



Village Voice

LOCKDOWN EDITION

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

May-ish 2020

Calendar

nth Everything's cancelled for the near future! ☹️

If you're not a key worker.....

Keep Calm!

Stay Home!

Look out for Others!

If you are a key worker.....

Thankyou! and be careful out there!

Village Voice – While we cannot deliver village voice on paper as normal due to lockdown, we will endeavour to produce when practical and put on the line and leave printed copies around the village for those off the line. If you have any suggestions for us these are welcome as always – *unless complaints as we're not dealing with them currently due to limited staffing availability!*

On the 8th of May we celebrate VE or Victory in Europe Day to mark the end of the Second World War. While we can't celebrate as planned, we can still celebrate while safe at home, with decorations and reflection to this great day in history.

National items in the day include:

11am 2 minutes silence

3pm Churchills speech on the BBC

9pm Sing along to 'We'll Meet Again'



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION



Pete Strange

It is with sadness we announce the untimely death of our great friend Pete Strange who died unexpectedly on April 19th. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time, Pete was the best of us and will be greatly missed in every aspect of village life.

There will be a private funeral at his home before moving to the cemetery, as part of this event there is an opportunity to celebrate Pete as he travels from home at the Willows up to the top of Sutton, through Stanton Harcourt to the cemetery.

Recognising the need for social distancing, the family would love his friends and neighbours to celebrate his life by standing at the side of the road and as the hearse and family pass toasting Pete by raising a glass, clapping, waving, banging a drum or whatever you think is suitable (but the family would be grateful if you remained by the side of the road- i.e did not follow them.) And please no black he would have much preferred you to wear bright and cheerful clothes!

The event will be filmed to record the event for members of the family unable to attend.

This will occur on the 7th May, starting in Sutton at 2:30pm

ELECTIONS!

All local elections are postponed until next May, all elected officials will remain in post until then. Your local elected representatives are still available by phone and email be it PC, WODC or OCC and meetings will continue as needed via Zoom! Or equivalent conferencing systems. Public as always are welcome to attend all be it on the line.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Happy Birthday Mama Caz, Jane, Me & you! And anybody else who has a birthday in the lockdown. It may be a while before we can celebrate together but trust me when I say I'm having a drink for you already!

Litter Pick & Village Maintenance

Don't Drop Litter!

Pick up after your Dog!

People are watching you!

**For any 'urgent' maintenance issues
contact the Parish Clerk**

e.g. fallen tree blocking road

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2020

Festival 2020 Cancelled

We are sad to announce that as a result of the ongoing coronavirus situation, our Summer Festival will not be going ahead this year as planned.

We will be back in full force for Festival 2021 and we will be carrying forward our Olympic theme to next year. We look forward to seeing you all in summer 2021 for:

Stanton 2021

Going for Gold - Again!



Dates to be confirmed!

We would like to thank all those who had already come forward offering to hold events during Festival week – we very much hope that you will be happy to postpone your event until next year! Our Festival Queen Eleanor Douglas has agreed to extend her reign for another year – thank you Eleanor.

If you do have any other questions about Festival then do contact Richard Thomson.

(rich.thom77@gmail.com)

Stay safe and well everyone.

The Festival Committee



Something to look forward to (hopefully)

Sadly we have had to cancel all forthcoming events and activities at the Village Hall but we have been offered a new date for the Watermill Theatre performance of their touring play **Camp Albion**. Hopefully we can welcome you all back to see it on **Saturday 17th October**. Meanwhile we will be putting the eco-project on hold too for now although we would still like to do it some time in the future.

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Committee.

Don't like facebook, but fancy being on the line with neighbours? Why not try Nextdoor.co.uk

This is not facebook but lets you see online contacts around you, and ask or offer help, although there's only a few villagers on it at the moment.

Else just try shouting, that works pretty well in my experience!

Surviving while staying at home, what's available locally?

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



THE
HARCOURT
ARMS

& The Harcourt Stores

The stores are open daily 8am – 5pm

With both everyday essentials, general provisions and plenty of special items as always.

Delivery locally can be arranged to those vulnerable or isolating - call 01865416516

Takeaway food is also available with ever expanding options including fish and chip night, burger night and now Sunday Roasts

www.theharcourtarms.com

Other Local Pubs – takeaway available from:

The Red Lion (Northmoor) Tel: 01865 300301

The Black Horse (Standlake) Tel: 01865 300307

And no doubt others too!

Supermarket Deliveries.....

At present most supermarkets and similar don't have any new delivery slots available but if classed as vulnerable/isolating you may find one and new ones appear all the time.

Other Local Companies delivering locally.....

Aldens Meat Masters

Meat boxes & Veg boxes (min order £60 to deliver)

<https://meatmaster.info/>

UE Coffee Roasters

Veg boxes and home essentials from the farm shop, and coffee! (min order £20 for delivery)

<https://uecoffee.roasters.com>

Jolly Foods

Wholesale Meat Suppliers, deliver on Thursdays

www.jollyfoods.co.uk

Cuckoo Lane Fruit and Veg

07379 848043 / clfruitandveg@gmail.com

Eynsham Cellars

For all your Cellar (and beer) needs (min order £30 for delivery)

Tel: 01865 884405

Loose Cannon Brewery

Ale, lots of ale, some wine too! (delivery here on a Tuesday)

The editor cannot vouch for suggested companies' or services, except for the Eynsham Cellars and the Brewery who have been properly tested and I can only apologise to the recycling team for the extra workload.

As always different companies have varying minimum spend / delivery costs and it pays to shop around to check both prices and stock, but there are many good companies out there doing there best, if you have more suggestions please post them on the Village Facebook and let others know! A few more below on the line, but as a local village we do favour the local shops for local people!

Other 'Online' Suppliers

Food to your home

Local wholesale supplier system with 48hr delivery, includes bread, milk, veg, fruit
www.foodtoyourhome.com

British Corner Shop

www.britishcornershop.co.uk

Live well

Vegan/Eco home shopping – including bamboo toilet roll!
www.livewelluk.co.uk

Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings will take place on 'Zoom' as required but inline with normal on the first Monday of the month. For details see the PC Website and notice boards.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FANTASTIC COMMUNITY MINDED RESIDENTS

Many thanks to the volunteers who have been shopping and collecting prescriptions – and those of you who have not yet been called on! Hitesh and his team for keeping the shop/post office open every day and increasing his stock of basic items. Olivier and Alan for maintaining the Harcourt Arms Shop and initiating a home deliver scheme. To all the key workers who live within the village who have continued to work through this difficult period, doctors, nurses, carers, pharmacists undertakers, all those in the food industry from farmers to retail store operatives, police, firemen, the manufacturers involved in the manufacture and maintenance of much needed equipment and so many more unsung heroes – we are extremely grateful. All those helping to ensure we all keep well by maintaining good social distancing and remaining in isolation when asked to. Thanks to everyone for their contribution.

Volunteer Group - here to help you

The Parish Council and helpers posted a leaflet to every home within the parish asking for volunteers to help those who needed help whilst in self-isolate i.e. those with Covid-19 symptoms, those living with someone with Covid-19 symptoms and those in the vulnerable category (over 70 or have a medical condition that puts them in high risk). The Parish Council would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to the many villagers

who have volunteered to help others in such a time of need.

Since we sent out the leaflet, we have been told that the extremely vulnerable will need to isolate for 12 weeks.

We would also like to remind those who find themselves in this situation that we are here to help; if you need shopping fetching, a prescription picking up or simply a friendly phone call so that you do feel so alone whilst in isolation, your community really wants to help you. Just phone, text or email one of the Parish Councillors listed below and we will activate the volunteering process. Be sure the make the request for prescriptions well in advance of when it is required, ensuring at least one week of supply.

Please don't be afraid to ask!!

All volunteers will of course maintain the 'required' social distancing and hand hygiene to ensure that anything handed **over is as safe as possible.**

Working from Home

For those who are working from home please remember to give yourself time to breathe within the village; it is looking fantastic at this time of the year and give everyone the necessary space.

Considerate use of footpaths

While many of us are finding lockdown difficult and fresh air is very welcome. Please be considerate on footpaths and cyclists should be considerate to walkers on the leys. On occasion it will be necessary to close the path for your safety while work is being carried out, please respect signage that is displayed. Walkers on footpaths must follow the country code and not cause harm to farm crops or livestock and of course all dog poo must be picked up!

Parish Meetings

In view of the current coronavirus emergency the Parish Council has decided to suspend its scheduled public meeting until further notice, and that position is now reflected on our Council Meetings page. Unfortunately, this includes our normal Annual Parish Meeting in May. We are awaiting confirmation of any new arrangements; as soon as these become clear we will notify everybody.

Parish Council members will continue to operate and function throughout this difficult period and will welcome public comment. The health risks around hosting a large gathering at this time are considered to be unacceptable.

We are here to help: please do not hesitate to get in contact see details below:

Charles Mathew, 01865 882205

Gill Sellars, 01865 731238 or 07778 924964
or gill.sellars@gmail.com

Mathew Judson, 01865 731310 or 07977
502209 or matthew.judson@talk21.com

Graham Dixon-Brown, 01865 882065 or
deansfarmhouse@gmail.com

Trudi Gasser, 01865 686498 or email (below)

Joe Deane, 07812204277, or
joe_deane@hotmail.com or 24 The Green
(knock loudly and stand well back!)

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

New Mental Health Helpline

A 24/7 mental health helpline has been launched
to take pressure off 111 for mental health advice in
Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

The round-the-clock helpline will make it quicker
and easier for people in Oxfordshire and
Buckinghamshire to get the right advice they need
for their mental health.

It will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week
and temporarily takes pressure off 111 for people
who need mental health care when their situation it
is not life threatening.

Adults: 01865 904 997

Children and young people: 01865 904 998

The helplines will operate during the coronavirus
pandemic to provide people with specialist mental
health care as 111 receives an increasing number
of COVID-19-related calls.

Who you gonna call?

*Sometimes things can be more serious than what we
can fix as a community, despite our best efforts. If you
have more serious problems the numbers below may
be useful.*

NHS Non-Urgent Contact. Tel: 111

Police Non-Urgent Contact. Tel 101

In Emergencies Dial 999

*If you are unable to speak due to personal safety -
listen to the audio prompts and press 55 when
prompted - the police will be alerted to your
emergency without a sound.*

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247

The Survivors Trust: 0808 801 0181

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Age UK: 0800 169 6565

*Church in person is not taking place during
the lockdown, but the contacts for the local
churches are below and various support or
online events may be available*

The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Mark Lagorio

☎ 01865 881613

✉ stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

St Michael's Church

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

For all other queries please contact:

Gill Salway salwaypg@btinternet.com

Jane Watts jane.saddleback@talktalk.net

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

Back Page Bird

This month's bird is Prim, and she is a
Myna bird and lives in Southern Asia,
India to be specific! Myna birds are a
large and varied family related to
Starlings no less who enjoy insects and
fruit!

Some Myna birds are extremely talented and can mimic
the sound of all sorts of things, even human speech
which can be a great comfort in lockdown on your own.
*Although Prue is currently mimicking an ice cream truck
which is driving me crazy!*



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