
VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July & August 2023

Calendar – July & August 2023

Saturday 1st July – Men's Breakfast

Monday 3rd July, 7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall

Wednesday 5th July, 10.00am – Café at the Chapel

Saturday 15th July, 12pm – Village Market

Saturday 29th July, 12pm – Beer Festival

Every Thursday – Lunch Club (see entry for contact details)

Every Tuesday (term time) – 7pm Sutton Singers (see entry for contact details – last session this term is 11th July)

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all involved in the Festival

Well, another festival has come to a close and it has been a great success. On behalf of the Parish Council, a huge thank you to all involved up front and behind the scenes. It's a huge task that is undertaken each year with endless energy. We look forward to next year to see what happens next.

Want to help make a difference? Elections May 2024

The Parish Council is made up of a group of volunteers that work for you, to improve our parish. Being a Parish Councillor gives you an opportunity to get more involved, play a part in making decisions and to get to know more people. The Parish Council meets once a month as well as working with the district and county councils. If you think you have skills and the time to join us, please keep a look out for the details on the Parish Council website for details early next year. If you do want any more details, please contact the Parish Council

Are you entitled to council tax help?

You may not know but some people are eligible for help with their council tax. This can be people who are the only adult in the household, people on low income and certain benefits and people with disabilities. This is not an exhaustive list and further details on the help and how to check if you are

eligible can be found on the West Oxfordshire website. <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-support/>

School transport

Arrangements for school transport (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>) concern all the pupils who get the bus to Eynsham secondary school and there are concerns that OCC hasn't handled recent changes well and we have apologised to parents who have been affected. The Council provides more than it is required to do by law, and more than its funding permits, but then the law doesn't reflect the real needs of residents or the unfairness that a fixed policy creates. A working party has recommended some substantial changes. Where there are issues, OCC are committed to finding solutions. OCC are pleased that the First and Last service, run by a brilliant volunteer team, is a key provider of services into Bartholomew from the south and are grateful that parents entrust their children to the service. That provides a win-win: a good school service and a regular timetabled bus. They are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers.

Speedwatch needs you

The Speedwatch scheme is a community initiative that helps the Police combat speeding. The scheme has recently undergone huge changes and is now more successful than ever. There are people who have undergone the training, but the scheme needs someone to lead it. Do you think you could be that person? If so, please contact the Parish Council for details on how to take this further.

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Vacancy

Parish Council Information

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

Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club

There has been a mixed start to the season at Stanton Harcourt CC. The wet weather in May meant many games were cancelled and our run in the Village Knock Out Cup was brief, with an away loss on a soggy field in Gloucestershire.

Both 1st and 2nd teams have struggled to gather momentum with a number of losses. However, players are working hard on their technique thanks to a bowling machine generously donated by the parish council. The machine can hurl the ball down at terrifying speeds of up to 99mph! Preparing us for the likes of Shipton Under Wychwood.

Our junior section continues to expand, and this summer we entered a hard ball league for the first time. The U13 team recently gave the seniors a demonstration of how it's done with a sparkling victory over Cumnor CC.

We are also proud to announce that we have started a women's cricket evening. The ladies practise every Monday from 6 – 7.30pm with time for refreshments after. There are a range of ages and levels of experience, but we would welcome absolutely anyone to come along and give it a try. The emphasis is very much on participation and having fun. League matches take place every Saturday at the club from mid-day and we welcome all residents to come along, support your village and refresh yourselves at the club bar. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Edwin Apps, Chair SHCC edwinapps@me.com

Village Shop & Post Office

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



Monthly Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meet ups are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am to c. 09:15, for a breakfast & general social chat. Price of a Full English, with tea/ coffee & toast currently £12 per head, other breakfasts available off the menu. Open invitation to all, but anyone who would like to come along please let Rob Brown know by text/ or tel on 07957 664117 or email rlindsaybrown@btinternet.com so he can give the Arms nos by the Thursday beforehand.

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice

July

Sunday 2nd

08:30 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) followed by breakfast

Sunday 9th

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Saturday 29th

Beer Festival! From 12noon - 22:00hrs at the church!

Sunday 30th

10:00 Café Church, St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

August

Sunday 6th

08:30 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) followed by breakfast

Sunday 13th

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm we have a short service of Compline via Zoom.

Thursday mornings we have Early Bird Prayer at 7:30am via Zoom.

All Zoom codes can be found on www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice (Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush Benefice website:

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/

SUTTON CHAPEL

Service – Sunday 8th July at 3.00 PM.

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month

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Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces? Your local Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Branch wants to reach out to you and your family. Anyone who has served for at least one day in the UK Armed Forces, whether as a regular or a reservist, can access our support. We can offer social contact/companionship and information on sources of help. But we don't know who you are! We would love you to contact us and/or join your local branch.

Rachel Elliott: elliottcains@gmail.com

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BEER FESTIVAL

**STANTON HARCOURT
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

LAST SATURDAY IN JULY



CRAFT BEER REAL ALES

HOT FOOD CIDER

WINE SOFT DRINKS



LOWERWINDRUSHBENEFICE.ORG

**CAFE AT THE CHAPEL
EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH
NEXT CAFE
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 10.00 - 12.00**

**FRESH ROASTED COFFEE
SELECTION OF TEAS
TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT
BUTTERED TOAST.
BOOKS AND GIFTS SALE TABLE TO BROWSE
WE WOULD LOVE
TO SEE YOU!**



THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

We meet every Thursday at Northmoor Village Hall between 12 noon and 2 pm and welcome residents from Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor and Standlake. We have been running for 19 years now and our members look forward to Thursdays to get out of the house to enjoy a good lunch and meet up with many other local people.

We have several excellent cooks but would always welcome anyone else interested in providing a wholesome Lunch and Pudding. If you think you or

someone you know would benefit from joining us, please contact Anna Cross 881363 or Michael Druce 300480.

Sutton Singers.

Sutton Singers would like to thank everyone who came along to our concert in Festival Week. We had a fabulous time sharing our 10th anniversary celebration in songs. We took the audience on a journey through our development over those 10 years. We are grateful for your generous donations for Sutton Singers and Chapel funds. Sutton Singers continue to meet on Tuesdays during term time at 7pm. We meet until 11/7/23. Would you like to sing? These next



few weeks is the perfect time to come and join in the joy and fun of singing together as we try out some

new songs. No auditions needed. We welcome new members, have parties sometimes and our Musical Director is a joy to work with, fun, encouraging and says everyone can sing!



Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson on Phone: 01865 881709 or email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

VILLAGE MARKET

July 15th
NO MARKET IN AUGUST
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December 9th - Christmas Market

The markets are open from 12 -2pm and the Village Hall Committee sell bacon rolls, homemade soup & cakes along with ground coffee & tea from the Cafe.

We always have a lovely selection of stalls selling plants and crafts, cards and gifts, homemade cakes and local produce. New stallholders are always welcome. We provide a table and chairs and there's no charge for having a stall.

Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Summer Festival 2023 "Stanton in Wonderland"

Our Alice in Wonderland themed Festival week has drawn to a close and what a magical and adventuresome week it has been! We hope you have enjoyed it.

The amazing Dan Barton and his crew got us into the festival spirit by transforming the village into a wonderland with his amazing installations of Alice in Wonderland figures. We hope you enjoyed seeing them. Well done Dan!



We hope that you enjoyed all the events that took place during the week. We had more events taking place than we have ever had before and we were blessed with gloriously sunny weather all week long too! Over the course of the week we enjoyed: The Watermill Theatre,



the Church flower festival, Tea in the Garden, the Big Brunch, a Pig Roast, a guided tour of the church, a Lego display, Wine and Canapes, the classic car show (it's getting bigger!), the Sutton Singers 10th Anniversary concert, small and big bell ringing, Pizza (92 of them!), Mad Hatters Tea Parties, a Block Printing workshop, Beers and burgers, Cream Teas, Pictures, Plonk and Bone Saddle, Manor House Tours, BBQ and Games and a lively night of festivities at the Harcourt Arms! It was all "Wonderful" – what a week!



We extend a huge thank you to all those who organised and attended events during the week. We will update you on how much money has been raised in due course. Charities and organisations that have benefitted include: The Village Hall, FOSHS, St. Michael's Church, The Methodist Chapel, Sutton Singers, Toddler Group, The MS Society, Sunshine Cat Rescue, Penny Bohn UK, Unicef Ukraine Appeal, The British Legion and Oxpips,

It was warm and sunny again for Festival Day itself and it was great to see so many people enjoying the Fete on the school field. Well done to everyone who was involved in creating floats and running stalls. Thank you again to Phil Taylor for providing the Royal Carriage and to Tim Fenna for the "tow"! Steve Tuck, you were a fabulous MC yet again and we loved your outlandish Mad Hatter costume.

In the arena we were entertained by traditional Morris Dancing, Modern dancing, impressive Martial Arts skills, songs from the school choir, some "flipping" good scooter stunts and intriguing "close up" magic tricks around the field.



Prize winners announced on the day were: House Decorating – Duck End Cottage, Lucky Programme Number – 248 – winner Pat Petland has generously donated her cash prize to the charity Oxpips, Fancy Dress/Hat – Astrid Winter and Sian Hampson. Well done all!

There are already some great pictures of the day on both the village and the summer festival FB pages – thank you all for posting pictures and do keep them coming.



The committee would like to say thanks to all those who helped us to get ready for festival day and with the big clear up afterwards including selling programmes, bunting operations and the heavy lifting work on Friday and Sunday. We couldn't do it without all your help and it is much appreciated. The committee are looking forward to a bit of a rest now, but we will be starting to plan Festival 2024 very soon! We always welcome new committee members to help spread the load for the next year. Please do consider joining us and get in touch if you would like to get involved or have ideas for a theme or events for next year. (Festival contact email jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)



The Festival Committee