



# Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

October 2016



## October

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Water Blitz  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Village Market & Second hand book sale!<br>Open Mic Night                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Tuesday Girls  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Village Bulb Planting  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | By- Election for Witney Constituency 7am – 10pm ***GET YOUR VOTE ON!***        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | FOSHS Halloween Disco  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | All Hallows Eve (Halloween!)<br>Closing date for Secondary School Applications |

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



## Parliamentary By-Election

**YOU!** Can vote for David Cameron's replacement on 20<sup>th</sup> October 7am till 10pm at the Village Hall

**If not registered to vote you must do by the 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)**

The Candidates are listed below, and there's a whopping 14 to choose from!

| Candidate         | Party                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Emilia Arno       | One Love Party                       |
| Dickie Bird       | UKIP                                 |
| David Bishop      | Bus-Pass Elvis Party                 |
| Robert Courts     | Conservative Party                   |
| Duncan Enright    | Labour Party                         |
| Mad Hatter        | Official Monster Raving Loony Party  |
| Lord Toby Jug     | The Eccentric Party of Great Britain |
| Adam Knight       | Independent                          |
| Elizabeth Leffman | Liberal Democrat                     |
| Winston McKenzie  | English Democrats                    |
| Helen Salisbury   | National Health Action Party         |
| Larry Sanders     | Green Party                          |
| Daniel Skidmore   | Independent                          |
| Nicholas Ward     | Independent                          |

## Village Markets

12 – 2 at the Village Hall on:

**8<sup>th</sup> October**, 12<sup>th</sup> November and a Christmas market on the 10<sup>th</sup> December

**In October we are having a second hand book sale bonanza, lots of books for sale at bargain prices.**



## 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.stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk)**



## FOSHS Halloween Disco

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm**

**at the Village Hall**

FOSHS are delighted to be hosting its annual Halloween Party on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. All families are welcome to join us in their frightfully fantastic costumes for a hauntingly good disco, some party antics and pocket money stalls to enjoy including gingerdead men decorating, yucky dip and trick or treat bag design. Enter our carved pumpkin competition too (BYO!). This year we will have a fabulous Frank n' Furter hot dog bar with more tasty combinations than you can imagine...so please do come along and have a great time with friends and family while raising money for our village school...if you dare!!

*Free Event but donations will be appreciated. Activities and alcoholic refreshments will be available at an additional cost.*

\* If you wish to join in the fun and have trick or treaters visit you as the event ends, please leave your porch/outside light ON or place a pumpkin by your front door for the children as they return home.

## HARVEST LUNCH

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

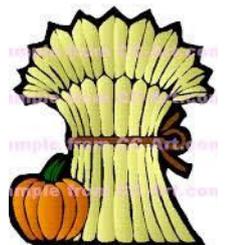
**12 - 1:30pm**

**Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**

3 course lunch of homemade soup, ham or cheese ploughman's and apple pie or crumble.

Tickets £8 adults, £4 children under 12 available from the village shop.

*proceeds to St Michael's Church.*



## Open Mic & Social Night

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.- 11.00 p.m.**

*£3 donation requested to cover hall charge*

**Join in and do your thang, or just join us for an evening of merriment, entertainment and catch u Bring your own whiskey in a jar'O or Come as you are and the editor will set you up with a drank**

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

## St Michael's Church 200 Club

**September draw**

1st 287 K Judson

3rd 252 P Strange

2nd 154 T Boer

4th 235 T Henton

# The Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Flower & Produce Show

Took place in the Village Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. 239 items were submitted by 74 people meaning that the judges had a busy morning examining everything from giant pumpkins, sweetly-perfumed roses and oddly shaped vegetables, to show-stopper cakes, dried-out newts and decorated wooden-spoons!

The hall was packed out for afternoon teas and the awarding of rosettes and trophies. 'Best in Show' was awarded to Liz Strange for a magnificent savoury tart, with the Harcourt Perpetual Cup being presented to May Powell for her entries which excelled in quantity and quality.

A huge thank you must go to the event's organiser Sandy Rich and to all those who worked so hard on the day – and also to those who supported the event by entering or coming along, helping to raise over £500 for the Church.



## Lend a Hand, Hold a Tin!

The MS Society - West Oxon branch is holding a street collection in Witney on 15th October. If anyone can help by holding a collecting tin for an hour, this would be greatly appreciated. Please call Jane-Marie Harrison on 01865 731 200 or Peter Branson on 01608 645 988.

## Heavy Goods Report

OCC has now made it very easy to report overweight lorries making their way through the village. You simply access the OCC website as follows:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/trading-standards>

Any suspected breaches of highway weight restrictions can be reported by logging the following information:

- Date, time and location of incident
- Direction of travel
- Registration No, Company name or other distinguishing marks, colours etc
- Any comments
- Photos can be uploaded

If you express willingness to provide a statement if the matter goes to court, action can be taken by OCC; if not, no action can be taken against the lorry driver.

*Although expressing a willingness is important often if sufficient details are provided you will not need to join in with court. And many successful prosecutions have been achieved.*

Stanton Harcourt

# Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Sunday 13th Armistice Day Friday 11th

For more information on The British Legion please contact the  
Chairman Mrs Kerstie Judson 731310  
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

## SCHOOL NEWS

Applications for admissions to primary and secondary schools for next year

The following information comes from Oxfordshire Schools Admissions Team who deal with all applications to Oxfordshire County Council or Academy Primary and Secondary Schools in our area.

Please access information about schools on this webpage.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>

We are actively encouraging parents to make online applications. There are benefits of doing this, they know that the application has been received and not lost in the post, they can make any changes they wish up to the closing date and this is the only way that they can find out the outcome of their application on National Allocation Day as an automatic email will be sent. They are also able to respond to their offer by signing into their account rather than having to post a response form to us.

The booklets 'Moving On' and 'Starting School' will not be distributed to schools as a paper booklet but they are available on the public website for parents to look through or to print off.

The online portal is now open for secondary applications and the closing date is 31 October 2016. National Offer Day is 1 March 2017. Emails and letters (second class post) will be sent that day.

The online portal is not yet open for primary, this will open at the beginning of October and the closing date is 15 January 2017. The National Offer Day is 18 April 2017 and email and letters, again by second class post, will be sent this day.

The primary offer day is in the middle of the Easter holidays.

### Would you like to assist a teacher?

If you are interested in working at either Stanton Harcourt Primary School or Bartholomew School, Eynsham, as a teaching assistant, please take a look at the information on this webpage:

<http://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/eynsham-partnership/epa-job-vacancies/>

## 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



# BULB PLANTING



The Parish Council have a large number of Bulbs which need planting.

Please come along and help – plant as many or as few as you wish.

**10 am Saturday 15th October 2016**

Meet outside Parsonage House – bring a bucket and trowel.

.....why not help make your village bloom in the spring?



## Parish Council News

**NEXT PC MEETING:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7:30pm

### COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Parish Council have received complaints concerning speeding through Stanton Harcourt and Sutton and as a result will, if there is sufficient support, set up a Community Speed Watch Group.

To set up a local group there needs to be a minimum of 6 people and depending on the type of role they wish to undertake they may need to go through a vetting process and specialist training.

SpeedWatch can only operate in areas of up to 40 MPH speed limit. Community volunteers work alongside Thames Valley Police officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit.

If you would like to become a volunteer for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton or would like further information please contact Graham Dixon-Brown (deansfarmhouse@btinternet.com) or any member of the Parish Council.



### COMET BUS

The Lower Windrush Comet Bus on Tuesdays and Fridays will continue until the end of September; thereafter it is hoped that a single bus will leave at 10.15am every Tuesday and return from Eynsham at 13.47pm. It is to be regretted that the replacement service for the Stagecoach 18 bus received too little demand; hopefully the new arrangement will ensure those with no means of transport or access to shops, surgeries and other necessities will be given a lifeline. For confirmation please ring 01865 882205 or 731394

### Have you noticed.....

The village Notice Boards are currently in a sorry state – the notice board which was located near the Green has recently undergone major surgery and will be reinstalled very shortly (if not already by the time you read this!). The board will be located in a slightly different place; by the parking places on The Green. The board at the top of Steadys Lane will be refurbished in the very near future, as will the board outside the Village Hall.

### Parish Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes

The Parish Council publishes copies of documents for your information as follows:

Agenda – this is published on the website ([www.wospweb.com/site/stanton-harcourt-parish-council/](http://www.wospweb.com/site/stanton-harcourt-parish-council/) on the 'Next PC Meeting' page) and on the village notice boards 3 days prior to the meeting.

Draft Minutes – these are published on the same page as the agenda, until they are approved, at which time they will appear on the 'Approve Minutes' page.

### New waste and recycling calendars now online

West Oxfordshire's new waste and recycling collection dates are now published for the next 12 months and can be viewed and downloaded online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk).

As well as accessing online bin collection calendars, residents can register for handy weekly email alerts about waste collection dates, including a reminder the day before about which bins to put out and helpful information about changes to collection days over the Christmas period and bank holidays.

Over 8,000 householders are registered for email alerts and receive weekly email reminders of their next collection.

Paper copies of the waste calendars are available for those that do not have web access. These can be picked up from:

- The District Council's Town Centre Shop and Elmfield offices in Witney.
- The Guildhall, Chipping Norton.
- Burford Visitor Information Centre.
- Carterton Town Council
- Woodstock Town Council.

As well as bin collection information, residents can use the alerts service to receive information about planning applications registered near to their homes.

### SHAPE Play Area Maintenance Rota

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to undertake maintenance checks on the play areas.

### 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>

## The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is a Grey Heron, we can't reveal her name as she is on the wing after eating Mr Mcgregor's prize Koi. Herons are very large birds that eat a lot of fish as well as the occasional vole or even a frog.



*Mr Mcgregor has since learned that you can discourage nefarious Herons by putting a trip wire around your pond.*

**Witney Music Society** is pleased to present another series of concerts by outstanding professional artists. The opening concert of the season will be given by the award-winning Alke Quartet who will be performing works for string quartet by Haydn, Webern and Beethoven. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 14 October at High Street Methodist Church (which will be the venue throughout the season).

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)

## The Eynsham Link

The recent loss of the 18 bus service has left many people in the five villages between Standlake and Eynsham without the means of getting to work, school, college, etc. at regular and predictable times every day.

A group of local residents has implemented a car and lift-share scheme that aims to provide the five villages with a new kind of transport service. **The Eynsham Link!**

The scheme is based on a card system: Circular windscreen discs for drivers, and rectangular ID cards

for lift-seekers. These discs and cards are individually numbered, and colour coded according to home village (red for Standlake, Green for Northmoor, Blue for Bablockhythe, and orange for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton). The individual numbering and colour-coding ensures, firstly, that members of the scheme can identify each other, but it also tells drivers where a lift-seeker wants to go, and tells lift-seekers whether a driver is going as far as their destination.

The end and beginning point of all journeys is Eynsham Church Square. Lift-seekers wait on one of the benches in the square. Drivers who subscribe to the scheme are asked to always detour past this point on their way home, to see if there is a "Linker" waiting.

So far we have nearly 200 members; 40 are non-drivers who have been the worst affected by the loss of the 18 bus. The majority are drivers, though some members have discs and ID cards, as drivers who would occasionally like a lift. We hope that in time many car-share arrangements will develop alongside the lift-giving. There is a master list of all Linkers, with addresses, telephone numbers, and/or email addresses. Eynsham Link has its own email address and a Facebook page, for members to comment, criticize or make suggestions of how the scheme can be improved. We have recently established a WhatsApp group, which is proving very useful in enabling better communication between members who are "en route".

The scheme started on July 21st, and early signs are encouraging. But we need many more members. If this sounds interesting, and you would like more information, please email us on [eynshamlink@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamlink@gmail.com), or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/EynshamLink/](http://www.facebook.com/EynshamLink/). We look forward to making the scheme a truly viable alternative to our lost No. 18 bus service.

**Psssst!** A date for all your diaries...MONDAY 12th DECEMBER- FOSHS' Annual Christmas Fayre at Stanton Harcourt Village School. Details to follow, but mulled wine, mince pies and festive cheer are all on the agenda in abundance and we would love to see as many of the village joining us in our celebrations as possible. Please join us if you can...



# Apple Festival With Added Energy !

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm till 4pm  
The Village Hall**



Apple give-away, juicing, identification, tasting  
Children's food, make your own pizza and fruity collage  
Bicycle smoothies, honey tasting  
Games, quizzes  
Energy saving, low energy lighting and draught proofing

*\*This refers to Eynsham Village Hall*

## The Catholic Church of St Peter

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

**Fr Mark Lagorio**

☎ 01865 881613

✉ [stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurcheynsham@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 5pm

Bible Study after Mass on Wednesdays

Adoration after Mass on Fridays

**2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls Day**

## Sutton Methodist Chapel

**Contact: Rita Stockill** ☎ 01865 880200

### September

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| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10am  | Service at Long Hanborough       |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 10am  | Mr Keith Crawford                |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10am | Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 10am | Local Arrangement                |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 10am | Mr Richard Bowler                |

### **Coffee Morning – First Wednesday of each Month**

10.00–11.30 am. All welcome – if anyone would like to come and requires a lift to Chapel and home afterwards, please call Julie Adcock on 01865 882051.

### **Drop in Knitting Morning**

Every Monday morning from 10.30 - 12.30 we have a drop in knitting morning. All are welcome to come along for all or part of the time to share Tea and Coffee. Bring your knitting, crocheting or any other craft you do and have a natter whilst working.

## 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)

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

### September

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9:30  | Parish Communion and Sunday School | Stanton Harcourt |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:30 | Benefice Communion                 | <b>Standlake</b> |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30 | All Age Worship                    | Stanton Harcourt |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8:00  | Holy Communion (BCP)               | Stanton Harcourt |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30 | Benefice Communion                 | <b>Northmoor</b> |

DREW'S UKES practices at the Rectory from 7.00 to 8.00pm on Tuesdays and new members including complete beginners are welcome.

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

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20<sup>th</sup> of the Month**

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