



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

February 2016



Happy New Year and welcome to February's edition! The picture above is of Martin Luther King Jr as it was MLK Day!

## January

30<sup>th</sup> Open Mic Night

## February

1st Parish Council Meeting

9th Tuesday Girls

12th Mobile Library Visit

26th Mobile Library Visit

27th Pantomime Screening and Drama Group AGM

## June

18<sup>th</sup> Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival



## Open Mic & Social Night

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 p.m.- 11.00 p.m.

For more info contact Phil Pryse at: [pjpryse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pjpryse@hotmail.co.uk)

Please note: the excellent village emails with news and events are now coming from:

[news@stantonharcourtandsutton.co.uk](mailto:news@stantonharcourtandsutton.co.uk)

If you haven't received any in a couple of days, check it's not ending up in your spam box (or if you find computers as helpful as I do - get a youngster to sort it out for you!)

## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival

Would like to announce this year's theme for the 2016 Festival



## "Stanton at Sea"

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

This year we have:

- Rig up your house
  - Open events throughout the week
- On Festival Day itself we have
- Performances, Attractions, Rides, Stalls, Beer Tent, BBQ, plus much more...

Information/General enquiries:

[jowilby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)

Open Events Week:

[rich.thom@btinternet.com](mailto:rich.thom@btinternet.com) or [mikeparker12@gmail.com](mailto:mikeparker12@gmail.com)

Stalls on the day:

[may.powell5@gmail.com](mailto:may.powell5@gmail.com) or [dan@dcbarton.co.uk](mailto:dan@dcbarton.co.uk) or

[Clare.mert.clare@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.mert.clare@gmail.com)

Festival Programme:

[gill@gillmason.com](mailto:gill@gillmason.com)

## St Michael's Church 200 Club

### December draw

1st 120 M Hill	3rd 153 P Gardner
2nd 230 J Adcock	4th 223 A Moxham



## Your Village Needs you!

An Election for the six Stanton Harcourt Parish Councillors is due to take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> if enough candidates stand. If less than six stand, those offering themselves will automatically be elected. There are eleven meetings a year and West Oxfordshire District Lowlands Planning Committee consult the Council on Planning Applications in the parish. Help guide the future of your Community. Present Councillors or the Parish Clerk (Trudi Gasser- [trudigasser@rocketmail.com](mailto:trudigasser@rocketmail.com)) would be happy to answer questions.

**Yes YOU can bring democracy to the rural village of Stanton Harcourt!** If 7 or more grown ups submit their nomination there will be an election for Parish Council.

## You have the Power!

Nominations for councillors will open 30th March and the absolute deadline is **7th April!** nomination packs will be available from the clerk around the middle of March.

*Last time i counted you all; there were around a thousand grown ups in the village eligible to run (and buy me a beer).*

If you're worried about being a newbie, I'll run with you, and I'll even make tea at the meetings and bring biscuits, all you have to do is run, and buy me a beer(optional)!

*Don't forget, America has a tendency to invade places that aren't democratic and impose American democracy, so if we don't sort it out the British way, the drone may not just be from me!*

From what the Returning Officer tells me is a "long and painful story" nominations have to be delivered in person (any person), but we'll worry about that in April.....

**And don't forget** if you're not registered to vote (shame on you!) you have till the **18th April** to register to vote online or by traditional methods so you can vote in May. Ed : )



## Your Village Drama Group Also Needs YOU!

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## EYNESHAM EMPORIUM

"An enjoyable mix of shopping & relaxed hospitality"

*Uncommon Gifts,  
with space for everyone,  
and serving food all day...*

Open 8.30-5pm Monday to Friday  
9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717.  
info: [www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk](http://www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk)  
32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

## Stanton Harcourt Drama Group

We hope everyone enjoyed last Summer's drama group production as much as we did, and we hope that William Shakespeare forgives us! We're now busy planning for our next show, which should be at the start of this year's Summer Festival. We are also looking ahead to staging another pantomime, something we could really do with during these Winter months and something that has been missing from our calendar for too many years, I feel. I will publish more information on future performances, just as soon as I can. Meanwhile, here are a couple of events for your diary.

### **Pantomime Screening – Open to All – Free Entry**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2PM in the small village hall**

Please bring your family along for a screening of one of our previous pantomimes on the big(ish) screen. Drinks and snacks will be available.

We especially welcome budding performers and theatre fanatics of all ages; come along and find out more about the drama group.

### **Drama Group AGM**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4PM in the small village hall**

Immediately following the screening, we will hold our AGM. Anyone interested in the drama group is welcome to attend, join the discussion and vote on any resolutions.

Full details will be posted nearer to the time via village email and our new Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StantonHarcourtDrama](http://www.facebook.com/StantonHarcourtDrama) or you can contact me directly.

If you are interested in joining the drama group, please get in touch – we would love to have some more performers, but also need people that can help out with everything - writing and directing, set design and props, sound and lighting, ticket sales and front-of-house.

Steve Tuck (SHDG Chair) 01865 880306  
[steve.tuck@mail.com](mailto:steve.tuck@mail.com)

## St Michael's Church Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets and donated the wonderful prizes; to the Tuesday Girls for providing the Christmas Hamper and hosting the Draw and to Rev. Drew for pulling the winning tickets. £670.50 was raised for St. Michael's Church.

St Michael's Church Fundraisers.

## Sutton Singers

Anyone who enjoys singing, we would welcome you at Sutton Singers. We are a singing group who meet every Tuesday in term time, 7-8.30 pm at the Methodist chapel in Sutton. We are led by Lizzie, a fantastic Musical Director, who gets the best out of us. No auditions or solo singing, just good fun. Please call Jan Tomlinson on 881709 or Penny Swiergon on 596164 for more details. Or just come along.

## Village Hall Post Office & Shop

### **Shop opening times:**

Tues & Thurs: 7am-12.30pm, Mon, Wed & Fri: 7am-12noon

Saturdays: 8am-12.30pm, Sundays: 8am-12noon

### **Post Office service:**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12.30pm

[www.stantonharcourtvillegehall.co.uk](http://www.stantonharcourtvillegehall.co.uk)

## In Memory of Maggie

Following a short illness, sadly Margaret Hurcombe (Maggie) died in early December. She loved her time in the Village running the Village Shop and Post Office and wanted to thank all of the really good friends and neighbours who she got to know there. She is to be buried quietly in a forest in Cheshire with all of her family around her.

## Tuesday Girls

After our theatre trip and Christmas Festivities we are back to meeting as normal in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month.

Our speaker for our next get together is Eric Tupper who will be showing us some of his fabulous travel photos So if you would like to brighten up a dark evening and banish those winter blues come along on:

**Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm**

For further details contact Kay Harvey 883590

## School News

### **Early Bird Readers**

We are very grateful for all the people who have volunteered to be part of The Early Bird Readers at Stanton Harcourt Primary School. The scheme is open to all members of the community and our volunteers have been getting to know our young readers and listening to them read. It is not too late to be part of this, commit as often or as little as you like. Please contact the school office 01865 881948 if you'd like to know more.



### **3 is the Magic Number!**

If you've recently been having babies and you'd like them to attend pre-school (age 3 upwards) or actual school at Stanton Harcourt, please contact the school office and let them know so that they are aware of your precious ones and can plan space and staff for them!

[www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk](http://www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk)

01865 881948

[office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk)

## Stanton Harcourt Mobile Library Visit

The West Mobile Library provides a library service to the people of West Oxfordshire - a complete list of mobile stops and online library services can be found on the Oxfordshire Library Website

([www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk)). With

over 2500 books on board there is a comprehensive range of adult and children's titles, both fiction and non-fiction including large print as well as audio books. Any valid Oxfordshire Library Card can be used on the Mobile Library and any book borrowed from another Oxfordshire Library can be returned to the Mobile.



We visit Stanton Harcourt every alternate Friday and the van will stop at:

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall 11.30 – 12.00**

Future dates for Mobile Library visits are:

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar,**

**Happy reading**

## The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is Renée, and she is a Rook. Rooks are in the crow family, but unlike crows they are far more sociable. We've included Renée as a bunch of Rooks is called a Parliament, and if you hadn't noticed we're big on the elections this month. Rook's mostly eat worms - nice! And they are village dwellers like us and cannot stand the noisy smelly towns and cities.



### An advert on advertising

If you would like to advertise in village voice, please contact the Parish Council clerk to agree costs and requirements.

## Parish Council News

**NEXT PC MEETING:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 7:30pm

### POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL PLANNING APPLICATION – MAIN ROAD, STANTON HARCOURT

Gladman Developments are proposing to submit an outline planning application for approximately 50 new homes on the site of the former WW2 Airfield off Main Street.

They will shortly be undertaking consultation with nearby residents to the site by distributing a leaflet detailing their proposals and placing an advert in the Witney Gazette. Prior to the distribution of the leaflets and the advert being placed they will be also issuing a press release giving a broad outline of our proposals. They will hold a public exhibition in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd February between 5.30pm and 9pm.

The feedback received from the public consultation will help shape the proposals in their planning application.

### HANSONS' LORRIES

Oxfordshire County Council has been informed of illegal breaches of the Hanson routing agreement through Sutton on the B4449 on a large number of occasions in December and January and illegal use of the road through Stanton Harcourt by Hansons' HGVs over 7.5 tonnes. Enforcement measures are being considered by OCC Legal Department.

### SHPC PRECEPT

Present plans for the PC are for a Precept of £18.5k compared with £19.5k last year – indeed we have reduced our requirement by £1k.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Charles Mathew has been and will continue to discuss the future of the 18 bus in light of the potential ceasing of Oxfordshire County Council subsidy (£180k per annum). While every effort will be made to retain some service, passengers need to at least double to ensure viability/survival.

### OCC BUDGET

OCC is discussing its budget at Cabinet on 26th January and it will then be presented to full Council of 16th February. The decline in funding from Central Government is resulting in the unenviable situation of having to impose very unwelcome cuts such as Children's Centres and Rural Bus Services.

### WAY FORWARD AGREED FOR WODC LOCAL PLAN

Cabinet Members at West Oxfordshire District Council have now agreed a timetable for taking the Local Plan forward. Planning Inspector Simon Emerson had previously recommended that elements of the Plan should be reconsidered including the overall housing target.

As a result, planners will now commission further research which will include a partial update of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for West Oxfordshire and consult later in the year on proposed changes to the Plan before reconvening the examination.

The Council is now asking the Inspector to suspend the Plan for 12 months while the changes are drawn up and considered. More information can be found at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2031](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2031)

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Government is urging local communities to get behind projects to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. A number of events are being encouraged, a couple of which the Parish Council would like to join in:

- **Beacon Lighting Ceremony on 21 April 2016**
- **Clean for the Queen - a campaign initiated by Keep Britain Tidy** *The Parish Council will be arranging their Annual Village Litter Pick – details will be communicated in the very near future.*
- **Street parties – official birthday weekend on Sunday 12 June** *The Parish Council would like to hold a street party to celebrate – we would like to form a Committee of 3-4 people, including input from the Parish Council – if you would like to be a member of the Committee and would like to help with organising a party, please contact the clerk, Trudi Gasser ([trudigasser@rocketmail.com](mailto:trudigasser@rocketmail.com))*

**Planning appeal relating to the extension to site area of aggregate recycling facility** At Sheehan Recycled Aggregates Plant, Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt, OX29 5BB. An appeal has been made by Sheehan Haulage and Plant Hire Ltd against the refusal of planning permission by Oxfordshire County Council for the above proposed development. A public inquiry will take place at South Leigh Village Hall, Oxford, OX29 6UR,

on Tuesday 26th January 2016, at which your Parish Council Chairman made representations on behalf of the Parish Council. An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 6 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will attend at the above place, date and time to decide the appeal. The planning inspector will be G Hill BSc DipTP MRTPI. Documents relating to the appeal, including the completed questionnaire, statements of case, proofs of evidence, summaries and statement of common ground can be viewed on the e-planning website <http://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk> using reference MW.0003/14 or at the Council's offices by prior arrangement.

The decision will be published on the Planning Portal website [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk)

### MOTORISTS ADVISED TO STEER CLEAR OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Motorists obstructing traffic by parking illegally at any time of the day or night are at risk of receiving penalty charge notices from West Oxfordshire District Council.

The location of parking restrictions is decided by Oxfordshire County Council, but West Oxfordshire District Council has the responsibility for enforcing regulations.

A Penalty Charge Notice payment for parking on double yellow lines is £70.

### 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)

Parish Council website:

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

### Witney Music Society

The penultimate concert in our 50th anniversary season will be given by Alessandro Ruisi (violin) - a selected artist under the Countess of Munster Musical Trust scheme - and Dina Duisen (piano). The concert, which will include sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and Franck, is at 7.30pm on Friday 12 February at Wood Green School. Tickets will be available at the door from 7pm. For more information, please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

## Royal British Legion

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.  
*Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772*



## Rotary Club of Eynsham

**Date for the Diary: Charity Film Night - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 – Eynsham Village Hall – ‘A Private Function’** Another opportunity to enjoy a village event, hosted by John Richards, Eynsham Cinema and the Rotary Club of Eynsham, in support of 2 deserving charities: Helen and Douglas House and Young Dementia UK.

### Santa tour update

A 'big thank you' to the residents of Eynsham, Cassington, Sutton, Stanton Harcourt, Freeland and Long Hanborough for helping us to raise funds for charity during the tour of Santa.

Santa's sleigh is in need of a new home under cover, to keep it in good condition until the next Santa tour in 2016. If anyone can help, please contact Harold Jerred on 01865 881869.

### Toll Bridge collection 28<sup>th</sup> December

Another 'big thank you' to those who contributed to our Toll Bridge Charity Day collection. The money received for both events will go a long way in helping us to support areas of need, mainly in the local community.

### Friends of TOM (The Oxfordshire Museum) Lectures

6th February - Real Courtly Love  
20th Feb The Loves of the Unicorn  
[www.FriendsOfTom.co.uk](http://www.FriendsOfTom.co.uk)

### 6 Nations Rugby

At Northmoor Village Hall's 'Giant' Screen  
6th Feb: 4:50pm

### Lower Windrush Historical Society

"Beer Sausages and Marmalade"

A talk, 2nd Feb 8pm Standlake Village Hall  
members 50p, on the door £3:50

### New law to improve tenants' safety

Private Landlords are now required by 'The Law' to install smoke alarms in rented properties and also if they burn solid fuel carbon monoxide alarms too, and check they function correctly at the start of each tenancy. If this applies to you and you don't have one - remind the landlord - It's The Law.

### The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

### Fr Martin Flatman

☎07719 646790 ✉[frmartinflatman@gmail.com](mailto:frmartinflatman@gmail.com)

Website: [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

### Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy  
Saturday Mass 7.30pm

### Special Events

#### 6<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Feast

- 10:30 - 1:30 in the Tolkien Room

#### 8<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday

- 10 am and 8pm Mass

#### 17<sup>th</sup> February - J R R Tolkien

- 7:30pm a talk by Fr Martin

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

### February

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Rev Paul Weir
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Rev Michael Langley
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Mrs Dawn Haley

### Coffee Morning – 3rd February

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.

### 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](mailto:sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk)

### February

7 <sup>th</sup> 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes	Standlake
14 <sup>th</sup> 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor
2:30	Messy Church	Standlake
21 <sup>st</sup> 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
6:00	Taize Service	Stanton Harcourt
28 <sup>th</sup> 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt

### Lent Course

Our Lent Course, open to everyone, not just church members, will be based around the film about Stephen Hawking; 'The Theory of Everything'. There will be five sessions, running on Wednesday evenings (17 Feb to 16 Mch) at the Rectory and on Monday mornings (22 Feb to 21 Mch) at the Ferryman Inn (participants attend one or the other). Each session will include a video extract from the film, group discussion questions and a meditation. The sessions at the Ferryman will include an optional soup lunch. Contact: Rev Drew and Billie Tweedy 880914.

### Sunday School

Residents with children may not be aware that St Michael's Church has an excellent Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month during the 9.30 service. With teaching and craft activities based on Bible stories and good fun for all.

### Recipe of the Month

#### Democracy

Ingredients: 7 Villagers

#### A note to housing developers

Hi, I see you are planning to build new houses, in the village. I also see some will be affordable - awesome, perhaps i can buy one! On my government salary the maximum mortgage I can get is 150k, so can you make affordable mean less than this?

Thanks for that, the editor.

**Deadline for next issue is 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month**  
**[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)**

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

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