



Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July & August 2014

Summer is here and this issue covers July & August, but don't worry we'll be back in September as usual. If you'd like to suggest any new ideas or even contribute a column let us know or come and have a pint with the Editor, in the meantime make hay, and silage, while the sun shines!

With this months issue you should have an insert with photos from the Festival kindly produced by David Vaughan. To see all the photos or even order your own copy visit:

www.photoboxgallery.com/sh14

Village Hall News

Are you Web Savvy?

We're looking for someone to do us a website – for free! Volunteers to email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk for the brief or to find out more.

Village Hall Quiz!

Saturday 6th September we're holding a Quiz in the Village Hall, bar and hot supper. Tickets £10 from jo@marketing-sense.co.uk. Teams of 6 or turn up and make some new friends!

Village Markets

No Markets in July and August but they will return
**Saturday 6th September, 4th October,
1st November & 6th December,**
all from 12 till 2pm at the Village Hall
*New stall holders always welcome. Email
jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.*

Finally, a call for a new bookings secretary. Call Jane on 880736 for more information of what the post involves.

Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Summer Festival 2014

So we have reached the end of another festival week and what a fabulous week it was. The sun shone all week long and the colourful bunting on houses and roads throughout the village really contributed to create a wonderfully festive atmosphere. Many congratulations to "Wildings", 6 Blackditch who won the prize for the best dressed house and well done to everyone who participated by decorating their properties and gardens. Over the course of festival week, twenty three different events were held in the village. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and hosting these and many thanks to everyone who attended events and supported many of our local village organisations. On Festival Day itself, the sun continued to shine and the "Carnival" really swung into action (well once all of the tractors had got going!). Our royal party looked splendid, the floats looked colourful and the Dixie Men certainly looked and sounded "jazzy".

The school field was really busy all afternoon. Rats went splat, goalies were beaten, bungees were run, burgers were scoffed, bottles were won, kids performed brilliantly, "Snitches" were caught (without too many injuries) and ropes were tugged. We hope that you all had an enjoyable day.

Well done to Sue Brown who was the winner of the programme prize draw.

Now that 2014 Festival has come to an end, the committee will soon be turning their thoughts to next year! If you have any ideas or suggestions for Festival 2015 or if you would like to get involved, the committee would love to hear from you!

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to making Festival week 2014 such a success.

The Festival Committee

(If you would like to get involved next year email
Jo: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We would like to show you draft proposals for a development scheme at

"Greensleeves", Blackditch, Stanton Harcourt – owned by Anne James and family

We're interested to hear what you think
Our initial idea is for **3 detached family-size houses, a new village shop with flat above, small parking area and landscaping**

Please drop in to see what we're planning and to ask us any questions

at an informal consultation event at:

**The Village Hall, Stanton Harcourt
Tuesday, 15th July, 3pm-8pm**

There will be no formal presentation – just drop by anytime between these times

If you can't attend the event but would like more information please contact Mike

Washbourne or Lydia Lambert:

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mike.washbourne@wfplanning.co.uk

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lydia.lambert@wfplanning.co.uk

urban + rural planning consultants

Unit 1 Bermondsey Exchange, 179-181
Bermondsey Street

Local Transport Plan Consutation (Witney Area)

Monday 7th July 7-8:30pm Henry Box School

Why not come along and contribute to the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which is currently being written. To confirm your attendance, please email:
ConnectingOxfordshire@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thanks from the Fox

Nasser and Julia would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the last two years. The change of use of the Fox was granted on Monday 16th of June and they are now officially our fellow village residents.

The Queens Speech!

And now a word from our new Festival Queen:
'Hi from the Festival Queen, I hope everyone had a good festival week, it was an honour to represent Stanton on the float. Although it got off to a bit of a jump start!, the float parade looked very impressive. It looked as though everyone had put a lot of effort into costumes and decorations. The school performance was also lovely, and quidditch was definitely an exciting new addition to the day. I look forward to next year and seeing everyone's take on the next theme for the Stanton Festival, as a spectator this time. I hope everyone has a good start to their summer holiday! '

Many thanks to all those who supported the coffee morning at Smithy Cottage this week. I have just sent a cheque for £100 to the Christian Aid Iraq Emergency Appeal.

Gill Salway

Sutton Singers

More singers welcome - why not come and join in the fun?

Sutton Singers would like to thank everyone who came along to our concert at the Chapel during Festival Week. We were thrilled to see the Chapel so full and we all thoroughly enjoyed performing to such an enthusiastic audience. We hope you all enjoyed listening to us as much as we enjoyed singing. Thanks to everyone who supported us and donated generously to the Chapel. Of course we could not have done it without the hard work of our fabulous singing teacher Lizzie Soden. Cheers Lizzie!

The Sutton Singers meet every Tuesday night (term time) at 7pm (to 8.30pm) at the Methodist Chapel. If you fancy having a go at singing do come along and join us – we would love to see you -especially if you are male! No previous singing experience is needed and there aren't any auditions!

For more information contact Jan
(janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

The Eynsham Arts Group is holding its Summer Exhibition

Saturday 5th July to Sunday 13th July

An exhibition of original artwork at affordable prices by local artists. Located within Eynsham's Village Square in the historic setting of the Bartholomew Rooms. Open Saturday, Sunday, Thursday and Friday between the 5th and 13th July 11am – 4:30pm



Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



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



GRANT SUCCESS! We are delighted and extremely excited to announce that our application for a West Oxfordshire District Council 'Community Facilities Grant' was successful – we have been awarded £18,300 towards play areas on The Leys and Jubilee Field. Hooray!

FESTIVAL WEEK THANKS: Our events and activities over Festival Week raised over £1,300. We are hugely grateful to the large number of people (too many to name but we love you all!) who helped out at the events and to all those who came along to join in the fun. Extra special thanks to those very kind people who held 'open gardens' with proceeds going to SHAPE.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT: with unusual rounds on antiques and crisp-flavour identification, the quiz was a great night and enjoyed by all the teams who took part. The SHAPE trophy was proudly lifted at the end of the evening by the Kavanagh family – whose high score leads us to conclude that they read lots of Mr Men books, like watching cartoons and eat Pringles regularly (and are very clever too).

WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE: thank you to everyone who bought a team: all 32 teams have been allocated. We will be handing over the prize-money to the winners of the three categories when the World Cup is over (our sincere condolences to the person who picked England out of the hat – we think it's safe to say that you won't be hearing from us).

LOCAL FUND-RAISING: it has been a long time coming, but our new village play areas are really going to happen this time. What we are able to put on the sites is down to what we can afford with the money we have raised. Thanks to the generous people in our community who made a donation in response to our Appeal, we are now over halfway towards our local-fundraising target of £20,000.

We hate asking (and we are very aware that people have supported us in other ways) but if you have children or grandchildren who will make use of the new play areas or would like to help SHAPE achieve its goal, please would you consider making a donation – even just a small amount. With exciting play areas in the village you won't have to drive elsewhere (saving money on petrol), and think of the value you will be getting out of the facilities - if you spend money on cinema tickets, meals out, family trips etc

perhaps you could donate a similar amount towards play equipment that you can enjoy again and again for years to come? Thank you...

HARCOURT GEO? A donation was made direct to the SHAPE bank account at the beginning of May from "Harcourt Geo". We would like to thank whoever made the payment but we do not know who they are or how to contact them (and the bank can't help)...if this was you, or you know who/what "Harcourt Geo" is, please would you get in touch? If this was you and you wish to remain anonymous - thank you for the generous donation!

WHAT'S NEXT? We are awaiting the outcome of our major grant application to WREN – we expect news at the end of July. In the meantime, we are getting going on the tender process in order to get quotes and appoint the best value contractor to develop the sites and supply/install the equipment. All being well, the work could start in the early autumn... Watch this space! As ever, any offers of help or ideas for the project would be gratefully received by the SHAPE committee. *To contact SHAPE please email shapecommittee@btinternet.com or call Clare on 01865 881943*

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird has been chosen by our Festival Queen. Delilah is a Masked Lapwing (Vanellus Miles), also referred to as a 'Plover', She comes from Australia and is a distant cousin to our British Lapwing which is becoming rather rare. Delilah's are quite common in Australia, they like insects mostly and the occasional frog. With spurs on their wings they're a modern day pterodactyl and have even been known to gang up on aeroplanes!



Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum Lectures

All lectures are held on Wednesdays 7pm in the Coach House to the rear of the Oxfordshire Museum Gardens in the centre of Woodstock.

Friends go free and visitors are £2.

03 September – Ramblings of a Part Time Shepherd - Tim Metcalf – Editor of Limited Edition Magazine

01 October – The Battle of Cropredy Bridge & The Oxfordshire Campaign 1644 - Stephen Barker – heritage consultant.

The End of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership

Since forming in 2007 Oxfordshire Waste Partnership has been responsible for doubling recycling rates in Oxfordshire to a massive sixty percent, making it now the highest % recycling county in the whole country. The County Council have decided to wind down the partnership this year so you'll have to keep up the good work recycling all on your own!

Parish Council Updates

Next PC Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is **Mon 14th July** (a week later than usual), there will be no meeting in August and September's meeting will be **Mon 15th September** (in the Main Hall).

Hedge trimming on Footpaths – keep trim

The Parish Council would like to request that all landowners whose property borders a footpath ensure that their hedges etc are trimmed to allow maximum space for the path – the footpath should be at least 5 feet wide and clear of any growth. If you are unable to carry out the work yourself, please contact the Clerk, who may be able to recommend someone to carry out to work for you at a very reasonable rate.

Canine Control

Dog owners are kindly requested to ensure their dogs are kept under control at all times, whether on or off the lead. This also includes clearing up any dog droppings and placing in the dog bins provided in the village.

The Leys Footpath – a request to horse riders

Please try your very best to prevent your horse from fouling the Leys footpath. If you feel your horse is about to relieve itself, please move to the verge of the path, rather than leaving a deposit for walkers and cyclists to encounter on the footpath.

The first hurdle crossed

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that their Playground committee, SHAPE, has been successful in their bid for funding for playgrounds in the village. They have been awarded a grant by West Oxfordshire District Council. The Parish Council would like to congratulate Clare, Sally and the rest of the Committee and thank them for all their efforts.

Another successful Festival

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to the Festival Committee for yet another successful Festival Week

Tree Protectors on the Green

The tree protectors have been re-installed on the bases of the trees on the green to prevent further damage from strimmers used to cut the grass.

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>

This Month a Brain-Teaser!

A man is pushing his car towards a hotel. He knows that when he gets there he will be bankrupt. Why?

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 thoroughly enjoyed our first Summer Festival week in Sutton and Stanton Harcourt. It was lovely to experience such a variety of events and friendly hospitality and to help raise money for various good causes including the church and wasn't the weather kind to us?

Our first Taizé service was well attended and will be a regular fixture on the second Sunday evening of the month, except for August when we will be away on holiday.

On Tuesday 26th August 12-2pm, we will be hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Rectory Garden, for young children WITH their parents or carers. We will provide ice cream and drinks and hopefully another fine sunny day.

With love and prayers, *Rev Drew and Billie Tweedy*

July

6th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
13th 10:30am	Benefice Communion	Yelford
6:00pm	Taizé Prayer Service	Stanton Harcourt
20th 10:30am	Family Service with Baptism	Stanton Harcourt
27th 8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt

August

3rd 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
10th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor
17th 10:30	Family Service	Stanton Harcourt
24th 8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt
31st 10:30am 6:00pm	Benefice Communion Informal Evening Service	Yelford Venue TBC

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am in St Giles Standlake

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

July	Sunday 6th 10am	Mr Owen Carney
	Sunday 13th 10am	Local Arrangement
	Sunday 20th 10am	Mr David Tee
	Sunday 27th 10:30am	Service at High Street Witney
August	Sunday 3rd 10am	Mr Eddie Fowler

Wed 2nd July & 6th August: 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.

Deadline for next issue is **20th August**
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

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

The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

Fr Martin Flatman

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Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Special Events of the Season

The beginning of World War 1 and all those lost to us in it will be commemorated on Sunday 3rd August at the 10am Mass.

*** New Feature – Recipe of the Month! ***

Fromage Frais Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

Take advantage of all the delicious strawberries that are available at the moment to make this summery cheesecake. Made with cream cheese and fromage frais, this is a deliciously light cheesecake that makes a perfect fruity summer treat.

Base:

175g sweet oat biscuits or digestives

50g butter (melted)

50g coarsely chopped toasted hazelnuts

Filling:

350g full fat cream cheese

350g fromage frais

3 large eggs

175g caster sugar

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Topping:

700g strawberries (hulled) ((stalks and hard bits removed))

2 level tablespoons caster sugar

Use a 23cm springform baking tin

Pre heat oven to 150C (300F, gas 2)

1. Crush the biscuits (in a food processor or place in a plastic bag and bash with a rolling pin) then mix with the melted butter and stir in the hazelnuts. Press the mixture firmly into the base of the tin and put in fridge to firm up.
2. Combine all the filling ingredients in a bowl and beat everything together using a hand mixer (or use a food processor). Pour the mixture over the biscuit base. Place tin on the centre shelf of the oven and cook for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, turn the oven off but leave the cheesecake in the cooling oven until completely cold. Remove from the oven, release from tin and place on a plate. Cover and chill until needed.
3. Put 250g of the strawberries in a bowl, sprinkle with the caster sugar and leave to soak for 30 minutes. Put this mixture into a processor and puree. Pass this through a nylon sieve to remove the seeds.
4. To serve, arrange the remaining strawberries on top of the cheesecake and spoon some of the puree over them. Serve the remaining puree as a sauce with the cheesecake.

Recipe from: The Sutton Glutton!

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