



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July 2019

## July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Village Litter Pick / Tidy
13 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market & Cafe
13 <sup>th</sup>	Watermill Theatre at the Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Drama Group AGM

## September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council
15 <sup>th</sup>	Great Village Produce Show

## October

19 <sup>th</sup>	Sutton Singers – Singalong at the Village Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	FOSHS Halloween Party

## West Virginia Reporting!

With festival week finished, I would like to thank everybody who made it all possible. It was an absolutely wonderful day and the weather was beautiful. I am really going to enjoy being Queen Lucy Taylor's loyal attendant. All events throughout the week were superb! The gardens were all so lovely and everyone was so welcoming and kind. I think I am going to have to have a break from burgers and the booze.



## The Queen's Speech



Dear loyal Dr Whovians, space travellers and star trekkers. I know that this year's Summer Festival will stay with me forever and I hope it's the same for you. Every year on the primary school float, sat on a gap between hay bales, I knew that I wanted to be on the royal float as queen and doing it with my best friend as attendant was just incredible. We were very lucky that the weather was good (I will never forget the year it tipped down with rain while I was a circus performer in a tutu).

I would like to say a huge thank you to my amazing and genius father for making the float and to all of you for making my day as queen so brilliant. I look forward to crowning my attendant Ellie next year, but in the meantime Cybermen still need destroying!

Queen Lucy Taylor

## Village Market and Cafe

12 – 2 at the Village Hall on:  
13th July

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!

**No Market in August – Back in September!**



## Festival Week...

### Mission Accomplished!

Our space themed Festival week has drawn to a close and what a stellar week it was!

Our village decorations were completely out of this world

this year thanks to Dan Barton and the decorating crew and our village flying saucer was even featured in the Oxford Mail! We hope that you enjoyed all the events that took place during the week and extend a huge thank you to all those who organized and attended events.

We were blessed with brilliant weather again for Festival Day and it was great to see so many people enjoying the Fete on the school field. The space themed floats were fabulous and the performances in the arena terrific - well done to everyone who was involved in creating floats and performing on the field.

There are some fabulous pictures of the day on the village FB page – thank you Clare Rich for the lovely pictures.

Once again, the Festival committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who hosted events, ran stalls, put up the marquee, took down the marquee, put up decorations and bunting, shifted tables and cones and all those other jobs that ultimately make the week and Festival Day so successful. Let's do it all again next year! The committee are off for a well-earned rest for a few weeks but will be starting to plan Festival 2020 very soon! We would love to welcome new volunteers onto the Festival Committee. Please do get in touch if you would like to get involved or have ideas for a theme or events for next year. (Festival contact email is rich.thom77@gmail.com)

**The Festival Committee**



## Litter Pick & Village Maintenance

13<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12

Meet outside the School

*As we're picking up most of the litter this time we'll be doing a spot of garden tidying along the leys. Dress suitably and if able bring gloves and basic gardening tools to help with clearing the brush and paths and we'll see what we can get done before its time for tea at the market!*

**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*



### New Yatt Riding for the Disabled Group

Celebrating 35 years of providing therapeutic riding services to West Oxfordshire residents. Currently seeking new recruits to help with sessions and around the site. If you are available on weekday or weekend morning, please visit our website for more information [www.newyattrda.org.uk](http://www.newyattrda.org.uk)

Our Annual Charity Golf Day is being held at North Oxford Golf Club on Friday September 13th Teams of 4 @ £50 per person, includes coffee and bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf & a light meal, followed by prize giving. Format: 18 hole team Stableford, best 2 scores on each hole. Entry forms are available to download from the website [www.newyattrda.org.uk](http://www.newyattrda.org.uk)

For all information about entering a team (or as an individual, as we will pair you up) please contact Adi Hughes, Organiser [nyrdaevents@gmail.com](mailto:nyrdaevents@gmail.com), the closing date for entries is 6th September 2019

### **Stanton Harcourt Drama Group AGM**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 5pm at the Village Hall**

All welcome, old and new Diva's and technical wizards alike, although only official members can vote (but everyone can become a member for a small fee!). Help shape the future of Panto, Drama & Comedy of Epic productions in our little village.



**Stanton Harcourt  
CE Primary School**

What an amazing Village Festival last week. We all had a great time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Organisers for being so well organised and clearing up so well after the Festival which meant very little disturbance on Monday morning following from the festival. It was a great theme and we really enjoyed being part of the build- up and fun. We had our very first Gardening Open Day and it was a great success.

#### **Moving Up Day**

Children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher/present teacher/ new teaching assistant on the morning of 11 July. We will inform you in the next Newsletter as to who (teacher/TA) will be in each class.

#### **Staff moving on....**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ben Pooley on gaining a Post as a Teaching Assistant at Wood Green School. He will therefore be leaving us in July. Ben has worked at our School for nearly two years and has been very popular member with parents, children and staff. He has always supported after School Clubs and helps support pupils at short notice in all areas of School life. We wish him well in his new venture.

#### **St Michael's Church 200 Club June draw**

1 <sup>st</sup> 274 R Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup> 297 P Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> 186 T Church	4 <sup>th</sup> 215 B Faulkner

### **SUTTON SINGERS**

**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.

**Advance notice for**

**Sutton Singers Musical Singalong  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Village hall**

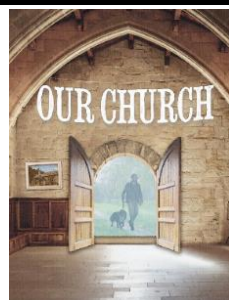
**Bring along picnic/bar by FOSHS.  
More details in September Village Voice.**

**KEEP THE DATE!**

#### **The Great Stanton Harcourt Produce Show**

this year will be on Sunday September 15th so it's time to get your vegetables and flowers growing. The artistically inclined might like to be thinking about landscapes and cooks could be sorting out some recipes for apple cake! The full schedule will be available shortly from the village shop.

*With this year's produce show rapidly approaching it is time to dust off your winning trophies and return them ready for this year's winners. They can be given to one of the following people or left at the village shop. Gill Salway, May Powell, Marilyn Booer, Jane Watts. Thank you.*



**Watermill Theatre's next performance at the Village Hall "Our Church" Saturday, 13th July 2019** In some

people's lives there is a moment when something goes wrong, when they do something very bad, something that poisons their

life for good.

When the impact of the past collides with the future of a village community, is forgiveness ever possible? A powerful and captivating new drama that explores, from multiple points of view, what it means to live a haunted life. ***This play contains themes of a sensitive and potentially distressing nature. Parental discretion recommended.***

Tickets are in sale at the Village Shop, Evenlode DIY in Eynsham and from Jane Eagle on 01865 880736 or 07885 870336 Adults £12, Teens £8

## Parish Council News

### Next Parish Council Meetings

*No Meeting in August*

**2<sup>nd</sup> September.** *First Monday of the Month 7:30pm*

### Festival Week

Thank you to all those who contributed to make Festival Week such a great community event

### Thefts

The risk of theft increases at this time of the year due to open doors & windows. We all know that being burgled is a traumatic experience. Thames Valley Police have produced a 'Home Security Guide' which contains a range of physical and digital security measures to protect your home. There is also advice on how to avoid invalidating your home insurance through poor security. This is available on-line from TVP and we have placed a copy on the Parish Council web site.

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/)

### Fraud

Action Fraud continues to warn us about scammers. There has been a huge increase in the number of malicious calls and voicemails purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC). HMRC will only ever call you asking for payment on a debt that you are already aware of, either having received a letter about it, or after you've told us you owe some tax. You will never have to read aloud your card details to an operator. If anyone is ever in doubt about who they are speaking to, check the number and end the call. You can contact HMRC using one of the helpline numbers or online services available from GOV.UK

Individuals have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official. Your bank or the police will **NEVER**:

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe keeping
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards to cheque books

For further information or to report a fraud contact Action fraud 0300 123 2040 or on-line [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

### \*\*\*Road Closures\*\*\*

**NEW** dates for the road closure at the top of Steady's Lane, Stanton Harcourt—on the road to Northmoor and Standlake just outside the village of Stanton Harcourt.

**The total road closure will now be on the 27/07/19 and will cease on the 24/08/19;** there will also be traffic lights from 1st July to 19th. July. *The main diversion is to get to Standlake via Hardwick*

Any updates will be circulated via email lists and published on the pc website

### Police Survey.....

The police have asked citizens to complete a survey to inform their priorities, see the PC website or contact Ron Hollis [rhollis@hotmail.com](mailto:rhollis@hotmail.com) for more info.

### Be prepared - Volunteers Required

For a community to be resilient it should have suitable information so that it can respond to an emergency or disaster in a timely and effective manner. The Stanton Harcourt and Sutton emergency plan does not lay out the detail of how we would seek to respond to any disaster or emergency situation it simply seeks to identify:

- individuals who would be willing to pitch in in such a situation (volunteers)
- individuals who could be at most risk (this information will be held in strictest confidence)
- assets that you would be willing to make available in such a situation, for example a generator, chain saw, a water pump, small boats, the village hall etc

Examples of the type of major incident that the Council suggests we need to prepare for include:

- Flooding
- Aircraft accidents
- Outbreak of diseases, Pandemics and Epidemics
- Storm Damage and other extremes of weather
- Major Fire
- Power Failures
- Explosions (gas or other explosive substances)
- Escape of Dangerous Substances (toxic gases, radioactive material, chemical spillage)
- Evacuation of Housing Areas, Schools, etc
- Collapse of Structures (buildings, bridges, etc) and damage to reservoirs

This list is not exhaustive, and a major incident may include a combination of events, hence there is no point producing a very detailed plan what we need is a list of willing volunteers with their contact details and if you have any special skills or equipment that we can register that would be a bonus.

Please contact Trudi if you are willing to put your name of the list of volunteers, willing to register any assets

### Good Neighbours

During the summer months it is pleasant to enjoy the garden or just simply to air the house. But these simple pleasures can be spoilt by bonfires or loud music. So please be a good neighbour and think about the impact you are having on others.

**[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)



## Feeling Creative?

Come and join us in the Methodist Chapel on the first Saturday of the month and enjoy a variety of crafts. Make friends and try jewellery making, painting, card making, sewing etc.

10.30 – 2.00. Small donation to cover costs. Bring and share lunch.

*Mandy Cowell and Brenda Waring Creation Crafts*

## The Page 4 Bird

This month's bird is called Esmerelda, she is the queen of the Emerald City which she defends against an army of malicious ant men with help from The Doctor, luckily Green Woodpeckers eat ants by the bucket load. Esmerelda's species are in decline due to loss of woodland and heathland, so help them out where you can with nesting boxes and they'll pay you back by taking care of your ant troubles. Part of the Picidae family green woodpeckers are quite solitary but rather modern as both the male and female look after the eggs.



## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

### July

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	Informal Gathering
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	Mr Andrew Maisey
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 10am	Rev Charles Harris
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30	Witney High Street
<b>August</b>	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	Mr Owen Carney
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	Informal Gathering
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10am	Mr Graham Faulkner
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30	At Long Hanborough

## Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00–11.30 am. All welcome

## 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  
www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

### July

7 <sup>th</sup> 9:30	Parish Communion	Stanton Harcourt
14 <sup>th</sup> 10:30	Benefice Communion	Yelford
21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
28 <sup>th</sup> 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor

The Rev Drew's last service before his move to Carterton will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Northmoor 10:30am, to be followed by a leaving party in Northmoor village hall. If you would like to contribute to his leaving present please leave your donation in a clearly marked envelope at the Village Shop, in the donations box in church or at Mavis Ives house, 3 All Souls Cottages.

## 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.stpeterseysham.org.uk

### Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 5pm

Bible Study after Mass on Wednesdays

Adoration after Mass on Fridays

**Eynsham Arts Group** A sale of recent work by a group of talented local artists. Entry is free.

**Bartholomew Rooms, Eynsham. 29th June until 7th July. 10 am until 4 pm.**

**New members welcome!!**

**Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Music Room, Queens Street, Eynsham from 7.45 pm**

Please visit our website for further information [www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk](http://www.eynshamartsgroup.org.uk)  
**Lower Windrush Chamber Choir and the Harcourt Early Music Ensemble** will be performing BACH AT BAMPTON - Cantatas 106 and 131 under Music Director Terry McNamara at 6 pm on Saturday 14th September 2019 in St Mary's Church, Bampton

Admission is free; retiring collection, Bar available



THE OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

## EYNSHAM PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY 2019



**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 11AM TO 3PM**

(INCLUDING A QUIET HOUR FROM 10AM UNTIL 11AM FOR CHILDREN WHO FIND THE MAIN EVENT TOO LOUD & NOISY)

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

Go Kart Party \* Tricky Trails Biking \* Body Zorbing \* Bright Sparks Science \* Martial Arts \* Drumming Workshop \* Orinoco Scrapstore \* Smoothie Bike \* DIY Face Painting \* Giant Bubbles \* Museo Academy \* Salt Box Music \* Earth Trust \* Mobile Police Station and much, much more!

**OXFORD ROAD PLAYING FIELD (PAVILION SIDE), EYNSHAM, OXON. OX29 4HG**

Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at the event and this event will be photographed / There is NO parking on site / Food & Refreshments will need to be Purchased or Please feel free to bring a picnic. T = 01865 779474 / E = martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk / W = www.oxonplay.org.uk



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