standlake, Aston & Stanton Harcourt.

Polling cards should be delivered by 5th April

The deadline to Register to vote is 17th April, if you aint on the list your vote aint getting in!

To register surf to: [www.gov.uk/register tovote](http://www.gov.uk/register tovote) or you can call 01993 861000.

## Church 200 Club March draw

1st 292 V Putnam 2nd 187 M Floyd  
3rd 167 L Mugglestone 4th 298 D McGuire

## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2018



**Festival Day: Saturday 23rd June 2018**

**Festival week events: Sat 16th June to Sunday 24th June  
Festival Attendant required!**

We are delighted to have Sean Moran as our Festival King this year.

We are looking for a Festival Attendant to accompany Sean on the Royal Float and to take up the role of Festival King or Queen next year.

If you are in school year 7 or above and would like to be our Festival Attendant, email your details to Gill Mason ([gill@gillmason.com](mailto:gill@gillmason.com)) before 6pm on Monday 16th April. (Youngsters – please ask your parent or carer to email on your behalf so we know that they are happy for you to be nominated.

Grown ups – please make sure that any young person you are nominating is happy to take on this role!

The names of everyone who has expressed an interest will be placed in a hat and a name drawn out at the next committee meeting on 16th April. We will reveal the name of the lucky applicant in the May edition of VV.

## Festival Scarecrow Competition

The Scarecrow competition is making a return this year. We hope that lots of 60s style Scarecrows will appear around the village for the start of Festival week. More details to follow.

There will be prizes!

**Festival Day** – 23rd June: If you would like to have a stall on the school field on Festival Day then please contact Penny on 596164 or email [penny.swiergon@gmail.com](mailto:penny.swiergon@gmail.com)

**Festival Week Events:** If you are interested in organising an event, please contact Mike Parker (tel 884435 / email [mikeparker12@gmail.com](mailto:mikeparker12@gmail.com)) to ensure that you are included in the Festival programme.

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Richard Thomson ([rich.thom77@gmail.com](mailto:rich.thom77@gmail.com))  
The Festival Committee



## Parish Council News

**Next Meeting** Monday 9th April 7:30  
(monday after bank holiday)

### Annual Parish Meeting 21st May:

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May. This is a meeting where representatives of village groups meet to report on their activities during the previous year and to let other people know of events to be held during the forth-coming year.

We are hoping that we will have a representative from the Local Police team and the School.

If you have any suggestions for speakers at the meeting, or would like to give a talk, please let the clerk know,

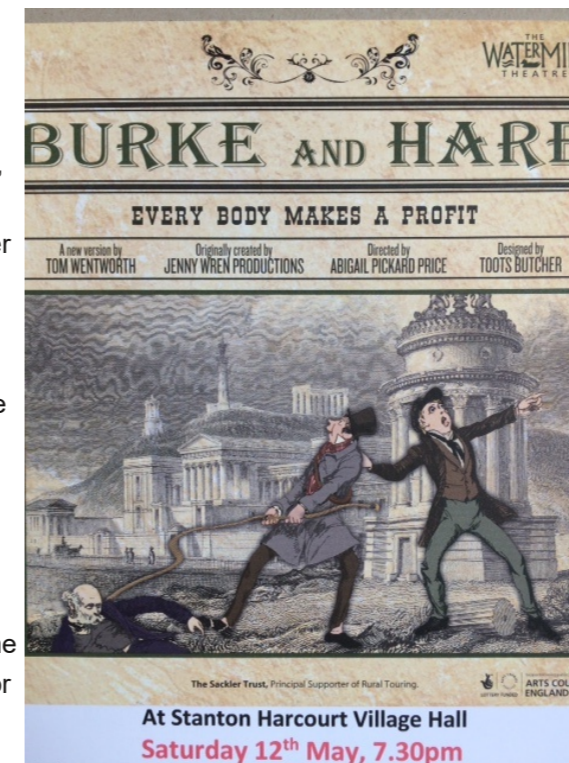
[www.pc.stantonharcourt.online](http://www.pc.stantonharcourt.online)

### Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA. [trudigasser@rocketmail.com](mailto:trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

## The Watermill Theatre returns to Stanton Harcourt with Burke and Hare - Saturday 12th May, 7.30pm

1828,  
Edinburgh.  
Two Williams,  
Burke and  
Hare, discover  
a money  
making  
scheme far  
more lucrative  
than hosting  
lodgers. The  
first rule of  
business?  
Supply and  
demand. In the  
leading city for  
medical  
research



there's a huge demand for bodies and an inconveniently low number of deaths. The profitable solution? Murder of course. As the infamous pair flourish in their new found careers, the more they murder, the less they care but for how long can they get away with it? In a new black comedy that is as hysterical as it is historical, three actors tell the true story of the prolific duo. Age guidance 12 and upwards. Parental discretion advised. Tickets £12 (£8 students) from the Village Shop, Eynsham DIY or Lucy Heath on 01865 881172, 07711 704475. Door and bar open at 7pm.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### New Staff

We are very excited to inform you that Catherine Atherstone will be joining our team in September. She is a teacher and she will be working in Class 3 to support the teachers in Class 3 for four mornings a week. This is a fantastic opportunity to work in much smaller groups and therefore benefit every child. More details to follow.

### HOMEWORK/ SCIENCE FAIR

You will have received a homework sheet for the Easter holidays. This is part of our Science Week and we will be holding a Science Fair on Friday 20th April at 2:00pm. Please come and support his.

### Library Helpers

The Library is starting to look really good. Thank you to a few parents who support us every Friday

### 'What an Achievement!' (School Value)

We took part in the National Book Week celebrations and we ran the Readathon Activity both in School and at home. We have raised £702 to support local hospitals and our School Library. Well done and a BIG thank you.

### Parking.

Please could I remind parents to park sensibly at the end of the lane. Residents who live on the Green have commented about the lack of consideration regarding cars parking on the daffodil bulbs

[www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk](http://www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk)  
01865 881948  
[office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk)

## Parking on the Road!!!!

Please don't park on the actual road at the school as this is very silly (and illegal). there is a little parking on the green and plenty at the Village Hall a mere 200m away.

Dear All,

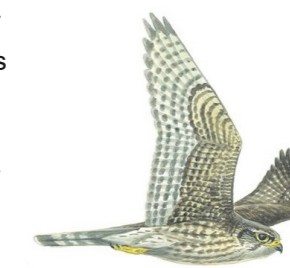
Can you kindly spread the word that the Eynsham Day Centre is one of the token options at Waitrose in Witney this month March and encourage all to support us!?

Many thanks

Charles Mathew

Chairman Eynsham Day Centre

01865 882205



## Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Molly and she's a Merlin Falcon.

Merlin's are the UK's smallest bird of prey, but not to be underestimated, she can fly very fast accelerating faster than any other bird and is very agile in flight and an excellent hunter able to

grab prey in its claws and eat it while in flight - Yum!  
Many Merlin's live in Iceland much of the year but holiday in the UK (assuming it gets warmer over here this year!).