



# Village Voice



The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

November 2019

## November

5 <sup>th</sup>	Guy Fawkes Blows up Parliament
5 <sup>th</sup>	LWHS Talk – The Oxford of Morse
9 <sup>th</sup>	Community Litter Pick
9 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market and Cafe
10 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Dance Marathon
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service
11 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice Day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Watermill Theatre at the Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	LWVP Forum – Stanton Mammoths!

## Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion

*'When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today'*

### Remembrance Sunday

The 2019 Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 10th November starting at 10.50am at the War Memorial in the churchyard. This year's service will follow the traditional pattern after the special format of the WW1 centenary service last year. The Legion Standard will be paraded, poppy wreaths laid by the Royal British Legion branch and village organisations, and crosses planted by anyone wishing to remember those known to them. After the names of the fallen have been read out and the Last Post played, two minutes silence will be observed. The bugler will play the Reveille and the Standard Bearer will lead the procession into church for the service itself - this year conducted by Rev Nick Ktorides.

*More information on the British legion is included inside any enquiries about membership of the village branch of the Royal British Legion will be welcomed by the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone 01865 881 664.*



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2019



This year's appeal will run from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> November. Spurred on by last year, the 2018 appeal raised £2000 from our village I am pleased to run the Stanton Harcourt and Sutton collection. Thank you all for making a donation. However, I am looking for extra help in house to house collection. **If you would like to join our small team by offering a few hours, if only collecting from your neighbours, I will provide all you need as well as support.** You do not have to be a member to help. Contact me on 883317 or [ajdyer61@hotmail.com](mailto:ajdyer61@hotmail.com).

*Alan Dyer Poppy Area Organiser EHE34 Stanton Harcourt and Sutton.*

## Charity Dance Marathon!

Dust off your dancing shoes and dig out your leg-warmers for our Dance Marathon in the village hall on

**Sunday 10th November 4-7 p.m!**

Wear what you like, dance as long as you like, all for Teenage Cancer Trust and Cancer Research. Both adults and children are welcome (please ensure primary aged children are accompanied by an adult) and boogie along to a disco whilst raising money! Entry is £5 per person, pay on the door. There will be a bar, tuck shop and refreshments served throughout.

*Please come along and have fun! All welcome!*

*For further information contact Jenny Chivers 07810 521026 or Jane Fleet [janefleet74@gmail.com](mailto:janefleet74@gmail.com)*

**"A Mini Summer Night's Dream" comes to the Village Hall from the Watermill Theatre, Newbury on Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm**

Suitable for all the family from age 10 to age 100, this action packed adaptation of

Shakespeare's classic

comedy will be another special performance for sure. It's Midsummer's night and in the costume store backstage, things begin to come alive.

Sprite, fairies and young lover's collide in magic and mystery. Over the course of a single night, hearts are broken, vows are made and dreams are chased. With change in the air and emotions more fickle than ever before, who will the lovers hearts be promised to when the dawn rises?

Tickets £12 adults, £6 for under 19s from the Village Shop, Evenlode DIY Eynsham or Lucy Heath on 07711 704475 or email [lucy.heath1@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.heath1@gmail.com). You can also arrange to pick up pre-paid tickets by BACS at the door. Doors and bar open from 7pm.



## St Michael's Church 200 Club October draw

1<sup>st</sup> 269 J Eagle  
2<sup>nd</sup> 237 C Bell

3<sup>rd</sup> 204 T Church  
4<sup>th</sup> 193 P Harrison



## Village Market and Café

12 – 2 at the Village Hall on:

9<sup>th</sup> November



Come on down to see a range of produce and crafts, enjoy a bite to eat at the café and catch up with your favourite villagers!

### Lower Windrush Historical Society

The Oxford of Inspector Morse

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019, 8pm Standlake Village Hall

£3.50 on the door, Members Free!



### Litter Pick & Village Maintenance

9<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12

Meet at the Village Hall

Could be litter picking, could be a bit of village tidying or gardening, I'm excited at the surprise at any rate!

*More details will be published on the line in due course.*

**Please join us if you can (else come to the next one!)**

*Children are welcome but MUST be supervised by an Adult at all times*

### What does the Royal British Legion do?

Last year was the centenary of the end of World War One. Next year we will reach the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May and VJ day on 15th August. Sadly we have to remember many Armed Forces personnel who have died in military service over the years since then. The Royal British Legion plays a key role in the nation's remembrance, but is also there to support veterans, serving personnel, and their families. As the largest UK Armed Forces charity, the Legion works with a network of partners to provide support wherever and whenever it is needed at any age and stage. Since 1921 the Legion has been a lifeline to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. The Legion website shows a wide spectrum of activities meeting a range of needs - 'Military Kids Club Heroes', Recovery Centres and 'Battle Back', the Invictus Games, financial and housing advice for service leavers, support to combat loneliness, 'Count Them In' to identify needs of service personnel and veterans in the next census - the list is extensive and new initiatives are developed as needs evolve.

#### How to get help?

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

Helpline: 0808 802 8080 - from 8 am to 8 pm seven days a week.

Pop-in centres for face-to-face advice: Aylesbury - 19-21 High St, Aylesbury HP20 1SH or Swindon - 52-54 Regent St, Swindon SN1 1JS - both open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Mon- Fri.

#### Our village Royal British Legion branch

Our village has one of the oldest Royal British Legion branches - but it is now very small. Our main effort is

to organise the annual Remembrance service but we donate to the Poppy Appeal and are keen to provide companionship to any ex-service person or their family resident in the area, and support to those who may need assistance to link in to the professional services that the Legion can provide.

#### How do I join?

We would love to have new members. The easiest way to join is online.

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership)

After entering your details you will be asked to join a branch - Stanton Harcourt RBL will be listed if you have entered a local post code - or can be searched for by name. The annual fee is £17 - all of this goes to the Royal British Legion - there is no branch fee. Payment can be made by a range of methods but direct debit is the simplest, and is the most cost effective for the Legion to collect.

Applications can be made on paper - please contact me - Lucy Elphinstone, Branch Secretary, 01865 881664, and I can sort this out. We would really appreciate new faces, or to see past members who wish to re-join.

#### When is the next meeting?

We next meet for the AGM on 21 November at 7.30 pm in the Harcourt Arms. If you would like to find out more about the Legion in the village then please come along.

If you have trouble getting out the Village to shop, Denshams Butchers in Witney would like to remind you of their Free delivery service 6 days a week. Get in touch via [www.denshamsbutchers.co.uk](http://www.denshamsbutchers.co.uk) or call the shop on 01993 703714.

*The editor and West Virginia, would like to remind everyone that promised to buy us a pint when the pub opened.....*



## THE HARCOURT ARMS

**Is now open!** Not just open, open every single day for food, beverages and accommodation all of which are highly recommended by our highly trained team of beer tasters!

For more information visit:

[www.theharcourtarms.com](http://www.theharcourtarms.com)

or call: 01865 416516

*And we'll get updates from them for future issues...*

### Lower Windrush Valley Project Forum

25<sup>th</sup> November 7-8:30pm Standlake Village Hall

Speakers on:

**Gill Mill:** *A Window on later prehistoric and Roman settlement in the Lower Windrush Valley &*

**The Mammoths of Stanton Harcourt!**

## Advent Windows

If you would like to join in with our annual Advent Windows please ring Carole on 01865 880416 to choose your date and give her your details. We need 24 families.

## ***Sutton Singers***

***Sutton Singers*** were delighted with our recent Sing-A-Long. A fun time was had by all and we raised a fabulous £215 for FOSHS. We will be performing Christmas songs and carols with the chance for you to join in some traditional tunes in St Michael's Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We will also be singing in Morrison's on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Carterton. Keep the dates and we hope to see you there! *Would you like to have a go at singing? No auditions or previous experience. Just an enthusiasm to have a go!! Fabulous local singing teacher – Lizzie Soden leads our group. Come along and join our friendly fun group if you fancy a go at singing songs from musicals and other popular songs - for more details please contact: Jan Tomlinson on 01865 881709 or email [janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com) We meet on Tuesdays in the Sutton Methodist Chapel, New Road at 7pm, Sutton.*

## Home-made Christmas Cakes

No time to bake? Not confident to get it right? Expecting all the family round over Christmas? 3, 6 & 8 inch cakes available. Iced or fruit & nut topping. Prices from £5.00. Order forms now in the village shop. Orders needed by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Register to vote

We're expecting an election! Make sure you're registered to vote, go to:

[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

or call: 01993861410

you will need your National Insurance Number!

**Deadline for the December election is 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**The St Michael's Church Fundraiser's are still active during the Vacancy whilst we wait for our new rector to be appointed.** Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be available from mid November. The draw for the prizes, including the Christmas Hamper, will take place immediately after the All Age Service on 15th December. Tickets will be available from numerous sellers around the village and from the village shop. Any offers of prizes, particularly of a festive nature, would be most welcome.

Sue Brown (882247), Jane Watts (882361)

## Parish Council News

### Next Parish Council Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> November & 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 7:30pm

### Parish Council Elections 2020

What gives Stanton Harcourt and Sutton the sense of community and makes it a great place to live is its residents. The fact so many of you get actively involved to make our village an interesting and better place to live. We all have different skills and available time to give to our community. Whether you simply pick up a piece of rubbish as you are walking about the village, look in on a neighbour or you put in many hours of community work. Your Parish Council would like to Thank You.

Every four years Parish Councils identify if any members of our community wish to join the Parish Council, if more people would like to be Parish Councillors that there are positions then an election will be held in May 2020. The Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Parish Council is made up of six councillors. Parish councils have a variety of powers and duties, all of which impact directly on the community but have very few funds. Funding for the Parish Council to fulfil its obligations is provided by the contributions made by the parishioners in their Council Tax to West Oxfordshire council. It is paid to the Parish Council twice annually and is called the PRECEPT. You will see this mentioned on your Council Tax Bill.

This money is used to ensure that many community facilities are suitably maintained this includes our cemetery, various child's play parks, this village voice is produced and delivered to your door etc as well as working with local government on behalf of our community to ensure they understand the villagers point of view

If you would like to be considered for a Parish Councillor role and want to know more you can talk to any of your current councillors, so you are ready when the roles are advertised

**[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)

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This Month's Bird is Felicity and she is a common pheasant, although felicity is not so common after all. We met Felicity on our Duke of Edinburgh expedition, and she kept team morale high during the excessively damp conditions. After hearing her tales of woe to losing so very many husbands to the aristocracy as a reward for her camaraderie we had a whip round and bought Felicity her very own bullet proof vest. Pheasants are not native to the UK being brought over by the Romans (originally from Georgia) and Felicity and her remaining kin are somewhat worried about remaining in the country after Brexit.





**The Eynsham Arts Group** is holding its Winter Exhibition in November. A collection of exceptional pieces of artwork for sale along with cards and other items that would make excellent Christmas gifts. Entry if free.

New Members are always welcome – no art expertise is necessary, just an appreciation and there are now five exhibitions per year whereby Members can exhibit their own works or may just support others by helping out at exhibitions.

**Bartholomew Rooms, Eynsham OX29 4HW**  
**23rd Nov until 1st Dec**

Please visit our website for further info [www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk](http://www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk)

### Witney Music Society

The second concert of the new season will be given by award-winning double bass player Toby Hughes and pianist Daniel King Smith; they'll be performing works by composers including Bottesini, Schumann, Desenclos and Brahms. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 8 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (£12, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online or in person from Greenway Antiques or Rapture in Witney. For more information please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

**Last year I saw a short article in the newsletter about a wonderful friendly club for adult musicians and thought that other people might like to hear about it.** If you are learning an instrument, it can be quite difficult to find occasions where you can perform, so that when you do get the chance you are overcome with nerves! The club is called the Oxfordshire Performers Club, and every 6 weeks or so, there are informal concerts where any adult amateur musician who has a piece of music to offer can perform, without the pressures of a formal concert. The sessions are really friendly and relaxed: those of us who have chosen to play at a particular session perform to each other, friends and family, followed by an excellent socialising session fuelled with tea and cake. An added bonus for me is that I have been able to meet up with people who are learning other instruments and who want to team up to play duets or ensemble pieces. For more experienced players, it is also a useful forum for trying out pieces before performing them in public. If there is anyone out there who enjoys playing any instrument at an amateur level and wants to meet other musicians I would encourage you very strongly to give it a try. I attach the website and facebook details below.

Website: [www.oxfordshireperformersclub.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshireperformersclub.co.uk).

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/oxfordshireperformersclub/](https://www.facebook.com/oxfordshireperformersclub/)

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

### November

Sunday 3rd 10am	Informal Gathering
Sunday 10th 10am	Remembrance Service at St Michaels
Sunday 17th 10am	Rev Rose Westwood inc Holy Communion
Sunday 24th 10am	Service at Long Hanborough

**Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month**  
**10.00–11.30 am. All welcome**

## St Michael's Church

The Lower Windrush Benefice is in the process of appointing a new Rector. During the period of vacancy, if you have any queries regarding a funeral, marriage or baptism at St Michael's, please contact Alison Shaw initially;

01865 300 615 [ali46pshaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ali46pshaw@yahoo.co.uk)

For all other queries please contact:

Gill Salway [salwaypg@btinternet.com](mailto:salwaypg@btinternet.com)

Jane Watts [jane.saddleback@talktalk.net](mailto:jane.saddleback@talktalk.net)

[www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### November

2 <sup>nd</sup> 19:00	All Souls Day	Stanton Harcourt
3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
10 <sup>th</sup> 10:50	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Stanton Harcourt
17 <sup>th</sup> 9:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
24 <sup>th</sup> 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt

### December

1 <sup>st</sup> 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
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## 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

**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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