

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

March 2014



Stanton Harcourt and
Sutton Festival
Committee Would like to
announce this year's
festival theme....

"The Carnival"

Comes to Stanton Harcourt and
Sutton **21st June 2014**

Watch this space for more information

Want to get involved:
jowilby@hotmail.co.uk



SHAPE TEEN DISCO

Saturday 29th March 7:30 – 9:30pm
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Everyone from school years 7 - 11 welcome –
to party!

Tuck shop selling hotdogs, crisps, drinks and
chocolate! Tickets £3 each – available from
the Village Shop or reserve in advance by
emailing shapecommittee@btinternet.com

A **SYC (SHAPE Youth Committee)** event raising
the roof & money for our new village play areas
'DA BEST CLUB FOR MILES AROUND!'

Police Local Have Your Say (HYS) Dates

The Neighbourhood Police Team will be nearby on:
5th March 3-4pm Stanton Harcourt (Pub/shop)

Small Breakfast

15th March 9.00–11.00am

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

St Michael's Church 200 Club February draw

1st 218 J Holland	3rd 178 K Osman
2nd 105 P Burden	4th 212 D Hibberd

Quiz: DROANMEDA

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

Tickets selling fast – don't miss out!

**Friday 7th March, 7.30pm in Stanton
Harcourt Village Hall (doors open 7pm)**

SHAPE and St Michael's Church are proud to
present an evening of food and
entertainment. Come along and be amazed
by award-winning close-up magician (and
Sutton boy) Sam Strange who will be
performing as you eat, and enjoy music and
acts performed by local talent.

Don't leave it too late to get your tickets for
this unique and exciting event – it's going to
be a sell-out!

**Tickets £10 adults / £8 children under 12
available from the Village Shop or contact
Sally Simmonds (884320), Clare Rich
(881943) or Jane Watts (882361)**



Please spare some time for a clean-up

We are organising a litter pick, and
we need willing volunteers to come
along and help us keep our lovely
village tidy.

Please come along to show your support for the village
and help make a real difference to your local
environment.

We'll be meeting at the Village Hall at **10am on
Sunday 23rd March**. All are welcome, including
children!

**Although the council will be lending us all of the
equipment, including grabbers and bags, you'll
need to wear sturdy footwear and clothing
appropriate for the weather.**

You can spend as little or as much time as you want
and limit yourself to the easy paths, or go cross-
country for some extreme picking!

**We will also be tidying the trees in the
Jubilee Field and weeding the area – so
we are also appealing for any green-
fingered residents to come along and
help.**

....as the saying goes 'many hands make
light work' – so the more people that come
along and help, the faster the job can be
done!



Gigaclear Demonstration Day

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Saturday 12th April, 9.30 - 4pm**

SHAPE NEWS

To contact SHAPE please email
shapecommittee@btinternet.com or call Clare on
01865 881943

SHAPE Village Consultation - thank you to everybody who came along to see the draft designs for Jubilee Field and The Leys and to listen to SHAPE and the Youth Committee's presentations. The attendance (over 100 people) surpassed our expectations, and we were pleased to be able to discuss the plans, address concerns and answer questions. We would be very grateful if anybody who attended but did not complete a form could spare 5 minutes to email a comment on the plans and SHAPE's project (evidence of community engagement is really important to our grant applications):

The Great Village 100 mile Run

Sunday 9th March, Steady's Lane

Dust off your trainers!

SHAPE has set a challenge...can we muster enough young legs and older legs to run, jog or walk a grand total of 100 miles (or more)?

Participants can choose to run any distance from 1/2 mile upwards along Steady's Lane (a tarmacked, traffic-free route).

10am start (for participants running under 1 mile)
/ 10.20 start for participants running over 1 mile

Adult participants: £3 entry fee (payable on day) / children are asked to collect sponsorship – with a medal awarded to all under 16s taking part

If you'd rather wear wellies than trainers, we still need volunteers to help on the day (marshalling and totting up the miles).

For an entry form / sponsorship form, please contact us with your name and address.

Fund-raising - Now our play areas plans are in place, we need to secure the funding to make it happen! We will soon be submitting a grant application to WREN which we hope will fund the bulk of the project, but we now need our community's support to help reach a target of £20,000 locally. Are you able to help with fund-raising ideas or activities? The SHAPE team need your support!

Magnificent Support!

New helpers would be very warmly welcomed at the West Oxfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Society physio sessions held in Burwell Hall, Witney each Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30. Duties include putting out chairs, helping with teas and coffees, handing out equipment. Even if you can only manage one week a month, that would be great. For more information please see: http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/news/opinions/volvoice/10966196.Magnificent_support_for_MS_sufferers/

Spring at The Parsonage House

March 23rd 12 noon till 6pm

Some of you may remember spring at The Parsonage House in 2013- there were no daffodils to be seen because the weather had been so cold, it snowed, and yet an amazing number of people turned up and enjoyed refreshments al fresco dressed in arctic gear. We hope that things will be a lot kinder this year and Charles and Nolly Mathew have kindly agreed to open their gardens again so that all can enjoy the spring flowers. Refreshments will be available; donations in aid of St Michael's.

Parish Council Updates

Next PC Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is **Mon 3rd March**.

SHAPE Support

In support of SHAPE's application to apply for funding to develop playgrounds in the village, the Parish Council has written the following letter of support:

To whom it may concern

I am writing as the Chairman of Stanton Harcourt Parish Council to support enthusiastically the application by our playground Committee for a WREN grant of £75,000; the success of this Application would provide well needed playground facilities at Jubilee Field and the Leys for the youngsters and youth of this village and open air relaxation areas for the more elderly.

I very much hope that our dream will become reality with your kind help

Yours sincerely

Charles Mathew

Chairman Stanton Harcourt Parish Council

Letters also written concerning:

- HGV traffic at Newbridge to Trading Standards
- Rubbish on the Haul Road to the Tip operators

Gravel

West Oxfordshire is to be extracting a little less with more of an equal share being undertaken by South Oxfordshire for info see:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/minerals-and-waste-policy - and if you have comments you can write to: mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Don't forget the litter pick on Sunday the 23rd! Please come and help keep Stanton Tidy!

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>



Page 3 Bird

This month's page 3 bird is Babbs! Babbs is a Barn Owl, and a big girl she is too! Babbs enjoys hangin' out in



hedgerows and chillin' down on the farm, but don't be fooled by her cute looks- she eats her dinner alive! Mostly mice, voles and shrews – yummy!

Nearly wiped out by the use of DDT during the 50's and 60's, barn owls are now making a comeback. Babbs studied Classics at Oxford and her Latin name is 'Tyto Alba'.

Quiz: JAR AMOURS

Rozza Review

There have been a few changes to the Neighborhood Police Team, we've included the team below to keep you up to speed, along with contact details so you can fight crime **on a daily basis!**



Inspector
Ollie Holland



Sergeant
Philippa
Payne



PC Dale
Schnelting
(Schools)



PC Martyn
McHale



PCSO
Helen Keen



PCSO Isabel
Webb

Your neighbourhood policing team are working on issues identified by the local community and the police

To contact them call: 101

This is a non-emergency number

Alternatively, email them on:

Eynshamneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

In an Emergency Dial 999

The Future of the Lower Windrush Valley Project

Consultation meeting coming in May

This month's talk: **Thursday 27th March 7.30 pm at South Leigh village hall**, Dr Carolyn Jewell Manager of the Nature After Minerals programme. Carolyn will talk about some of the restored mineral extraction sites that are providing valuable habitat for rare and endangered species in the UK and Europe. She will also be covering examples of restoration that we have here in the valley and how they contribute now and may contribute in the future to the Bigger Picture of environmental restoration.

Everyone welcome. For more information about these talks and the consultation please email: Jane Bowley at lwvp@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call on 01865 815426

Chris, Amanda & Bow welcome you to:

The Harcourt Arms



Mothering Sunday

2 courses £12.50 & 3 courses £15.50

New Lunch & Evening Menu and Weekend specials...ask at the bar for details!

The Pool Table has arrived!

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: ahailles@btinternet.com and calleyone@hotmail.com

WANTED

Rainbow Guider for September 2014

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Jane Watts 01865 882361

Quiz: ASPSEIOIAC

ORCC Trading Ltd. An Ethical and Social Enterprise

Want to save money on the cost of heating oil? So do we! Join our community-based countywide oil buying syndicate and benefit from the power of bulk buying.

To find out more contact your local volunteer co-ordinator: Peter Bartrip (tel. 01865 881999. e-mail: peter.bartrip@csls.ox.ac.uk) or ORCC Trading Ltd (01865 883488 e-mail: oil@oxonrcc.org.uk) or visit www.oxonrcc.org.uk

Eynsham Rotary Club Barn Dance!

Eynsham Village Hall 7.30 Saturday 15th March.
Music by Jack's Maggot, tickets £10 including supper.
Contact Ruth Spencer - 01865 881025

Village Markets

Village Markets will take place on Saturday 5th April, Saturday 3rd May, Saturday 7th June. The markets take place at the village hall and help raise funds to run the hall. Admission is FREE, do come along for coffee, lunch or simply the unique local shopping scene. New stall holders always welcome. Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

Your Village Hall Committee Needs YOU!

New committee members wanted! We meet 4 times a year so it's not too onerous; anyone interested should contact Jane Eagle on 880736

St Michael's Church

In 'Inter-Regnum' – but not for long! Rev Andrew Tweedy will be installed in May!

While there is no resident Rector please contact Pat Burden for help or advice on service arrangements: ☎ 01865 880652

March

2 nd 9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
9 th 10:30am	Benefice Communion, celebrant Rev'd Tony Adams	Stanton Harcourt
16 th 10:30am	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
23 rd 8:00am	Holy Communion	Stanton Harcourt
30 th 4:00pm	Mothering Sunday Family Service, posies, tea & cakes	Stanton Harcourt

April

6 th 9:30am	Parish Communion & Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
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Benefice Lent Course:

This year we are studying the teaching of Jesus as expressed in the Beatitudes, in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-11).

We will be meeting on Mondays, March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th, in The Harcourt Arms, Stanton Harcourt from 11.30am – 1.00pm approx. Some of the sessions will be led by Rev'd Tony Adams, other sessions by parishioners.

Coffee provided upon arrival, study and discussion from 11.30am – 12.30pm, followed by a light lunch of soup around 12.30, at a cost of £3.

Each session will be 'free-standing', so if you can't come to them all, do join us when you can - everyone most welcome, the atmosphere will be relaxed and informal.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

March

- 2nd 10.00 am Local Arrangement
- 9th 10.00 am Mr Ian Prince
- 16th 10.00 am Mr Eddie Fowler
- 23rd 10.00 am Rev R Donoghue inc Communion
- 30th 10:00 am Local Arrangement

Wed 5th March: 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

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

Fr Martin Flatman

☎ 07719 646790 ✉ frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm;

Special Events of the Season

Ash Wednesday 5th March 10am and 7.30pm

Eynsham Women's World Day of Prayer 7th March, lunch from 1pm and service at 2pm

LOWER WINDRUSH TENNIS CLUB (Standlake)

**Registration Day – Sunday 6th April 2014,
12pm – 2pm**

Lower Windrush Tennis Club is based in Standlake and is a friendly club that has three excellent, well-maintained, floodlit [hard courts](#) that are available to members.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, do come along and join us on Sunday 6th April between 12 and 2pm at LWTC Standlake where you can try out the courts and meet the committee and other club members.

Family, individual adult or junior memberships are available and the club runs an extensive junior and adult coaching program. For everything you need to know about 2014/15 membership either join us on Sunday 6th April or visit the club website at www.lwtc.org.uk or call Sally Nicoll (membership secretary) on 01865 300836.

Fun Quiz

Anagrams again (jumbled words), between articles you will find 6 well known constellations, in keeping with our 'Night with the Stars' this month!

**Deadline for February's issue is 21st March
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk**

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

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

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Quiz: EOL