



Village Voice



The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

November 2015

Welcome to November: Don't Forget to wear your Poppy!
this Month includes.....

November

7 th	Village Market & Cafe
8 th	Remembrance Sunday
11 th	Armistice Day
19 th	British Legion AGM
21 st	Small Breakfast and sewing machine repair
28 th	Charity Concert at St Michaels
December	
7 th	Parish Council Meeting

Village Market & Cafe 7th November

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 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.stantonharcourtvillegehall.co.uk

Village Hall broadband:

We already have 6 people who are willing to be monthly sponsors so that we can maintain this service at the hall. If you would like to contribute as well, please contact Jane Eagle, email jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com. To sponsor one month costs £38.80.

Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday 08/11 Armistice Day 11/11

We will be having a stall at the November village market and our AGM will be on 19th November 7:30 at the village hall.

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

Plans are starting to get underway for Stanton Harcourt and Sutton's Village Festival 2016.

Watch this space

If you would like to be part of this pro-active group, please get in touch with jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

Small Breakfast 9 – 11

Saturday November 21st

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

At the same time..

While you eat your breakfast why not have your sewing machine serviced for just £19. (any parts or repairs are extra). So just come to St Michael's Church and bring your machine with you!

Church Christmas Raffle

The St. Michael's Church Fundraisers are holding the traditional Christmas Raffle in aid of Church Funds. We do hope you will be able support this Festive Fundraising event by buying Raffle tickets.

Tickets will be available from early November, for a chance to win the Sensational Christmas Hamper supplied by the Tuesday Girls and many other wonderful prizes.

There are continuing challenges maintaining this beautiful and historic building, that dates from the 12th century and which is an architectural high point of the village. Slipping slates and peeling render are a constant drain on the maintenance budget and there are plans to do some improvements to gutters and downpipes to keep the rain from penetrating the walls.

The money has to be found by constant fundraising, appeals to village residents and applications for grants to charities such as the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Fund.

This is all in addition to the money needed for the day to day running costs - heating, lighting, insurance and the contribution which the congregation makes annually to the Diocese of Oxford Parish Share.

Any offers of raffle prizes, particularly of a festive nature, would be most welcome, as would any offers to sell tickets. Many thanks,

Sue Brown (882247) Pat Burden (880652) Bronwen Buckley (883704) Jane Watts (882361)

EYNESHAM EMPORIUM

"An enjoyable mix of shopping & relaxed hospitality"

10 years old!

Join us to celebrate on Saturday
21st November and discover inspired and original gifts

Now opening earlier from 8.30-5pm Monday to Friday
9.30-5pm on Saturday. 01865 731717.

info: www.eynsham-emporium.co.uk
32-34 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

St Michael's Church 200 Club

November draw

1st 147 R Stockhill

3rd 265 W Davies

2nd 184 C Styles

4th 213 J Eagle

St Michael's Church are holding a Decorated Christmas Tree Competition.

Bring your entry to the Church on December 5th between 10am and 12 midday.

The trees will stay in the church for one week.

Voting for the best tree will be done by buying a token for 50p from the village shop during that week and putting it in the box next to your favourite tree.

The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Carols by Candlelight and Gift Service on Saturday December 13th. Trees should be no taller than 5ft but can be real or artificial. Entries can be taken home after the service on the 13th. Proceeds from the voting will go to the Salvation Army as do the gifts from the service.

Thank You!

Nigel Eagle would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who so generously sponsored him on the Sobell House Autumn Walk. He personally raised almost £220 which will be increased by Gift Aid. Over £1000 in entry fees was collected on the day, so with the sponsorship money the final total should be a good one.

Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club Update

Champions for the second year on the trot. Our first won division 4 of the OCA and our second got promoted to division 8. Stanton Harcourt cricket club have had lots of on field success and we are looking stronger for the 2016 season.

We will be going to the awards night to collect trophies on the 13th November. Looking back on another successful year, absolutely fantastic for the village!! Cricket nets will start mid-January please look on our website for details. These will be held at Bartholomew school Eynsham, come along we are always looking for new cricketers!!

<https://www.stantonharcourtcricketclub.co.uk> is our website why not take a look.

Tuesday Girls (TGs)

There will be no Tuesday girls meeting at the village hall in November as we are having a night out at the Theatre instead to see Sunset Boulevard.

For those going on trip please remember it is on Wednesday 11th November.

All back to normal at the village hall in December for our Christmas Festivities

Produce Show Report!

The revived Village Produce Show took place in the Village Hall on Sunday 27 September and was a great success. There were 108 individual entrants and a total of 272 separate entries submitted – a quantity which nearly overwhelmed the organisers and the team of judges! The number of people entering surprised and delighted all involved as did the standard of entries which was extremely high. Many congratulations to all those who won certificates, rosettes and trophies. Overall Category winners were as follows:

Category 1 – Fruit, Vegetables & Produce – Lucy Heath (Senior), Village School Foundation Year (Junior)

Category 2 – Flowers & Flower Arrangements – Marilyn Boorer (Senior), Hettie Young (Junior)

Category 3 – Cooking & Preserves – Lizzie Mason (Senior), Elise Watts (Junior)

Category 4 – Nature's Best – May Powell (Senior), Eva Appleyard (Junior)

Category 5 – Art, Handicraft, Photography & Literature – Gill Salway (Senior), Felicity Hutchison (Junior)

Category 6 – Children's Section – Alexander Crawford (Senior), Cameron Crawford (Junior)

The Best in Show Cup was awarded to Chris Long for a beautifully made corn dolly which the judges felt really captured the spirit of the event. The Harcourt Perpetual Challenge Cup for the overall winner (which was originally presented to the village by Lord & Lady Harcourt but had not been awarded since 1954) was taken home by a hugely deserving Marilyn Boorer.

Our thanks to the sponsors of the event: Evenlode DIY, Cogges Manor Farm Museum and The Garden flower shop (in Oxford's Covered Market).

Thank you too to all who helped on the day, submitted entries and came

along to see what it was all about – it turned the day into a real community event which will now become an annual fixture in the village calendar: Sunday 25 September has been provisionally set as the date for 2016. One entrant warned ominously "it will be much more competitive next year"!



Poised Performing Arts runs ballet and tap classes on a Monday between 3.30pm to 6.30pm for children aged 2.5 plus years at the village hall. Contact Katy for more details.

Tel: 07752880132

Email: poisedperformingarts@gmail.com

Web: www.poisedperformingarts.co.uk

Booking now! Christmas Shop and drop workshop based on Frozen! Drop your children off and finish your Christmas shopping while they have fun with Anna and Elsa. Dance, singing, drama and crafts. 10am until 4pm 21st December, £30 per child. Ages 4 to 10 years.

Horse Whisperers Wanted

Abingdon Group for the Riding for the Disabled Association based at Southmoor are in desperate need of additional volunteers for three lessons in particular - Monday at 5 pm, Wednesday at 6 pm, and Thursday at 5 pm. None of these classes are running at capacity, as we don't currently have sufficient volunteers to be able

to offer more children who are on our waiting list a place. This is such a shame, as riding would make such a huge difference to these children.

Volunteers need to be 14 years or over, and a DBS check is required. Please would you share our plea for volunteers with your friends, and help us to find these essential team members and bring these lessons up to capacity.

To find out more, visit our website www.rda-abingdon.org.uk, find us on Facebook and send a PM, or emailannps.barlow@googlemail.com

The Page 3 ManBird

This month's bird is Pappy, and he is a Scarlet Tanager, his colouring is red and black just like a poppy! Lady tanagers are olive coloured so just wouldn't do this month. Tanagers are in the Cardinal family and mostly found in the Americas but have also recently been spotted in our Wild West as close as Ireland, Scilly and Cornwall.



Parish Council News

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

Village Christmas Tree

The village Christmas Tree, which this year is being very kindly organised on behalf of the Parish Council by Kerstie Judson, will be in place on The Green in December, carols around the Tree will take place on Saturday 12th December at 5pm.

Councillors object to household waste recycling centres closure proposal

West Oxfordshire District Council is strongly opposing the proposed closure of some of Oxfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres, including Dix Pit at Stanton Harcourt by 2018.

Councillor David Harvey noted: "The closure of Dix Pit in Stanton Harcourt and other centres across Oxfordshire would inconvenience many people, be environmentally harmful and only bring a short-term cost gain to the County which is why we are strongly urging them to re-consider their plans."

West Oxfordshire District Council has supported the reduction in opening hours as they considered that if this allowed the provision of a greater number of sites, it would be the best option for the public.

Stones from Eynsham Abbey?

Do you have or know the whereabouts of stones, which originated from Eynsham Abbey?

I live in Eynsham and am assembling a record of extant stones by photographing them. If you can help, please contact steve_parrinder@hotmail.com

West Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan Examination

The West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

The Local Plan Examination will be divided into two separate sessions.

The first session dealing with strategic matters including the duty to co-operate and housing and employment requirements will begin at 10am on Monday 23 November and will run until Thursday 26 November.

The second examination session will begin on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

All hearing sessions will be held at the Council's Woodgreen offices in Witney.

Pumpkin recycling

West Oxfordshire residents are being reminded to recycle their pumpkins this Halloween.

Residents can either leave their pumpkins at the side of their food waste bin to be picked up as part of their usual weekly collection, or cut them into pieces and put them inside this bin.

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. Your Chairman has made comments to the Strategy – details of comments made can be found on the Parish Council Website www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council

Wychwood Project AGM and Talk

The Wychwood Project would like to invite you to attend our AGM and talk on Tuesday 17th November at Chadlington Memorial Hall, OX7 3NA, 7.30 - 10 pm. We aim to keep the business part of the meeting brief and move on to the highlight of the evening, a talk by Andrew Mitchell from Global Canopy Programme, entitled 'What does Wychwood Forest have in common with the Amazon?' This is an open meeting so please publicise widely, noting that only Wychwood Project members can vote during the business part of the meeting.

Cabinet's go-ahead for cost saving programme

Cabinet members at West Oxfordshire District Council have voted unanimously to proceed with a shared working programme that will deliver additional annual savings of over £1.25m by the end of 2018/19.

The programme, called the 2020 Vision, will extend existing shared working with Cheltenham Borough Council and Cotswold and Forest of Dean District Councils. The four councils already share a human resources, finance and payroll service and are working towards building a common ICT structure.

Although there will be structural changes as to how the councils operate, the 2020 programme is being designed so residents will not see any changes to their Council and the services it runs.

Each Council will retain its own separate identity and its own democratically elected members. Staff will continue to work at each location; some will provide a service predominantly to one Council, whereas others will provide a service for more than one Council.

Further OCC Savings

On 20 October, we launch a public consultation about 130 budget savings options that the council is considering. The savings options will be published on the council's website for feedback and comment. We would welcome your and others' feedback.

Although no decisions have been taken at this stage, the council believes it will need to find another £50m of savings on top of those already announced in previous years' budgets.

Further information on all (County Council) consultations can be found at: www.consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti

Have your say on the future of children's services

Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on its proposal to adopt a new model of children's services in Oxfordshire for children aged 0-19 to save £8 million from the budget by 2016-17.

Our proposal is to create a brand new service for families and their children aged 0-19 years old, or up to 25 if the child has additional needs.

We would open up to eight new Children and Family Centres across Oxfordshire. These Centres would support children and their families who need help and will integrate the work of the Children's Centres, the Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Social Care.

Unless we can find a new way of working the current 44 Children's Centres which support families with children aged 0-5, and the seven Early Intervention Hubs currently providing support to children aged up to 19, or 25 if the child has additional needs, will close.

The consultation runs until 23:59 on 10 January 2016.

Further information is available online:

www.consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/eiservicesreview/

Post Box

The post box, which was previously located at The Harcourt Arms, will be relocated on the Green in the very near future.

There was a close miss, as it was very nearly relocated to an incorrect location - thanks to eagle-eyed Amy Payne, who

spotted the error and informed the Chairman, this was avoided.

Newbridge Meetings

The problem of overweight HGVs crossing Newbridge is still a significant unresolved issue, if nothing is done there may come a time when the damage to this Grade 1 listed structure is such that it will have to be closed to all motorised traffic, to the significant inconvenience of local residents both north and south of the river. Northmoor PC recently decided that it would perhaps be helpful to set up a liaison group of the various parties who might have an interest in the bridge. When this was communicated locally there were many positive responses and no negative ones.

Invitations to the meetings of the Liaison Group have been extended to Local Parishes, OCC, WODC, the Environment Agency, English Heritage, Local MPs, Local Councillors and Residents who have been active in monitoring the HGVs crossing the bridge.

For more information or to get involved contact the Parish Clerk

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>

The Oxfordshire Museum Lectures

7 November. Dr Robert Edwards is an authority on portrait miniatures and himself a collector will talk about, and illustrate the work of Richard and Maria Cosway. Both Rich and Maria were shining examples of artists in the end of the 18th century and rose from humble beginnings to the higher ranks.

28 November. Karen Wiseman, Head of Education at Blenheim Palace will be speaking on the subject "Portraits in the Palace". Visitors to the palace will see hanging on the walls very many fine paintings, many by the most famous painters of their period.

www.FriendsOfTom.co.uk

Tickets are £7 and are available in advance from: The Oxfordshire Museum; Woodstock

A special event at St Michael's Church...

Amphion Ensemble

A charity concert featuring musicians from leading London and UK orchestras

7pm Sat. 28th November

Poulenc: Trio for Oboe, Bassoon & Piano; Fauré: Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 120;

Mozart: Piano Quintet in E flat, K.452

£12 / £8 / £5 (under 18s)

Every penny from ticket & refreshment sales goes to Cancer

Research UK. For further enquiries and to reserve tickets:

01865 882768/amphionconcerts@hotmail.com

Witney Music Society

The next concert in our 50th anniversary season of concerts will be given by members of the renowned Aronowitz Ensemble. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 13 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney and will feature a string quartet by Dvorak, a Beethoven cello sonata performed by Guy Johnston and Tom Poster, and a piano quintet by Brahms.

For further details, please ring 01993 702296 or visit our website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

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

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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

14th November Tea Party and Sing Song 3pm

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

November

Sunday 1st 10am	Rev Elgin Crewe
Sunday 8th 10am	Rev Fred Ireland
Sunday 15th 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 22nd 10am	Mr David Tee
Sunday 29th 10am	Rev Paul Weir inc Holy Communion

Coffee Morning – 4th November

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 Drew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich ☎ 01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk

November

1st 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
2nd 19:00 (Monday)	Benefice Service of Reflection for All Souls Day (<i>remembering our deceased loved ones</i>)	Stanton Harcourt
8th 10:50	Remembrance Service	Stanton Harcourt
14:30	Messy Church	Standlake
15th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
18:00	Taize Service	Stanton Harcourt
22nd 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt
29th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Stanton Harcourt

Recipe of the Month

This was going to be Chicken Soup to sooth all those winter ailments, only we don't have space (and I haven't tested my recipes safe yet!) If you have a good recipe why not share it with us!

Get Involved!

Did this issue excite you or would you like more P'Zaz? Why not get involved and add some Zaz, you could write a column or help edit even! As the editor cant afford a house in the village I'll have to move away to the 'Wales' or the 'North' or maybe even the Moon, and will need some legs on the ground! I'm also looking for a wife! (both roles are voluntary!)

