
VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

June 2023

Our Friend Nigel

This month we fondly remember Nigel Eagle, who passed away earlier this year. Nigel is deeply missed by all of us who knew him. This was shown by the huge turnout for his funeral at St. Michael's church and afterwards at the Harcourt Arms.

Nigel loved his family and friends and was very much part of the fabric of the village having lived and worked in Stanton Harcourt and Sutton all his life. He gave so much to our community as a Parish Councillor, Tower Captain of the bell ringers, "Boss" of the Festival 'tug-o'-war, supporting the church and pretty much every event happening in the village, he was a local legend.

Everyone knew Nigel and he was always there as a friend to us all, welcoming new people and talking to old friends on his walks with Isla, his dog. He was always there to help with kind words of support along with bucketfuls of sage advice on his many passions, gardening, fishing, bell ringing, and village history to name a few.

Nigel restored bell ringing to the village almost 40 years ago and has been tower captain since, his legacy is an active team of bell ringers. Many of us think of Nigel as the bells ring on Wednesday evenings and before church services on a Sunday. One of Nigel's last missions was to facilitate repair of the church clock chime, leaving us with a restored chime, but he was thinking bigger to restore the church bells to keep them ringing into the next century what more fitting tribute would that be.

In a world where people end up busy and separated, Nigel brought us together and reminded us of what a village should be. No-one ever drank alone on a Saturday night, and a glass is still raised to him routinely by his friends each week over a pint of ale. To our dear friend Nigel, may he rest in peace.



Calendar for June 2023

Saturday 3rd June – Men's Breakfast

Wednesday 7th June – Café at the Chapel

Saturday 17th June to Sunday 25th June

– Festival Week

Saturday 24th June – Festival Day

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

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

Next Parish Council meeting – Monday July 3rd, 7.30pm, The Village Hall

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all who attended the Village Meeting

Thanks to everyone that attended the village meeting in May, it was a nice turn out and we got to get some information about the direction that people would like the Parish to

move and some really good ideas. Topics raised included cycle paths, welcome books for new residents, and communications.

These events happen every year around April/May, but that doesn't mean that you can't contact your Parish Council at any time. Please see the details listed on how to contact us, or

pop along to your next Parish Council meeting where you will always be welcome.

Want to help make a difference? Come join us

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council. 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. If you do want any more details, please contact the Parish Council

WODC have issued the consultation report for local plan

Following the consultation that took place over 6 weeks between August and October last year, WODC have now released the report from this. The consultation was a chance for people to give their opinion on what key issues they would like to be in the local plan. The consultation was a great success, with over 5,000 people visiting the consultation platform, and 441 people and organisations responding. There were also 1,143 contributions and comments made, and just under 3,000 people signed up for news updates.

The public will have further opportunities to contribute through upcoming consultations. The next consultation is scheduled for the summer and will focus on three things: turning the ideas generated from the last consultation into specific aims and objectives; opening up discussions on how and where the District might develop in the future; and gathering suggestions on potential new land uses such as housing, employment, green space and renewable energy. Further details of these sessions will be made available once confirmed.

For more information on WODC's emerging Local Plan and to access the full consultation report, please visit <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2041/>

Shared prosperity fund – market towns asked for improvement ideas

West Oxfordshire District Council has commissioned Heartflood, specialists in place management & development, to identify potential UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) projects to support West Oxfordshire's Market Towns. As part of this work, Heartflood is conducting a

survey to gather the views of the public, businesses, and other local organisations.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is part of the government's Levelling Up Agenda, with funding centred around building communities, supporting local businesses and improving employment and skill building opportunities.

West Oxfordshire District Council has received £1,000,000 from the UKSPF over three years. Revitalising the town centres is one of the Council's key priorities, with potential projects including improved signage and wayfinding, better information for visitors and public realm improvements as well as supporting independent businesses. We are committed to developing these areas to ensure that our market towns continue to be great places to live, work, and visit.

The district has several market towns, including Burford, Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Eynsham, Carterton, Woodstock, and Witney, populated by approximately 114,200 residents.

For more information regarding the UKSPF and to have your say, visit: www.westoxon.gov.uk/spf

Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

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Your Parish Councillors are:

Matthew Judson, Chairman, matthew@shpc.co.uk

Rachel Arnold, Vice Chairman, rachel@shpc.co.uk

Keith Hickson, keith@shpc.co.uk

Joe Deane, joe@shpc.co.uk

Gill Sellars, gill@shpc.co.uk

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

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



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.

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice

4th June

08:30 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) followed by breakfast at St Michael's.

11th June

10:00 Holy Communion (Common Worship) followed by refreshments at St Michael's.

18th June – Father's Day

10:00 All Age Service followed by brunch at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

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 Windrushbenefice 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 11 June AT 3.00 PM.

CAFE AT THE CHAPEL EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH NEXT CAFE

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 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!



Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2023

“Stanton in Wonderland”



Festival Week Events: 17th June to 25th June Festival Day: Saturday 24th June

Time is marching on and Festival Week
is fast approaching!

Make sure you're not late for any “important dates” by ensuring that you get a copy of the Festival Programme booklet. It will be available from 9th June and will contain all the details of events that are taking place during the week. Programmes cost £1.50 and will be on sale from the Village Shop / The Harcourt Arms or from the programme sellers who will be doing the rounds of the village. Don't forget to help us turn Stanton and Sutton into a “Wonderland” by getting your house decorations on display ready for Festival week and start creating your “Mad Hats”!

There will be prizes for the best decorated houses and for the maddest hats on the day.

More details about Festival are contained in the flyer insert delivered with this edition of VV.

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Jo Wilby (jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)



The Festival Committee

200 Club Draws

April

1st Prize	204 A Wilkins	£25
2nd	250 P. Craddock	£12
3rd	259 L Smithson	£8
4th	132 E. Hulme	£5

May

1st Prize	210 G. Gray	£25
2nd	215 C. Turner	£12
3rd	254 L. Mackey	£8
4th	169 A. Fissendon	£5

June

1st Prize	111 J. Hibberd	£25
2nd	258 J. Waters	£12
3rd	201 B. Cross	£8
4th	291 L. Loder	£5

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.



Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces? Your local Stanton Harcourt Royal British

Legion Branch wants to reach out to you and your family. Anyone who has served for at least one day in the UK Armed Forces, whether as a regular or a reservist, can access our support. We can offer social contact/companionship and information on sources of help. But we don't know who you are! We would love you to contact us and/or join your local branch.

Rachel Elliott: elliottcains@gmail.com

Jacqui Graves: gravesjacqui@gmail.com

Sutton Singers.



Sutton Singers continue to meet on



Tuesdays 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 on

Phone: 01865 881709 or

email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

Do come along and see us in Festival Week.

Tuesday 20th June 2023 Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm sing.

Do come along and share with us our **10th Anniversary Concert**. We will be sharing songs that show our progress over the 10 years from songs only in unison to 4 part harmonies along with our recent Chipping Norton Music Festival songs.

A good chance to see what we get up to on a Tuesday if you are thinking about joining us or just come to listen for fun.

See you at The Chapel, New Road - Tuesday 20th June at 7 for 7.30pm.

**Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month
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Summer Festival 2023 *Stanton in Wonderland*



Mad Hatter's Mad Hat Competition

Festival Day - prizes available for the Maddest Hats!

Adult and child prizes will be on offer for the maddest hats spotted on the school field during the Fete. We are hoping that there will be some wonderful wonderland inspired creations on display!



Lucky Programme Number - Prize Draw.

You will find a "lucky programme number" on the bottom right hand corner of the front cover of your copy of the programme.

Before Festival Day, a winning number will be drawn and publicised.

Bring the programme with the winning number along to the Fete on 24th to claim the £25 cash prize.

Programmes will be on sale at the village shop and The Harcourt Arms from 9th June.



Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Festival

Stanton in Wonderland



Events from 17th to 25th June 2023

Festival Day: Saturday 24th June



Summer Festival 2023 Stanton in Wonderland



We are celebrating "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" for our summer festival this year so don't be late for all the very important dates!

Festival Day: Saturday 24th June

Festival Events: 17th June to 25th June

Thank you to all the village residents and organisations who are hosting a range of fabulous and varied events during Festival week including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, A Pig Roast, Classic Cars, a Lego exhibition, a Singing Concert, Bell Ringing, Cream Teas, Open Gardens and much, much more!

Details of all the activities and events that are happening throughout the week can be found in the **Festival Programme**. Volunteers will be selling the programme around the village but if you miss their visit, the programme will also be on sale from the Village Shop and The Harcourt Arms from Saturday 9th June

The Festival committee look forward to seeing you all throughout Festival Week and on Festival Day on 24th June!

Let's turn Stanton and Sutton into "Wonderland"! House decorating competition

We will be rolling out the bunting and transforming the village into a "Wonderland" for Festival. You can help us by decorating your own houses. A prize of a "Wine Hamper" will be awarded for the best dressed "wonderland" house. Be ready for judging before 15th June!
With thanks to Rob & Denise Santilli, Linch Hill Vineyard for the wine donation



Summer Festival 2023 Stanton in Wonderland



Festival Day: Saturday 24th June 2023

Float Procession



One of the highlights of Festival Day is the float procession that parades through the village.

We hope you will "cheer on" the procession as it makes it's way along Blackditch to the School field via Main Road.

The parade starts at 1.30pm.

On the Royal Float this year we have **Kyra Monro** (Festival Queen), **Victoria Wrembel** (Attendant), **John Trevor-Allen** (Festival Prince) and **Luna Winter** (Festival Princess).

Do come and support the royal party along with the other floats. If you could avoid parking vehicles on Blackditch between 1.15 and 2pm we would be grateful!



Fete on the School Field



The Fete will open at 2pm.

There will be lots to see and do on the school field including stalls, games, a licensed bar, BBQ, teas, coffees and cakes.

In the arena, we have performances from a local dance school, singing from the school's children and a martial arts display. There will also be a **magician** entertaining the crowds around the field and a **"stunt scooter riding"** display with sessions during the afternoon where children can try out stunt scooter riding themselves! And who will be victorious in this year's Tug of War battles?

