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The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

September 2013

End of an Era

This is the first issue of village voice in many years that has not been edited by Phil and Linda Loder. On behalf of the village I'd like to thank them both for their hard work on the newsletter, for doing such a good job and giving me the challenge of high expectations for this and future issues.

I'm relying on **YOU**, the rest of the village, to continue to help make the newsletter as good as it has been under their tenure.

Church Loses Greatest Treasure!

The Reverend Sarah Sharp who tends the flock of Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake & Yelford will be moving to new pastures in September and will be greatly missed.

As a village we'd like to thank Sarah Sharp for all that she has done over the last 10 years. Sarah has, without a doubt, been a significant influence to many people. Her enthusiasm for the village will not be forgotten: scrap booking, jelly and ice cream, children's work shops, Late 8, sharing tales of her adventures, Lent courses and her general cheerful presence!

Sarah's last service at St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt is on Sunday 1st September at our 9.30am Holy Communion Service.

Sarah's last service in the Benefice is on Sunday 8th September at the 10.30 Benefice Service in St Deny's Church, Northmoor.

All are welcome to join us at Sarah's leaving party in Northmoor Village Hall at 11.30 am, after her last service.

Sarah will be moving to St John the Baptist Church, Bodicote at the end of September. We wish her every success in the future.

'The Church of England operate interregnum, a little like Dr Who, so we wont know who the next vicar will be until after Sarah has moved on to her new parish.'

Congratulations

To all the young adults traversing education and successfully achieving GCSE and A-Level Certificates this year.

WELL DONE!

Next Village Market – Sat 7th September

12 noon – 2.00 pm in the Village Hall

For more information or to book a stall,
please email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

Rooms On Fire

Late on the night of the August 10th a fire was reported by a local chef on his way home through the village. The fire was on a small thatched building on the Harcourt estate (the one with the peacock!) Although the chef had no idea where he was, with the help of the Harcourt Arms Landlady and patrons; firemen were quickly on scene and expertly brought the fire under control. Although the building was not occupied nearby thatched cottages were, and if action hadn't been taken quickly several homes and potentially lives could have been lost.

Village thanks must go to the Fire & Rescue Service for working so hard to make the fire safe. The cause of the fire is still unknown and police are making enquiries.

Please be vigilant while out and about, and if you see an incident or something suspicious and no one else is about call the Fire, Police or Ambulance Service as appropriate! It was noted by the good chef that several people passed the fire in front of him but didn't bother to investigate.

If you would like more information on fire safety please visit: www.365alive.co.uk

Village Hall Quiz Night

Sat 7th September - 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Come along to our light hearted, fun quiz night to raise funds for the village hall – and see our lovely newly refurbished floor!

Tickets £7.50 including hot supper (veggie option available), licensed bar will of course be available!

Teams of 6 or just come along and we'll find you some team mates!, tickets available from the shop, the pub, 882470 or jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

Festival Thank you

On behalf of Stanton Harcourt Festival Committee, many thanks yet again to all those kind people who willingly gave up their time and resources to make the 2013 Festival a great day and week.

We are now turning our thoughts to 2014! We are looking for new people to help keep this great village event going. If you would like to join the committee then drop me a line on jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

2014 Festival updates in future issues!.....

Small Breakfast

21 Sept at 9.00–11.00 am

Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

Sutton Chapel Fundraiser

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 10 AM - 4 PM

Sutton Methodist Chapel

JUMBLE, BRIC A BRAC AND CURIOS, ALSO A FREECYCLE TABLE - (IF YOU CAN USE IT- IT'S YOURS!)

COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN. ALSO SELLING TEA, COFFEE, CAKES AND SANDWICHES.

RAISING FUNDS TO REPAIR THE RAMP.

Tar Road Traveller Site

Progress to date: WODC have taken action and removed the extensive fly tipping on the site, the concrete posts have been pulled out and the ditch reinstated across the entrance to Tar Road (picture below).



As reported in the last edition, the WODC Lowlands Planning Committee met in May and accepted the recommendation of the planning officers, unanimously refusing 3 planning applications for change of use to a gypsy site. Many local residents turned out to witness the debate which concluded in our 2 local district councillors, Cllr Steve Good & Cllr Hilary Fenton, respectively proposing and seconding the unanimous refusal of all 3 applications. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) were not persuaded that the limited additional information provided addressed the contamination issues nor had the changes to legislation materially altered the position such that an approval could be justified; in addition it was not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the LPA that the development could be undertaken without harm to a protected species; nor was it considered that the benefits of the development outweighed the harm.

We will report further developments as they occur.

FOSHS Jumble Sale

Saturday 28 September, 2.00–4.00 pm

Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

All donations of clean and saleable jumble are welcome, and can be left at the Village Hall from 9.00 am on the day of the sale. If you need to deliver jumble before the Saturday, please contact Darren on 07872 607706.

Friends of Stanton Harcourt School – Charity No 1061604

Breakfast / Lunch Clubs

Ladies' Lunch Club: Wednesday 4th September. All

Ladies welcome, please book in advance by calling

Lilian Wetherald on 300523.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 14th September. All Men welcome at the Red Lion, Northmoor. Please book with Phil Birkett on 300545.

Xplosion Youth Group Needs You!

Awesome children in Year 6 and above are invited to join Xplosion Youth Group.

We are based at Sutton Methodist Chapel and meet every Wednesday from 7.15 pm during term time.

We're a cool and quirky bunch of people fighting the war against boredom. We provide entertainment for the youth of today and respite for their parents!

We have a variety of seasonal activities such as swimming, BBQs, theme nights, games, outdoor activities and much, much more.

New members are always welcome. Don't hesitate!

Contact Sarah Watts on 07787 549 814 for more information.

St Michael's Church 200 Club - August draw

1st 148 N Elliot

2nd 235 T Henton

3rd 153 P Gardner

4th 279 M Jenkins



Schools Out For Summer



The Stanton Harcourt Primary School has had a busy time leading up to the summer holidays, lots of activities have been taking place at and around the school. The FOSHS committee members have been instrumental in raising funds for more ICT equipment, there have been drama club performances, the usual end of year sports day plus swimming galas, concerts, the leavers service and assembly plus of course the eagerly awaited and well supported summer festival. During the unusually sunny summer holidays, governors have risen to the challenge of getting involved with some maintenance work to the school buildings and in the next academic year the school is very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lee to KS1, she has been working for a number of years at another Church School.

We hope you've enjoyed your summer holiday, but it's back to school time – Yay!

Everybody starts on Wednesday 4th September, unless you are lucky enough to be starting yr 7 or 12 then you start on Tuesday 3rd – **Good Luck!**

We look forward to hearing about all the exciting school activities in forthcoming issues, and a well deserved break of half term will be 28th October till 1st November, which includes HALLOWEEN!

♪ Stanton Harcourt Singing Group

Will be meeting weekly again at Sutton Methodist Chapel from September 3rd at 7pm.

Establishing group – new members always welcome. Cost £5 per session - payable in advance, popular songs and musicals.

For information please contact Jan Tomlinson Tel: 881709 Email: jpag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk

GigaClear Broadband

Update on progress next time!

Small Print

If you would like a copy in larger print, let us know and we'll see what we can do!

The Harcourt Arms

? Curry & Quiz is BACK! ¿

Starts Tuesday 17th September starting at 8pm

Macmillan Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning Venue

Friday 27th September 9am till 11am

Regular menu offers:

Tuesday Night

Pizza night ~ £8.95 pp

Wednesday Lunch Offer

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

Wednesday Night

Fish, chips and proper mushy peas ~ buy one at £10.50 and get the second for half price

Thursday Night

Steak night from £8.95 pp incl 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

The magic number (3)

The Parish Council is down to 3 members, but contains 6 positions! Three additional parish councillors are needed to make up the numbers to the full compliment, which by law must be accomplished as soon as is practicable. Do you fancy being a parish councillor and entering into the world of politics?

If you do, to qualify you must be:

- 18 years old or over;
- A British, Irish, Commonwealth or EU Citizen;
- Not been in prison in the last 5 years!

Normally councillors are elected; the next formal election is in 2016, until then if there are vacancies councillors can be co-opted. If you fancy taking part in Parish Council then contact the Parish Clerk.

The last Parish Council meeting was at the start of July, minutes of meetings are available on the website below.

If you'd like to sit in on a meeting you are welcome to join them in the village hall on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm (on bank holidays the meeting is moved to the following week)

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

☎ 01865 301720 ✉ trudigasser@rocketmail.com

Parish Council website: <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

Would you like to know more about Parish Council, let us know at village voice what you'd like to know and we'll do our best to find out!

*St Michael's Church and
Witney Model and Collectors' Club present*

Models, Engineering and Collectibles Exhibition

St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

**Saturday 21 September 2013,
10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Tombola • Book stall • Cake Stall

Refreshments (including bacon rolls till 11am)

A great family day out with free lego areas for children
Adults £2, children under 16 and concessions free
For further information contact Alan on 883317

Get Me To The Church On Time!

St Michael's Church

Rev Sarah Sharp

☎ 01865 880249

✉ s550sharp@btinternet.com

September

1st 9.30 am Parish Communion with Sunday School

4th Ladies Lunch Club, see article

8th 10.30 am Benefice Communion in Northmoor

Sarah's last service in the benefice, followed by a party in the village hall Northmoor, ALL WELCOME!

14th Mens Breakfast Club, see article

15th 10.30 am All Age Worship

21st Model exhibition, see article

22nd 8.00 am Holy Communion

29th 10.30 am Benefice Communion in Yelford

October

6th 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School for Harvest

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill

☎ 01865 880200

September

1st 10.00 am Local arrangement

4th Coffee Morning, see below

8th 10.00 am Mr Richard Bowler

15th 10.00 am Rev Richard Donoghue (inc Communion)

22nd 10.00 am Mr Eddie Fowler

Weds 4th September: 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

Fr Martin Flatman

☎ 07719 646790

✉ frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

September Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

September Weekday Mass

Monday 5.30pm; Tuesday 7.30pm; Wednesdays 9.30am;

Thursday 12 noon; Friday 6.00am.

Confessions on Saturdays from 6.45pm or by appointment

Ring my Bell?

Would you like to take up bell ringing? The village bell ringers are looking for committed individuals to learn to ring (no time-wasters please). If you're interested they practice most Wednesdays at St Michaels Church in the village from 8pm, with theory class at the pub from 9pm.

Bounce!

Bounce dance group meets each Saturday in Stanton Harcourt village hall and offers classes for both children and adults.

- 9-10 a.m Children's class £4 each session Jazz, Street, Contemporary
- 10-11 a.m Adult's class £5 each session. A variety of fun jazz styles are taught from Lindy Hop to the Charleston

We are a very friendly group and meet to get fit, learn exciting routines and most importantly have fun!

We welcome complete beginners and if you are interested please email: jposselwhite07@aol.com

Classes start Sept 7th for the Autumn term with Jenny Posselwhite, Dance Teacher & Eleanor Tuck, Dance Assistant

Learning to Fly

Congratulations to Alex Tomlinson for passing his Air Law exam, allowing him to fly solo and accrue further hours to apply for a pilots licence! "Tally Ho! Alex"

Lost & Found

Did you know? Stanton Harcourt had an airfield during the Second World War, RAF Stanton Harcourt was to the East of the village and many of the original buildings can still be seen today on the Harcourt Estate next to the gravel pits, the airfield was the original reason for our "Devils Quoits" being removed (now refurbished and open to walkers!).

The airbase was mainly home to Whitley & Halifax bombers and is notable for being the starting point for the raid on the German battleship Scharnhorst and for being Winston Churchill's departure point for the Casablanca conference. A Whitley from here was said to be the first British bomber to fly over Berlin in the War.

Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club

There are 2 games left on the schedule this season, with net practice starting after Christmas and the new season in the Spring. If you'd like to get involved have a chat with one of the cricketers or visit: www.stantonharcourtcc.co.uk

Speed Demon!

Do you drive through the village at excessive speed being all flash 'n' that? Please tell us why you are in such a hurry?... Where are you going?... We presume there is a good reason you drive like such an idiot on the village roads? Why not let us know what it is!

Food Recycling

Ever wondered what happens to your food waste? Find out on a tour of Cassington anaerobic digestion plant on 23rd September at 3pm. For more information or to book a place email: owp@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Leader of the pack

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group is currently without a Captain or Committee. If you fancy getting involved in the long and fine tradition of drama in the village, especially if you'd like to take on the role of captain, please speak to Jan Tomlinson, mail: jpag@dixpit.fsnet.co.uk

Travel News for September

- From the 16th September the Gaunt Mill Bridges on the way into Standlake will be closed (over the river Windrush), for about 3 weeks you will need to go via Hardwick to get to Newbridge, unless you use Moreton Lane (High Severity)
- Wouldn't it be nice to have a crossing at Bablock Hythe!
- Resurfacing work to take place on Stanton Harcourt Road South Leigh (medium severity)
- Traffic signal maintenance to take place on the Newbridge road (minor severity)
- Lee Jones is off to Hartlepool to buy a pair of exploding trousers! (comedy reference)

A note from the new editor!

As mentioned on the front page I have taken on the mantle of editing the village voice, I am Joe Deane of Sutton. I've taken this on because you lot are far too busy doing important things to do it, despite this I look forward to strongly encouraging you all to be involved with contributions, comments and other exciting adventures. If we haven't met yet I look forward to you buying me a pint of local ale in the local pub!

If you know of something happening in the village and would like it publicised, have something to say or would like to know more about something local, why not let us know!

I don't have any grand plans yet but welcome feedback, one new thing will be an online space to advertise village events and groups to compliment the monthly issue, but don't worry the paper version will remain in charge! The website is under development and can be found at: **www.village-voice.info**

In general I hope to further the good work of Phil and Linda and of the founder and my hero John Faulkner, with good content, good humour, free speech and editorial independence, washed down with a good drink.

This months fun quiz, In addition to the quiz in the village hall on the 7th, and the Pub on the 17th I've used several song titles within this issue as part of articles (at least 11) can you spot them? And do you know the songs?

AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors.

Deadline for October's issue is 20th September (but why wait till then!)

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If you don't have / don't like email then why not drop it off at the pub old school style on paper

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