

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

June 2014



It's June! And you can cut through the atmosphere with sponge, but the sun has got his hat on and he's coming to Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival on the 21st of June!

*For full details of events for the whole of Festival Week don't forget to get a copy of the **official festival programme** from the village pub / shop!*

SUTTON SINGERS PRESENT

'Something old Something new'

An evening of songs, past, present, film, stage and from around the world

TUESDAY JUNE 17th

7pm at Sutton Chapel

A light finger buffet will

be served during the interval

Admission free - Donations welcome

Raising money for Chapel funds



FOSHS Gathering on the Green is back!

With the Stanton Harcourt

'Victoria Sandwich Bake Off'

Thursday 19th June 5 till 7pm

on the Village Green

Come and join us from 5pm for lots of fun and games, something for the whole family, lucky dip, snail racing, rounders to name a few!

Enter our 'bake off' and wow us with your Victoria Sandwich made from our set recipe. Or show us your creative side and enter our kids photo competition.

Entry forms and full details for both are available from the village shop for £2 each.

All proceeds to FOSHS

SHAPE Great Village Party

Saturday 14th June, 6pm – 10pm

in the Village Hall

Kick off Festival Week with a night of fun for all ages: disco, barbecue, bar, garden games, beauty salon...and lots of other activities!

Tickets: £3 adults / £2 children (U16) / £10 family (food not included) available from the Village Shop, Clare Rich, Sally Simmonds and Suzy Miller

Bridge over the river Windrush...

Gaunt Mill Bridges (just before Standlake) will be closed from 2nd of June and last 4 weeks.

SHAPE Family Quiz Night

Monday 16th June, starting at 6.30pm

in the Village Hall

Swot up on your general knowledge and come along to this Festival favourite (at a new location!). Will your family take home the Village Brain Box trophy?

Tickets: £6 adults / £4 children (U16) (includes pizza!) available from the Village Shop, Clare Rich, Sally Simmonds and Suzy Miller

Afternoon tea and School uniform sale.

Wednesday 18th June

Bring the family for a scrumptious afternoon tea at 53 Main road between 3 and 6pm

A chance to stock up on uniform for those growing kiddies!

All proceeds to FOSHS

CREAM TEA AT THE CHAPEL

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE

2:00pm UNTIL 4:00pm

Come and enjoy a home made cream tea

at Sutton Chapel

£3 with free top up



RAISING MONEY FOR CHAPEL FUNDS

Village Markets

Saturday 7th June 12 – 2pm

At the Village Hall

New stall holders always welcome. Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

St Michael's Church 200 Club

April draw

1st 267 J Simms

2nd 241 T Henton

3rd 171 J Mitchell

4th 128 A Cross

May draw

1st 275 C Mathew

2nd 273 A Tupper

3rd 183 E Tupper

4th 255 D Richins

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

You are invited to:

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

AGM June 30th 2014 8pm

At Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Drama Group is currently "on hold" can you help us get going again? There has been no production from the Drama group for a while now as we need a new Director for new productions. A decision will soon need to be made about closing the Drama Group if we don't get a team to continue to make it happen! If you want this fabulous Village organisation to continue entertaining the village into the future please get involved. Call Jan Tomlinson on 01865 881709 or email on jpag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Election News!

In our division of West Oxfordshire - Standlake, Aston and Stanton Harcourt, the votes were:

Candidate	Party	Votes
Chris Blount	Liberal Democrat	137
Liam Carroll	Labour	140
Steve Good	Conservative	840
Clive James Taylor	UKIP	261
Alma Ann Tumilowicz	Green	103

And the winner is: Steve Good of Stanton Harcourt!

The turnout for our division was 44.7%, if you didn't vote then don't complain, and if you did your vote is among the above!



NEWS

SHAPE has made great progress in the last year and, whilst there are a few procedural tasks still to complete and we await the outcome of our grant applications, turning our plans into reality now comes down to the money!

We launched our big Fundraising Appeal last month (with many thanks to the Village Voice distribution team for delivering all those envelopes). We are extremely grateful to all of those kind and generous people who have already responded – though with only 16 donations out of the 400+ household in the village, we hope that there are more to come.

It would be wonderful if all those in the village who would like the project to happen would consider making a contribution. Whether you have children (or grandchildren) who will enjoy the new play areas, or if you would like to support this community initiative, your support is invaluable. Every bit counts and the more we can raise locally, the more exciting our new play areas will be.

The donations we have received so far, and the events held this year, mean that we are now nearly halfway towards our local fund-raising target of £20,000. Everything is looking positive and if we are able to raise the necessary funds, we may even be able to develop the sites in the autumn.

We have been asked several times about what would be done with donations if the play areas never actually get developed, and we would like to offer potential donors some reassurance. All donations are being paid into the SHAPE bank account - this is entirely separate to the Parish Council's account (though transfers will be made to facilitate invoice payments and allow VAT to be reclaimed). The funds held by SHAPE will only be used for the play areas project (this does include potential highways work to provide safe pedestrian access). We have got further with the project than ever before and even in the event that we receive no grant funding, we should still have sufficient funds to purchase some play equipment which can then be added to over time. If for some unforeseen reason, SHAPE's plans for the play areas cannot proceed in any form, all donors will be consulted on what happens to the money they gave.

If you would like information on how to make a donation, have fund-raising ideas, or have any questions about SHAPE's project, we would love to hear from you.

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

*Suzy Miller would like to thank all the well wishers for their kind wishes and support!
 Hasta la Vista – baby! (I'll be back)*

The installation of the Gigaclear ultrafast fibre-optic broadband network is nearing completion with many customers now connected and enjoying the delights of a 21st Century broadband in Stanton Harcourt and Sutton. As with any new infrastructure project there have been a few delays and issues to overcome and also some important learnings.

Gigaclear have expressed regret that they were not clearer in advising the residents in Sutton that they formed what was in effect a second phase of the network build and that their go live would take a little longer. In the 6 weeks since the network first went live Gigaclear's approved installers Boxcom have connected 98 customers to the network. Boxcom were somewhat overwhelmed at one point and apologise for the struggle that some customers had in making contact during that period. With the majority of customers now online Boxcom are working hard to complete the process yet they still have a list of 21 remaining customers who either have not been able to be contacted or have agreed dates in the near future. If a customer is still not live and to date failed in making an appointment with Boxcom then can they please make contact either by email or by phone as the rush is very much over and Gigaclear and Boxcom are both very keen to ensure that these remaining customers are able to enjoy the service soon. Call Boxcom on 01932 781844 or emailing their team: gigaclear@boxcom.co.uk

Remember to get the best performance from your Gigaclear service it is important to locate the router close to the main area of use for the best wireless connection. Also the wireless speed will be limited by the slowest device that is connected. For the best speed performance a hard wired connection to the router is required. If you purchase additional switches to increase the number of router ports, make sure that they have gigabit capability and are not limited to slower speeds. For further information and advice on getting the best performance from your Gigaclear service download the Gigaclear welcome pack <http://www.gigaclear.com/documentation/>

School Break - in!

In the early hours of May 22nd there was a break in at school. The burglar alarm went off and was apparently heard by some of the close neighbours.

One person didn't know what the sound was and another thought the alarm had a direct link to the police station so nobody rang the police.

Unfortunately school alarms do not have a direct link to the police so nothing was done until staff arrived in the morning. Luckily nothing was stolen but there was broken glass everywhere. Please can we ask if you hear an alarm in the middle of the night make a call to the police so they can come and check it out.

Thank you.

Terrific Tournament Time

On the 21st of May the Eynsham Partnership ran a football tournament for the local Schools, our results were:

Standlake v Stanton Harcourt
 0-0

Eynsham v Stanton Harcourt
 2-0

Long Hanborough v Stanton Harcourt
 0-3

coming 2nd in the division and 3rd overall – well done SHFC!

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Rebecca, a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

A fan of insects, seed and nuts and woodland (obviously), Rebecca is a true Brit and lives here all year round and is proud to pay her taxes.



Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



This month:

Come and join us for Carnival night

Sat 21st June 2014

Party the night away with live music from "The Limitations" in the marquee

Fish and Chip Supper or veggie option

Party Starts at 6pm!

Regular menu offers:

Wednesday Lunch Offer

Senior lunch £7.50 for 2 courses or 3 for £10.00

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

very positive result of closer financial as well as professional collaboration

- LA recently audited provision at the school as part of conversion process and are happy with our current grading as Outstanding
- How the MAT will work - Directors - me as primary expert, secondary head, members of secondary community, DBE appointed directors, 2 from community primary sector, 2 further directors, chosen for their skills once a skills audit has been done
- Our little school is on the map at national level as no group of schools has done what we have done and I've made sure we're known at the highest levels

Lower Windrush Valley Project – Jane Bowley

A report was provided on the LWVP, for more information visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/lower-windrush-valley-project>

or contact:

Jane Bowley, Lower Windrush Valley Project Officer
Jane.bowley@oxfordshire.gov.uk tel: 01865 816426

Sheehans – Chris Sheehan

A report was given by Sheehans on the Dix Pit recycling business with a 95% recovery rate, villagers were encouraged to visit the site for a tour.

District Councillor - Steve Good:

Steve provided an update:

- Areas covered: Sutton, Stanton Harcourt and many surrounding villages in West Oxon.
- 4th year in office
- Working with many organisation (ie Police, Schools, Licensing, etc) to improve the community
- Introducing new Taxi Driver Licensing measures
- Continued Budget savings

Report from the Parish Council – Glyn Jones, Vice Chairman

The Vice-Chairman provided a report for the past year:

When I was thinking of what to say tonight, I went through all of the Parish Council Minutes for the past 12 months. I must say that I feel we have had a productive and harmonious year.

Planning is a major part of our work. So what does the Parish Council do?

Given the importance of planning, I thought, therefore, I'd outline how we go about it.

All applications are sent to the Parish Council Clerk. Trudi will then circulate it to the members of the Parish Council. Importantly, this is done on a one-by-one basis. Importantly, we don't receive the application, get together and agree a collective view. Rather, once we receive the application, we would visit the site, mark up our comments and pass it on to the next Parish Councillor, who does the same.

There are a number of other small but vitally important responsibilities we do that I think makes Stanton Harcourt and Sutton such a great place to live. This includes – organizing the dog fouling bins, grass cutting, bulb planting and the annual litter pick. Incidentally, it was really heartening to see such a wonderful turnout for this year's litter pick.

We also represent the village at key events – such as the Poppy Day service; we also recently represented the village at the induction of the new Reverend, Andrew Tweedie, and his wife Billie – who is a licensed lay minister. At the induction, the Bishop of Dorchester quipped that we had got a 'two for one deal'.

Another important event has been Gigaclear going live. I suspect that this will have all sorts of very positive social and business benefits for the village – people being able to set up businesses here, being able to work from home etc. The Parish Council, of course, had no direct role in this, other than facilitating, where it could, what Stanton Harcourt and Sutton wanted.

In particular, we have had, I feel, a very constructive mutual working relationship with the SHAPE Committee who are doing some great things and it has been a pleasure working with them and supporting them.

Parish Council Updates

Next PC Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is **Mon 2nd June**.

SHPC AGM REPORT

Below is a summary of the Parish Council AGM, for a full copy of the minutes see the PC website noted at the bottom.

Thames Valley Police - Inspector Ollie Holland

For the Eynsham neighbourhood area including Stanton Harcourt, the following statistics were reported:

All crime is down 25%

Burglary is down 42% (Dwelling by 47% and non-dwelling by 39%)

Theft of motor vehicle is down by 60%

Theft from motor vehicle is down 40%

All other theft is down 35%

Criminal Damage is down 19%

Violent crime against the person (assaults) is down 20%

Stanton Harcourt Primary School – Karen Jupp, Head Teacher

Karen Jupp provided an update on the School, outlining the transition to an Academy and its benefits.

- Advantages: procurement, services, more of our own money, no changes for staff other than more accountability which is a good thing, centrally employed staff to oversee school imp, finances etc a critical friend always at the ready
- Further advantages for children - more interaction with other children with whom they will end up at secondary school, money for provision for more sports and arts events across the partnership, closer working relationships amongst staff and training opportunities -

The year, however, has not been one of unrestrained success. In particular, the three points that concern me most are:

1. The continued problems of lorry movements around the village.
2. The very real encroachment of the industrial estate on the village.
3. The ever-present problem issue of the traveller's site. This is always there in the background.

Please be assured that the Parish Council will do its very best to resolving all of these issues.

One final point. I would like to thank Charles Mathew for all of his hard work over the year. It is a fact that Charles shoulders by far the greatest volume of work of the PC and puts the rest of us to shame. He is also constantly pushing for our best interests at district and county levels. Also, to be frank, I suspect he is the only one of us – or even in Oxfordshire I suspect – that really understands OCC's policy on Minerals and Waste

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>

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

June	Sunday 1 st 10am	Service details to be confirmed
	Sunday 8 th 10am	
	Sunday 15 th 10am	
	Sunday 22 nd 10am	
	Sunday 29 th 10am	

Wed 4th May: 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.stpeterseysham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Special Events of the Season

Eynsham in Bloom 28th/29th June open gardens around Eynsham including at the church with teas being served and a children's trail 2-6pm each afternoon.

St Peters Summer Fete and BBQ 29th June 11:30 – 3pm

Night-Rider

John Blackie, 67 of Farmoor will be riding in the London NightRider event to raise money for the B4044 Community Path Action Group (for a cycle path between Eynsham and Botley).

For more information on the campaign and to donate to the cause visit: For more news on the campaign, please look at our website at www.b4044path.org or follow us on twitter: @b4044path

Deadline for next issue is **23rd June**
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

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

We are trying something a bit different in the form of a Taizé style prayer service at St Michael's at 6pm on June 8th. Originating at the ecumenical Taizé community in France, it is a simple service mainly consisting of simple, repetitive songs which build a joyous, meditative atmosphere for prayer. The acoustic in St Michael's chancel is perfect for this and we hope to make it a regular event. All are welcome; no previous experience required! *Rev Drew and Billie Tweedy.*

June

1 st 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
8 th 10:30am	Benefice Communion	Yelford
6:00pm	Taizé Prayer Service	Stanton Harcourt
15 th 10:30am	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
22 nd 8:00am	Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt
29 th 10:30am	Benefice Communion	Stanton Harcourt
29 th 6pm	Informal Riverside Service (Bablockhythe)	The Ferry Man Inn

July

6 th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
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Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am in St Giles Standlake

GET FIT IN 2014 - Body Sculpt Class

An easy to follow, very effective toning class for most body areas using dumbbells with a few cardio intervals. Also great to improve flexibility and bone density for women pre, during and post menopause.

Mondays 9.45am – 10.45am
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Cost £5.00 each class or discount cards available for block bookings. All participants **MUST** fill out a physical activity readiness questionnaire form **BEFORE** attending the class. Please ring or email Jayne for details, or turn up 10 minutes early for your first class. **JJ FITNESS** Tel: 07568595361 email: jaynejames68@gmail.com

Friends of The Oxfordshire Museum

All lectures are held on Wednesdays in the Coach House to the rear of the Oxfordshire Museum Gardens.

04 June – An Alternative Method Of Archiving Photographs in the 23rd Century - Graham Diprose – photographer, author and researcher.

02 July – Finding Shipwrecks & Sunken Cities - Damian Robinson – Director for the Centre for Maritime Archaeology

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

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