



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

October 2022



## Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Breakfast Club** Saturday morning Full English
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Knitting Group** 10.30-12.30pm, The Chapel
- 8<sup>th</sup> Village Market & Cafe** 12.00 - 2.00pm, Village Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club Race Night** 7.30pm, Eynsham Village Hall
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cafe at the Chapel** 10.00am - 12.00pm, The Chapel
- 14<sup>th</sup> Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am - 10.45am, SH Village Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> Afternoon of fun and treats** Harcourt Arms, after school
- 30<sup>th</sup> Clocks Change** Don't forget to put your clocks back!

## !! New Editor Wanted !!

A reminder to you all that Village Voice is looking for a new editor. The current editor will be leaving their post at the end of 2022 at the latest.

If you're interested in editing, or being part of the editing team for Village Voice, please get in touch at [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk).

## Poppy Appeal 2022

The RBL Poppy Appeal is due to run from 27th October to 13th November 2022.

If you would like to join our small but active team of door to door collectors then contact Alan on 07703439088/883317 or [ajdyer961@gmail.com](mailto:ajdyer961@gmail.com).

In 2021 our village raised just in excess of £2500!

I will provide all that is needed including lots of support so if you have a spare day or hours during the appeal then contact me.

Alan Dyer

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Stanton Harcourt and Sutton.



*Elizabeth was Queen for 70 years and 214 days, making her the longest-reigning British monarch and the second-longest-reigning monarch of all time, one of just four to rule for seven or more decades. Just ahead of her is Louis XIV of France at 72 years and 110 days.*

## Half Term Afternoon of Fun

In association with FOSHS, The Harcourt Arms are hosting an afternoon full of fun and treats on Friday 21st October to raise money for the village school.

All children, parents and carers are welcome to come on down after school and join in!

## Village Pantomime

Stanton Harcourt Drama Group is pleased to back for the first time since Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Throne in February 2020. Planning is underway for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and dates for auditions will be announced soon. Although we've gone with a traditional pantomime title this year, the story might not be quite as you remember it.

We welcome new and returning members. If, like me, you're of the older persuasion and haven't been on stage since your school days – don't worry, you'll be among friends. Our main goal is to make it fun for the cast and crew, as well as the audience!

To stay updated, Like Stanton Harcourt Drama Group on Facebook, or email [steve.tuck@stantonharcourtdrama.com](mailto:steve.tuck@stantonharcourtdrama.com) for more information. As has been the case over recent years, the performance dates are expected to be the week after February half-term. Rehearsals are planned to be Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings (main parts only) with set-building and dress rehearsal over the February half-term. If you audition, we ask you to commit to attending regular rehearsals and being available throughout February 2023.

If you're not sure, come along to one of our audition dates and find out more!

Steve Tuck

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**Stanton Harcourt Baby & Toddler Group**

- Every other Friday (excl. school holidays)
- 9.15am-10.45am
- £2.50 per session per family
- Stanton Harcourt Village Hall (small hall, door next to village shop)
- Relaxed play with a cuppa plus a snack for the children

Upcoming dates 16th & 30th September, 14th October, 11th & 25th November & 9th December 2022

## Writing Competition

Are you a budding writer and in school years 4 – 6?

We're looking for a short ghost story for our November issue.

If you fancy winning a **£25 book token** for your writing please submit your entries to us no later than

**Thursday 20th October.**

No more than 500 words. [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

## Parish Council News

### Next Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

**Monday 3rd October 7:30pm**

Online observation link: <https://meet.google.com/ifb-ezdy-dci>

### Your Parish Council

With the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the village really did come together to mark this momentous occasion. Our thanks to everyone involved with the bells, flags and churches in the village.

We are aware that some villagers have concerns about Flexneys field being developed. As a Parish Council, we are not aware of any plans to develop this land at this time.

### Financial help for those struggling

West Oxfordshire District Council want to try and help everyone get through this tricky time financially, especially as we are now heading towards the colder months. If you are struggling, there are some useful bits of information and help on their website: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/news-items/help-if-you-re-struggling-with-living-costs](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news-items/help-if-you-re-struggling-with-living-costs)

This site has access to things such as help with pension credit, childcare costs, debt advice and much more. If you don't have access to the internet, they can be called on 01993 861000 or by popping into the town centre shop in Witney.

### Reducing the Risk

There is an initiative in place trying to create safer communities within our area to reduce the risk of domestic abuse and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of victims and survivors. Reducing the Risk is a charity that is working with West Oxfordshire District Council to train people to become 'friends'. These are people that are trained to support those at risk or experiencing domestic abuse. There is also an online support hub that is free to access.

To find out more about Reducing the Risk you can visit their website <https://reducingtherisk.org.uk>

If you know someone who is affected by domestic abuse please contact the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service on 0800 731 0055 (Monday to Friday 10-7) or the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 200 0247 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

### The Old Guardroom is open

The Old Guardroom is now available for bookings. The room is slightly smaller than the Holland Room in the Village Hall but does have a large outdoor space. If you wish to find out more information or to make a booking, please check <https://www.hugofox.com/community/stanton-harcourt-and-sutton-parish-council-13404/home> for contact details.

The Old Guardroom compliments the facilities already available at the Village Hall. If you do want to book the Village Hall, this can be done through <http://stantonharcourtvilleagehall.co.uk/> or by email at [oldguardroom@shpc.co.uk](mailto:oldguardroom@shpc.co.uk)

### Fix my Street

With the nights drawing in, if you find anything that needs fixing, or if you come across any fly tipping; don't forget to report this to fix my street on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

If you come across any unmarked pot holes, don't forget to let Keith know so that he can get them reported and fixed [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk)

### Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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### Your Oxfordshire County Council councillor is:

*Dan Levy*

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### You Member of Parliament is:

*Robert Courts*

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### Your Parish Councillors are:

• Matthew Judson, Chairman, [matthew@shpc.co.uk](mailto:matthew@shpc.co.uk)

• Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, [rachel@shpc.co.uk](mailto:rachel@shpc.co.uk)

• Keith Hickson, [keith@shpc.co.uk](mailto:keith@shpc.co.uk)

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### 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](mailto:Clerk@shpc.co.uk)

## Stay In The Loop

Did you know, there are multiple places to find village news and ways to communicate with fellow villagers?

✚ The Parish Council website: <https://bit.ly/3OjnsVL>

✚ Subscribing to Village Voice emails: <https://bit.ly/3NhQfbW>

✚ Local Facebook Groups:

👍 Villagers Other Voice  
Stanton and Sutton Neighbourhood Group

✚ Various notice boards dotted around the village

Did you know? The Facebook Group, Villagers Other Voice, is not affiliated with the Village Voice Newsletter.

The Village Voice is a Parish Council funded newsletter, edited by volunteers, whereas the Villagers Other Voice Facebook Group is a community run Facebook page.

They may have similar names, but there is no guarantee there will be a crossover of content from the Facebook group unless you email the editor of Village Voice with a request to include an article in the printed newsletter.

To contact the Village Voice editor, email [village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)



*At the time of her death, "at least 9 out of every 10 living human beings have never known a British monarch other than Elizabeth." Her rule spanned 15 British prime ministers and 14 American presidents. She was Queen for almost 30% of US history.*

## CAFE AT THE CHAPEL



**WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 10.00 - 12.00**

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE

SELECTION OF TEAS

TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT BUTTERED TOAST

BOOKS AND GIFT SALE TABLE TO BROWSE

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE TO MEET UP WITH FRIENDS

FOR A CHAT AND CATCH UP OVER COFFEE

WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OUT OF THE VILLAGE

OR JUST DROP IN FOR A CHAT AND SOME FRIENDLY COMPANY

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

*What is a witch's favourite subject in school? Spelling*

## Page Three Bird - Gatto Pipistrello

Meet Maud, a rather fine example of a Gatto Pipistrello. Maud is a rare breed, thought to have originated from the Campania region of Italy, a result of a mutation caused by a pyroclastic surge from the 1631 eruption of Mount Vesuvius.



Mistrusted by the rather superstitious locals, and perhaps due in part to the Gatto Pipistrello's love of the famous Vesuvio Piennolo tomato, Maud's ancestors were forced underground and, until the mid 1940s, were commonly found in the depth of the

tunnels in Naples. Their keen eyesight and ability to shapeshift into tiny crevices made those tunnels a perfect breeding ground for clusters of Gatto Pipistrello.

Events of the modern world have caused Maud's family to significantly decrease in numbers; but there have been recent sightings in local bell towers. Maud's silhouette may remind you of a common household cat, but her low mellifluous voice is distinctive to her breed. If you visit the local graveyard you'll hear her honeyed tones echoing on the wind, and distracting you from your missing tomato crop!

## Pub Pub Pub Pub Pub

What's happening at the Harcourt Arms this October?

**Saturday 1st** - 8:00am Gentleman's Breakfast.

Noon - 4:00pm Bottomless Brunch with DJ Joe Truby

**Friday 7th** - 08:00 - 10:00pm Live music with 'Joely'

**Sunday 9th** - 12:30 - 2:30pm Lunch time Pianist Colin Henney

**Saturday 15th** - Noon - 4:00pm Bottomless Brunch (DJ tbc)

**Friday 21st** - 8:00 - 10:00pm Live music with Jake Rizzo

**Sunday 23rd** - 12:30 - 2:30pm - Lunch time Pianist Richard Snow

**Thursday 27th** - 8:00 - 10:00pm - Pub Quiz

**Saturday 29th** - Noon - 4:00pm Bottomless Brunch with DJ Joe Truby

## Halloween Word Search



AMULET - APPARITION - BATS - BLACK CAT - BOO - BRIMSTONE - CACKLE - CAULDRON - COBWEB - CONJURE - EERIE - FRIGHTFUL - GHOST - GOOSEBUMPS - JACK O LANTERN - MOON - MYSTERIOUS - PHANTOM - POTION - PUMPKIN - SKELETON - SPELL - SPOOKY - TRICK OR TREAT - TWILIGHT - WITCH



## Half Term Happenings

It may feel like weeks away, although we're sure the time can't come soon enough for frazzled teaching staff. We've used our search engine of choice to see what fun can be had this October half term:

**Science Oxford** has a host of activities, including autumn family days, half term family days, creative computing club, Saturday science clubs and sensory family days.

Why not pick your own pumpkins by torchlight or watch the halloween circus at **Millets Farm Centre**

Oxford Castle have **Ghost Fest** between 21st & 31st October

Visit the **Halloween Hunt** at Waterperry Gardens, or the **Halloween Trail** at Blenheim Palace

**The Story Museum** in Oxford have a City of Stories film experience for ages 5+

Take part in the Magic of Science event at the **British Motor Museum**, and see a Ford Anglia from the Harry Potter films whilst you're there.

The list of things happening in October is almost endless - have fun!

**Scouts**  
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
BAR & HOT FOOD  
**STANDLAKE VILLAGE HALL**  
**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**  
GATES OPEN 6PM - FIREWORKS AT 7PM  
**TICKETS £5 EACH**  
**£20 FOR FAMILY TICKET**  
(2 ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN)  
**UNDER 5 YEARS FREE**

## Horror Housing Chronicles

Renting property can be great: granting people independence, safety, the ability to seek new job opportunities, a roof over your head to keep you safe and warm. Yet being a tenant can also place you in a vulnerable position. Equally, being a landlord can come with just as many challenges.

Do you have vegetation growing in cupboards in the living room?

Is the creeping mould that isn't being addressed affecting your health?

Has your landlord failed to provide a working shower for months?

Does cooking a baked potato count as over use of the kitchen facilities?

Does your landlord sneak in and scoff your carefully prepared food from the slow cooker before you're home from a hard day's work?

A lot of us will have experienced renting or housing horror stories. If you, or anyone you know, is struggling or needs help you can find guidance and help on the West Oxfordshire District Council website (<https://bit.ly/3xUz195>) or speak to Citizens Advice (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/>)



At the age of 19, Elizabeth was the first female British royal to serve as an active duty military member. She drove and worked on a range of military vehicles during World War II, including ambulances, as part of the Auxiliary Territorial Service



## 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

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## Charity Race Night



**Saturday 8th October, 2022**

**Eynsham Village Hall**

Back Lane, Eynsham OX29 4QW

First Race 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm

7 Video Races with Tote Betting,

Licensed Bar

**Ticket Price £12** (includes 2 course meal - veggie option available)

Book your table in advance - Tickets available from Evenlode DIY,

Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917, Phil Spencer 01865 881025,

Alan Longford 01865 464179

**ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL & ROTARY CHARITIES**

## Witney Music Society

The 2022-23 series of Witney Music Society concerts starts in October. Details of all the concerts are on the Witney Music Society website and in its new brochure, copies of which may be obtained via the website or from the library and other locations throughout Witney.

The opening concert of the new season will be given by the award-winning Consone Quartet who'll be performing works for string quartet by Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 14 October at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online. For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

What's a skeleton's favourite instrument? A trom-bone

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## Out Of This World

World Space Week is 4th - 10th October. This year's theme is Space and Sustainability. For more information, along with Space Week challenges, visit <https://www.worldspaceweek.org/>

We've found some fun space themed food ideas to try at home. Why not throw a space party, invite your friends and enjoy some quirky galactic snacks under the stars.

### Alien Strawberries:

1. Grab a punnet of strawberries, green candy melts and edible googly eye
2. Dip strawberries into melted candy
3. Stick edibles eyes onto the chocolate before it sets



### Fruit Kebab Rockets:

1. Select a selection of your favourite fruit, along with some kebab sticks
2. Assemble fruit on sticks to vaguely resemble a rocket



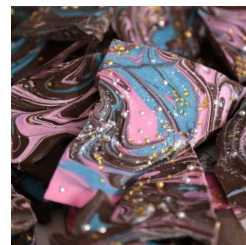
### Star Sandwich Bites:

1. Choose your favourite bread, a selection of your chosen sandwich fillings, and a star shaped cookie cutter
2. Assemble sandwiches as normal
3. Use star shaped cutter to create bite sized celestial sandwiches
4. Can be done with pizza too!



### Galaxy Chocolate Bark:

1. Gather your favourite chocolate, along with some candy melts in pinks, purples and blues, a pot of star sprinkles and maybe some edible glitter
2. Melt all the chocolate and line a tray with baking parchment
3. Create an initial layer using your chosen chocolate, then swirl each melter colour into the chocolate to create a marble effect. Top with sprinkles before it sets
4. Once set, break into chunks using either a rolling pin, clean hammer or a sturdy kitchen utensil.



The Queen made her first radio broadcast aged 14 when she spoke about children being evacuated during WWII. After her Accession on 6th February 1952, the Queen broadcast her first Christmas Message live on the radio from her study at Sandringham, Norfolk.

## Church News

### Lower Windrush Benefice

#### St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

Regular online Zoom services (zoom link found on our website),

Every Wednesday evening at 8.30pm - Compline Night Prayer

Every Thursday morning at 7:30am - Early Bird Prayer

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](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### Sutton Methodist Chapel

#### Sunday 9th October

3.00pm Service led by Minister Charles Harris - everyone welcome

### St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit [www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/](http://www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/)

