

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

September 2015



Welcome to the September issue! The summers still with us just about and this month it's back to school.....
I hope you've done your homework!

A Great Send Off

The Hailes family would like to thank all those who attended Eric's funeral and donated to the guide dogs.

Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Stanton Harcourt Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held at 8.00 pm on Thurs 10th September, in the small room in the Village Hall. The agenda will include planning for Remembrance Sunday. Please join us if you are interested. If you would like further information, please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772



Village Market & Cafe 5th September

12-2pm Free entry – All welcome.
Come for lunch or coffee and see what our fabulous stallholders have for sale this month.

New stall holders always welcome.

Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.

Village Hall Quiz Night

The quiz night has been postponed till a later date, we'll let you know when!



The Village hall now has a website!

Where you can see if its available to book and more!

Visit: www.stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk

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



Witney Model & Collectors Club

Exhibition

St Michaels Church Stanton Harcourt

12th September 2015 10am – 4pm

Adults £2, Children under 16 Free

Show includes...

Model engineering, die casts, collections, live steam, junk modelling, vintage vehicles and Tombola

Including the **Small Breakfast 10 – 12**

And **Cakes from 1pm**

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

Flower & Produce Show & Michaelmas Fair

27 September in the Village Hall

A few volunteers have come forward but Sandy Rich would be very grateful for other offers of help – especially anyone who might know potential sponsors (very modest amounts needed) and those who would be willing to serve teas etc on the afternoon of 27 September. The silverware has been bought, the rosettes are on order and there will be senior and junior prizes in various classes within the following six categories:

Floral; Fruit & Veg; Cookery; Jams & Preserves; Arts, Handicrafts & Photography; 'Natures Best'

Publicity will be up before long and please keep your eyes peeled for the flyers and entry forms which will be available from the Village Shop shortly.

To contact the organiser: Sandy Rich tel 01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk

High Flying for Charity...

Jane-Marie Harrison survived her sky-dive on 19th July and will not be doing another one! Thanks

to everyone for their generous sponsorship. A fantastic £4,500.00 has been raised for the MS Society in West Oxfordshire. It is not too late to sponsor if you feel so inclined! *Jane-Marie*
<https://www.justgiving.com/Jane-Marie-Harrison1/>



Thank you

I would like to thank all Rainbows and their families, past and present, for the lovely surprise at the end of the last Rainbows in July.

The flowers and presents were very much appreciated and I look forward to treating myself using the voucher. Thank you to all the Rainbows, over the years, for being so lovely and so much fun.

Best wishes, *Jane*.

School News



Primary Schools back to work on the 3rd

Big school starts on the 3rd for years 7&12, and the 4th for everyone else.

Tuesday Girls (TGs)

Although it has been holiday time we have still been busy. July found us all trying to learn how to make ourselves look more beautiful with a makeup demonstration and in August we had our second garden meeting hosted by Kathy Purvey. A big thankyou to her and her family for looking after us so splendidly and making it such an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th September 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We are being treated to a cookery demonstration by Liz Strainge so please come along and hopefully get some new ideas and tips to wow your friends and family with. Cost £3 to include a cuppa and entry to the raffle.

We are also planning a theatre trip to the Playhouse in Oxford to see Sunset Boulevard on Wednesday 11th November. Cost £25 includes ticket plus coach travel.

We would like to book early to get good seats so will need numbers and monies at the September meeting.

For any further details about the above or TG's in general please give Kay a call on 883590

SHAPE NEWS

Jubilee Field Opens!

On Friday July 24th the new play area on Jubilee Field was officially opened by David Cameron, MP for Witney – a very special and memorable occasion for all of those who have been involved in the project. Guests gathered in the pouring rain to try out the equipment and see the ribbon cut by the Prime Minister, before going for a celebratory lunch in the Village Hall.



The SHAPE Committee have worked for two and a half years on the play area project, and it was a very proud moment to see the field opened for use. We are delighted that the play equipment is now being enjoyed by so many children and families in the village.

Jubilee Field has largely been funded by WREN and FCC (who operate the landfill community fund) and we are extremely grateful for their support in providing such a generous grant for the project. Further funding was provided by Oxford County Council's Chill-Out Fund, with a significant contribution made by three local businesses: Smiths of Bletchington, Sheehans, and Noble Foods.

A successful end to the project would not have been possible without the help of a large number of people from the village who have donated both time and money to make it happen – thank you all. The SHAPE Committee is particularly grateful to Dan Barton, Matthew Judson, Nasser Saheli and Julia Howes for all of their help.



The Leys

Work on the play area for younger children on the Leys has unfortunately been delayed due to issues with the contractor but we hope construction will start within the next month.

Maintenance Team

We will soon be in touch with everyone who kindly signed up for the maintenance rota – if anyone else would like to help (volunteers take on a week a year to be responsible for checking the sites) please let us know.

For info Tel: 01865 881943 or email: shapecommittee@btinternet.com

Thoughtful Parking

We've had a few comments regarding parking on new road by the playground.....

Fireman Sam says: If you need to park on the road don't block access to other vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances that need a little extra space to pass

DI Regan says: Leave it out!

FOSHS autumn jumble sale

Saturday 10th October, 2-4pm, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Lots of nearly new toys, clothes, books, housewares, plus refreshments...come and grab yourself a bargain and catch up with friends over a cuppa and cake.

Jumble donations also welcome at the hall from 12pm on the day.

Friends of Stanton Harcourt School (FOSHS) is the village school's fundraising charity, registered charity no. 1061604. Please come along and support us!

FOSHS spooktacular hallowe'en disco!!

Saturday 31st October, 4.30 – 6.30pm, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Come along and shake your bones to some sinister sounds!

Sink your famished fangs into a hot dog!!

Prizes for best fancy dress outfit and best pumpkin lantern. Children of all ages (1-100) welcome!

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Bounce News!

Bounce dance classes start again on Saturday 5th September so dust off your leg warmers!

Just to remind parents that the cost of the 9 a.m class is now £5 and the adult class remains the same price, £5. We will be creating dance pieces for a Christmas showcase.

If you are interested in joining either class please e mail me on jposselwhite07@aol.com.

Thanks so much to all those who danced, supported, baked and helped with the July coffee morning. We raised a magnificent £220 for Cancer Research and couldn't do it without you.

Hope to see you all soon,

Jenny Posselwhite, Bounce Dance Teacher

The Page 3ish Bird

This Month, we meet Sheryl a Small Owl! Small owls were introduced to the UK in the 19th Century and like to perch on telegraph poles. If alarmed she'll bob her head up and down, and when not alarmed likes to eat small mammals and birds with beetles and worms for pudding.



SOBELL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

At RADLEY COLLEGE

Saturday 21st November 10am–5pm

Sunday 22nd November 10am–4.30pm



* Over 60 stalls * Refreshments

* Unique Gift Ideas

Come and support Sobell House Hospice Charity

www.sobellhospicecharity.org.uk

Charity number 1118646

Entrance £6 Concessions £3.50

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 7th September 7:30pm

Jubilee Field: The Parish Council greets the new Playground at Jubilee Field with enormous enthusiasm and would like to thank all those that have been a party to its fruition for a lot of very hard work. The dreams which accompanied the purchase of that field by the Parish Council have been realised when our MP, David Cameron, kindly cut the ribbon on July 24th. Work on the Leys playground should commence shortly.

Hedges and Ditches Growth Just a reminder for all residents to ensure any hedges are kept trimmed and do not obstruct public footpaths, etc. Please also ensure that any ditches are cleared of growth and debris. Please report any areas you feel pose an obstruction or danger to the clerk (trudigasser@rocketmail.com).

Planning: Hansons were granted permission to erect a Batching Plant at Dix Pit by Oxfordshire County Council Planning and Regulation Committee on 27th July- the material will be transported from Bridge Farm, Sutton Courtenay for the next two years until Stonehenge Farm is operating. Bridge Farm has not had Planning Permission since 2013 to excavate gravel, when their existing licence ran out. Routing agreements will ensure access is via the Hardwick traffic lights.

Hansons currently opine that Stonehenge will not be operative for at least the next eighteen months.

All conditions on the Gill Mill Planning Application for 5m tonnes between the existing plant and the A40 have now been met.

Planning Applications for the Harcourt Arms will be available at the SHPC meeting; it is understood that Planning Application has been lodged for Greensleeves and may also be available. Plans for the development of the field opposite the telephone box in Sutton are the subject of a presentation at the September SHPC meeting.

Supported Transport (subsidised buses and Dial-A-Ride) consultation – still open

The consultation on Public Transport will end on 14th September – there is still time to make your comments! Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on its service change proposals for subsidised bus services and Dial-a-Ride. The council needs to save more than £6 million on supported transport services. We can save money by running existing services more efficiently, however that is not enough. Savings will also have to come from reducing the current £4 million a year the council pays in bus subsidies and to run the Dial-a-Ride service.

To view the consultation, visit:

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

New West Oxfordshire Design Guide SPD – Public Consultation

A new West Oxfordshire Design Guide has been drafted, and the District Council are inviting comments on any aspect of the new document. The new draft Design Guide is available on the Council website: http://planningconsultation.westoxon.gov.uk/consult/Design_Guide.

A 6-week public consultation will run from **Monday 17 August to Wednesday 30 September, 2015**, during which period any comments should be sent to: Richard.Wheeler@westoxon.gov.uk

Publication of Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy

Towards the end of July OCC gave advance notice that they would be consulting on the County Council's new Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy proposed submission document. The Core Strategy sets out the County Council's vision, objectives, spatial strategies and core policies for minerals and waste developments in Oxfordshire to 2031. On 24 March 2015 the County Council approved the Core Strategy for publication and submission. On 22 July OCC made the Core Strategy available on the Council's website, in advance of publication.

OCC are also preparing a duty to co-operate statement and topic papers to support the Core Strategy, assist understanding of the issues and help explain the strategies and policies. The Core Strategy proposed submission documents will be available from 19 August 2015 for viewing and downloading from the Council's website at: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

Representations must be received by 5.00pm on 30 September 2015.

Email:

mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01865 815544 or 01865 810431.

Household waste recycling centre strategy

Consultation on proposed changes to household waste recycling centres in Oxfordshire

Overview - Ends: 05 Oct 2015

Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on its proposals for the future provision of household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) in Oxfordshire to save £350,000 from the budget by 2017/18.

Our proposal is to reduce the number of HWRCs from seven to three or four, and to change the opening hours of the remaining sites. Once agreed, changes to the HWRCs will be made over several years with plenty of notice given to local residents.

The proposals in this consultation affect all Oxfordshire residents. Please read the consultation document and complete the online feedback form to register your views. Please read the information provided on this consultation. Your views and opinions matter. Please take the time to respond.

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/HWRCstrategy/consultationHome>

STANDLAKE KID'S TENNIS CLUB >>>>

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>

AUTUMN SESSION
8 WEEKS
Starts Sunday 6th September

LOWER WINDRUSH TENNIS CLUB

@lwtkidsclub

KIDS CLUB!
Sunday Mornings
9.30 - 11.30 am
£20 - 8 weeks
£3 drop-in

EXERCISES - DRILLS - FUN GAMES
6-8 years: 9.30 - 10.30am Court 1 9+ years: 9.30 - 10.30am Court 2
Development games: 9+ years 10.30 - 11.30am Courts 1 and 2

STANTON HARCOURT DRAMA GROUP

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 9th October 7 pm At Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Following the amazing summer production we are looking forward for new members to take this group into the future. There are many exciting opportunities for fun with theatre and drama. Panto, summer fun and beyond.

If you can help this happen please come along and join the fun. This can only continue with your help.

If you enjoy the fun of panto, or would like to see your child grow with confidence as they take on a part, or you just don't want to see a familiar village organisation bite the dust then come along and make it happen.

We need carpenters, painters, handy(wo)men, directors, chairpersons, actors, makeup artists, helpers, prompts, and much more. If you don't fancy the stage come backstage - there is plenty to do there.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

For further information please contact Jan on 01865 881709 or email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

At 8pm we will retire to Okeford, Sutton Lane for a celebration of the success of Reduced Shakespeare Company production in June. Bring a bottle and a plate of food to share. See you there!!!

Village Party Report by Jenny Éclair. My friend and fellow 'Grumpy old Women Live' co-writer Judith turned sixty this week, I know! How come I even know women of this age, what's happening to my friends? Some of them have even started playing golf!

Anyway Judith did an incredibly brave thing and decided to throw a massive birthday bash in her local village hall. Now this is the kind of thing you can do if you live in the Oxfordshire countryside, as opposed to London where any village hall that ever existed has either burnt down or been converted (like everything else) into luxury flats.

The hall was festooned with bunting made from big jaunty pants, a DJ was put into position and about a hundred of Judith's nearest and dearest came from all over the country to celebrate... in fancy dress.

Yup, the invitation stipulated the dressing up theme as 'Whatever you wanted to be when you grew up?'

It was quite a sight, a lot of men arrived dressed up as racing drivers, making throaty brrrrmbrrrrm noises as if driving an invisible Ferrari, there were also a smattering of cricketers and conductors (both bus and orchestra), Oscar winners, super men and pirates, whilst amongst the women there were vets, surgeons, flamenco dancers and a fabulous forensic scientist who told me that her blue plastic overshoes had come in a packet of a hundred and cost under two quid, bargain.

I of course, having run out of time yet again to organize anything properly and wanting to be comfortable, bought a pair of pink 'satin' pajamas off the internet that turned out to be 100% polyester which shriveled as soon as an iron went anywhere near them and went as a 'Lady of Leisure'!

Cop out I know, but at least my feet in leopard skin print slippers remained blister free and the elasticated waist on the pajama bottoms meant I could keep going back to the buffet for more delicious ham, yum,

The birthday girl, I'm glad to say, (considering it was all her idea in the first place) made rather more effort and dressed up as a professional ice skater complete with black rhinestone costume, sparkly tights and white boots (bladeless I'm glad to say) and for a moment, as she gave us a twirl on the dance floor, my sixty year old friend looked about twelve, happy birthday Judith.

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

Our Day of Prayer Tuesday 8th September from 10am.

Thursday Morning Bible Study and Thursday Evening Bible Share begin again on 3rd September

The Sponsored Ride and Stride, Saturday 12th Sept.

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

September

Sunday 6th 10am	Rev Adrian Heath
Sunday 13th 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 20th 10am	Rev Michael Langley
Sunday 27th 10am	David Starbutts

Coffee Morning – 2nd September

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.

St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Andrew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 *or Church Warden Sandy Rich:* ☎ 01865 881943, sandy@rinsurance.co.uk

Launching Messy Church in the Lower Windrush Benefice! This is for *everyone* in the Benefice, wherever you live, whether you have a faith or not, come along and see what it's all about!

2.00 p.m. on Sunday 13th September in St. Giles' Church, Standlake

Our theme for the day is Journeys and we will have craft and fun activities, followed by a short story, some songs, a prayer and then some refreshments. We will finish around 3.30. Messy Church is aimed at families but anyone, of any age, who doesn't 'do church' but is interested in experiencing Church in a different way is welcome. Messy Church will run on the second Sunday of the month during school term times; the next Messy Church will be on October 11th when the theme will be Frozen.

September

6th 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
13th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Standlake
14:00	Messy Church	Standlake
18:00	Taize Service	Stanton Harcourt
20th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
27th 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt
18:00	Informal Service	Ferryman Inn

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

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