
VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

September 2023

Calendar – September 2023

Saturday 2nd, 8.00am – Men's Breakfast
(see entry for details)

Monday 4th, 7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom

Wednesday 6th, 10.00am – Café at the Chapel

Saturday 9th, 12pm – Village Market

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

Every Tuesday (term time) – 7pm Sutton Singers (see entry for contact details)

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Have your say on the Local Plan

On August 30th 2023 the WODC will be launching its Local Plan Consultation for 8 weeks closing the 25th October 2023. I recognise many of you are sceptical of consultations, but it is important for you to have your say. The Local Plan shapes our future and the decisions made for the future of West Oxfordshire and is key in developing the areas where we live and work ensuring the surrounding environment isn't negatively impacted. The Local Plan legally has to be reviewed and updated. Many of you will be aware we currently don't have enough housing land supply to meet the current local plan which effects how we make planning decisions. Currently when planning applications are submitted refusal can only be granted if "substantial harm" is identified outweighing the benefits regarding that application.

It is important for those of us in villages to have their say. Within the consultation, which is all encompassing, they will be looking at where housing should be built. There will be several options for you to look at but two of the options focus on villages. Dispersed Growth - A more even distribution of growth with emphasis on small – medium scale development taking place in villages.

Village Clusters – similar to above but with villages considered collectively in clusters based on available services and facilities. We all

recognise that there is a real need for housing and equally a huge demand for affordable housing. The question is: are villages the right place? Villages will still play their part in regard to additional housing numbers but without your input it could be much larger and have a much greater impact on where many of us live now.

Whilst this will be available online and will be fully interactive allowing you to make comments, WODC will be engaging with Town and Parish Councils and will also be happy to receive written feedback on the consultation via email or post. Please register now to ensure that you can have your say. Your Parish Council are already working on this but will need your help! To sign up for more information on the forthcoming Local Plan consultation please visit <https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/>

Community fund 'Westhive' opening soon

Twenty four community support groups in West Oxfordshire have been awarded a total of £27,840 from the Council's Community Activity Grant to assist them in supporting vulnerable community members most affected by the cost of living crisis.

In the Autumn, the Council will be launching its new crowdfunding platform, Westhive, in partnership with Spacehive. The platform will provide local groups and individuals with the opportunity to pitch their project ideas and raise funds to make them happen. The Council will offer support in the crowdfunding process, as well as making pledges of up to £10,000 to selected groups or projects. Further details will be available shortly.

Calling all skateboarding enthusiasts

Eynsham Parish Council has confirmed that a local skateboard coach, Mario Santos, has secured permission to use the Eynsham Skatepark to run his lessons and coaching sessions.

Skateboard enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that Mario will soon be running classes on two evenings each week at the Eynsham skatepark, with a session for beginners and one for intermediates. More information is available on

his website at www.brokenboardscoach.com or on Facebook at BrokenBoardsCoach

We have a vacancy

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/>

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Your Member of Parliament is:

Robert Courts

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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

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice – St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

September 3rd

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

Sunday 10th

10:00 Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 17th

10:00 Service of the Word

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 10th September, at 3.00pm. Led by Rev Charles Harris, with communion.



The Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Branch is 102 years old and was the 3rd Branch to be set up after WWI. The main purpose of the Branch is to coordinate Remembrance around the 11th November every year, to ensure that we as a community do not forget the sacrifice made by so many. Not just the Great War but during all wars and conflicts since.

Currently we only have three active members and desperately need more volunteers to join the branch to help us. Otherwise there is a risk of the branch closing, which would be such a shame after all these years and history. If you are interested in joining the branch then please email Jacqui: gravesjacqui@gmail.com

We'd love you to join us and help us start planning Remembrance 2023.

CAFE AT THE CHAPEL
EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT CAFE
WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
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 are back on Tuesday 5th September 2023 and continue during term time at 7pm.

Would you like to sing? Join in the joy and fun of singing together? Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson - phone: 01865 881709 or email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com



Sutton Singers present:
Open Mic Night
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Friday 6th October 7.30-9.30

Cost £5 per person to cover hall rental, musical director fee and to raise funds for Sutton Singers. Please come along if you want an opportunity to sing or play to others or if you just fancy an evening of listening to song and music.

Bring your own drinks and snacks, there will be a raffle and lots of fabulous music. Sutton Singers will sing a few songs but everyone who wants a go at singing or playing will have a chance. How long you get to sing will depend on how many want to perform but prepare about 10-15 minutes. If lots of folk want to sing it may be slightly shorter. Do get in touch on details above if you want to perform.

**Combe Mill `In Steam`
Craft & Skills
17 September**

We have invited Exhibitors to bring along a variety of Crafting Skills including Oxford Guild of Weavers Spinner & Dyers with their `Big Wheel`, Finstock Crafting Club, Lino Printing, Rag Rugging and Painting Glass. This will be a very exciting event.

Combe Mill, a late 19th Century Restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, all Machinery running `In Steam` and volunteers will be on hand with lots of interesting information. Come along and see the Blacksmiths in the forge you might just be able to make a poker.

Tea room will be open, BBQ, Gift Shop and Tombola. Also in attendance will be our regular Mini Market Stall holders plenty to see.

Ever thought of volunteering at Combe Mill? Come to a steaming event when you will see were you have an interest and can join the `Team` Dog on Leads most welcome. Adults £9.00, seniors £7.50 // Accompanied children FREE open 10.30am to 5.00pm. (Combe Mill cannot be responsible for attractions that do not appear.)

Also open every Wednesday for `self-guided tours` with volunteers. Adult's £5.00 senior's £4.00 // Accompanied children FREE. Tea Room open if you would like to call in for refreshments, Cream Tea, Cake, Ham roll, coffee and soft drinks.

Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00
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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.

VILLAGE MARKET

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.



200 Club Figures

July

112	Hannah Watts	£25
142	P Jacobs	£12
239	S Topp Jorgenson	£8
231	L Smithson	£5

August

184	C Styles	£25
143	H Chaplin	£12

179	C Black	£8
196	J Burch	£5
September		
152	G. Mason	£25
104	Mavis Ives	£12
230	J Adcock	£8
280	Barbara Morris	£5

Autumn is a time for artistic discovery at the Oxfordshire Museum

Open Art Competition Exhibition

Our very first open entry art exhibition opens 16th September. Local Oxfordshire artists have been busy submitting their works throughout the summer inspired by our chosen theme of 'discovery'. Come along and let us know what you think by voting in the people's choice award. Free Entry, until 5th November.



Printmaking workshops

Inspired to make your own artwork? Do you fancy learning something new in the unique setting of the Oxfordshire Museum? Take inspiration from the museums service collection from across Oxfordshire and be inspired to learn something new.

The museum service are trialling something new with workshops aimed at adults. We already run our successful Art sessions, but we are going to be adding to this and developing and offering more programmes.

Our very first course will be *Discovering Printmaking* run by Jane Ellison. It will take place over six Wednesdays from 1st November 2-4pm at the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the Flower Festival at St Michael's Church during Festival week.

The church looked and smelled amazing! We hope you will join in again next year.

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