

Village Voice

A wicker basket filled with colorful Easter eggs (pink, blue, and speckled) sitting on a grassy field. The basket is made of light brown wicker and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The background is a soft-focus green field of grass.

Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Newsletter

APRIL 2026

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WHAT'S ON
APRIL EVENTS

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STANTON HARCOURT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & UPDATES

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE ISSUES

As you know the village has been badly affected by storm and wastewater flooding recently. The major issue is hydraulic overload and groundwater infiltration of the Thames Water System. Sandra Cosier of the Parish and District Council and Steve Cosier of the District Council have been doing a great job in following up on the issues with Thames Water. In addition to the issues with wastewater low pressure is regularly reported across the Parish.

The Parish Council understands these concerns and will take this into consideration in our response to any new planning applications. In the longer Term the PC has agreed to develop a Neighbourhood plan and has set aside funds for this. A neighbourhood plan will give the parish direct power to influence local development, ensuring it meets the parish needs and aligns with the character of the area. Once approved the plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the parish.

The state of ditches and run-off from farmland contributes to the hydraulic overload of the system. All property owners have a responsibility to maintain ditches that border or run across their property.

TREE PLANTING

On the Sunday 21 March Keith Hickson, Rob Brown, Ade Poynter and Peter Plaisted planted 60 saplings on Bury Mead Green. These trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust and are intended to form a copse in the area that cannot be mowed. The trees are all native species and will encourage wildlife. Thanks to the planting team for the help in planting these.

THE OLD GUARDROOM

We continue to make improvements to The Old Guardroom and we now have a baby changing facility. We are working to improve the heating to automate the heating ahead of bookings. The main issue causing the automation to fail at present is hirers unplugging the timers or switching off the installed heaters which cause them to lose their programming.

ROADS

The Speedwatch group are liaising with OCC and a walk through is planned for the Week of 23 March to check with them the feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed traffic calming prior to formal consultation with interested public bodies and services.

POT HOLES

There have been a lot reported in March for which OCC have still to carry out repair. At the time of writing this is within the 28day SLA. The state of Oxfordshire roads is appalling and in the national news which may explain the delay in fixing these. That does not mean I will stop marking and reporting Potholes in the village and will be out next Month to report ones I did not get to last month. If anyone would like help in this and become a Fix My Street Super User please contact me keith.hickson@stanton-harcourt-pc.gov.uk.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM WEST OXFORD DISTRICT

FROM COUNCILLORS STEVE AND SANDRA COSIER

MEETING WITH THAMES WATER

After raising residents' concerns repeatedly, and despite the clear and serious impact on residents, Thames Water has now informed me (again) that they are "still collating information" and that this will "take some time" before they can meet us.

'And the Government want to build more homes!'
'And Thames Water are increasing customer bills by an average of 3.4%, or about £2 per month, starting 1 April 2026'

Our community deserves straight answers, clear accountability, and immediate action, not yet another promise that will get back to us by April.

Thames Water informed us 'once' again that they will "facilitate a meeting" once they have "the correct people on board." But at this point, residents do not need more meetings, they need the company to step up, acknowledge the scale of the failure, and deliver solutions!

We will continue pushing them hard, but rest assured:

- We share your anger.
- We share your frustration.
- And I will not let this be quietly swept aside with delay tactics.

As soon as we receive anything concrete, residents will hear it from us. Until then, please keep reporting any issues (blockages, leaks, etc.) through the official channels, and to us!

More to come. Stay engaged and thank you for your patience, even though it is being stretched beyond reason.

MEETING WITH WASP'S GEOFF TOMBS...

At the time of writing this Steve and I are arranging to meet Geoff Tombs from Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP) who kindly agreed to discuss the appalling situation facing our communities. Geoff is WASP's lead researcher and administrator, with deep expertise in environmental permitting and data analysis. Since 2019, he's been instrumental in holding water companies accountable for pollution and regulatory failures.

As mentioned previously in Village Voice editions, we are determined to show Thames Water and the Environment Agency the catastrophic consequences of allowing untreated sewage to enter our local watercourses and streets. This is not just a technical failure; it's an environmental and public health outrage.

We will report back after our meeting with Mr Tombs to outline the next steps.

DELIVERING FOR NATURE: WEST OXFORDSHIRE'S BIODIVERSITY REPORT

West Oxfordshire District Council is publishing its Biodiversity Duty Report this month, setting out how we are protecting and restoring nature across the district under our strengthened legal duty in the Environment Act 2021.

Nature is central to life in West Oxfordshire. Our landscapes, rivers and green spaces define our sense of place, and we are committed to safeguarding them for future generations. This report shows how we are improving habitats, supporting species recovery and ensuring new development leaves nature better than before.

Since February 2024, WODC have embedded Biodiversity Net Gain into planning decisions, enhanced habitats on council-managed land, and installed wildlife-friendly features. WODC are reduced herbicide use, eliminated peat products and supported local councils, schools and community groups to take action for nature.

Looking ahead, WODC will continue delivering our Nature Recovery Plan, strengthen nature policies in the emerging Local Plan 2043 and support the Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This includes restoring meadows, improving rivers and wetlands, protecting ancient woodland, planting new hedgerows and woodlands, and ensuring wildlife is considered in everyday council services

Best Wishes

Sandra and Steve
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YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

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VILLAGE SUPPORT

CHURCH TIMES

St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt, Lower Windrush Benefice



Church service information

<https://lowerwindrushbenefice.org/services/>

April 5th Easter Sunday 10:30am All Age

April 12th Sunday 10:00am Benefice Holy Communion

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

Sutton Chapel



Sun 12 April, 3pm – Rev. Kathy Flynn

<https://www.westoxfordshiremethodists.org.uk/churches/sutton.html>

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit

www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/



CAFE AT THE CHAPEL



Every first Wednesday of the month

10:00am - 12:00pm

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!

Village Shop Church Collection Box

As it was getting heavy to pick up, it seemed time to empty the box and pass on to the St Michael's Treasurer. Janet says that the box contained £94 & we would like to thank all users of the Village Shop for their generosity.

VILLAGE SUPPORT

STANTON HARCOURT VILLAGE HALL

The Village Market & Cafe is on Saturday 11th April from 12-2pm.

Step into the warmth and charm of our village market, where a delightful array of fresh local produce, quality meats, artisan jams and chutneys, home-baked cakes, and beautifully crafted jewellery and gifts await. Each stall offers something special, perfect for a leisurely browse and a little inspiration.

Take a moment to relax with a mug of freshly brewed coffee or tuck into a comforting bowl of homemade soup with a roll, all while enjoying friendly conversation and a welcoming atmosphere. Free entry – we'd love to see you there!

New stalls are welcome – there's no charge for a stall, we provide a table and chairs. Please contact jo@marketing-sense.co.uk to find out more.



VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Please support our Village Shop and Post Office, located at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall!

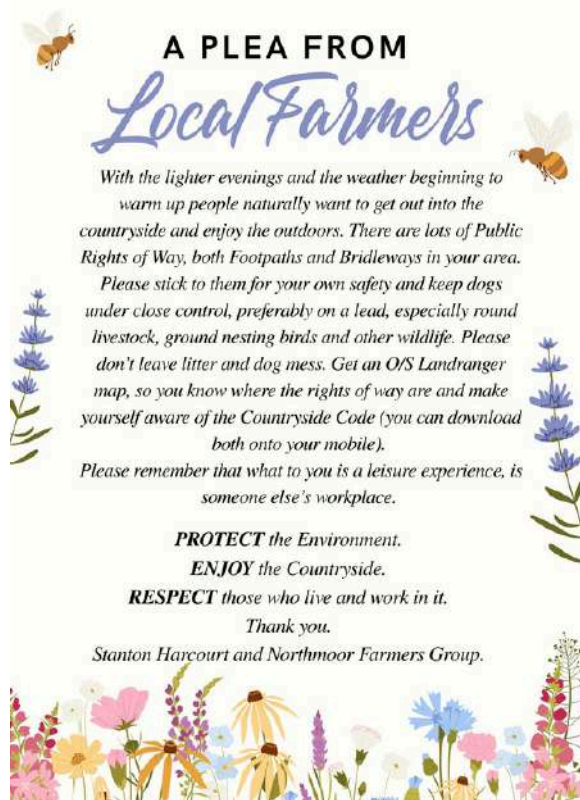


The Village Shop is open **daily** for newspapers, milk, essential groceries and cards.

From 8:00am to 10:00am (10:30am on Tuesday & Saturday)

The Post Office is Open **Tuesday & Saturday**

From 8:00am to 10:30am



VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

These are the timetables for the new bus services from Stanton Harcourt and Standlake run by First and Last Mile. Any questions please call 07584 927050.



FLM ROUTE 401
STANTON HARCOURT - LONGWORTH - WANTAGE
MONDAYS ONLY
www.firstandlastmile.org.uk



Email: info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com

Tel 07584 927 050

Stop	Outbound	Inbound
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	09:10	13:28
BRIGHTHAMPTON, LANCOTT LANE	09:16	13:22
STANDLAKE, WOODLANDS	09:20	13:18
LONGWORTH, BOWBANK CLOSE	09:30	13:08
HINTON WALDRIST, BUS SHELTER	09:37	13:01
PUSEY	09:42	12:56
BUCKLAND, VILLAGE HALL [REQUEST ONLY]	09:47	12:51
GAINFIELD	09:52	12:46
CHARNEY BASSETT, ORCHARD CLOSE	09:56	12:42
LYFORD, BUS SHELTER	10:01	12:38
WEST HANNEY, BUS SHELTER	10:07	12:33
GROVE, MILLBROOK SQUARE [REQUEST ONLY]	10:14	12:26
WANTAGE, HEALTH CENTRE [REQUEST ONLY]	10:20	12:20
WANTAGE, MARKET SQUARE [STOP C]	10:25	12:15



STANTON HARCOURT - LONGWORTH - FARINGDON
FARINGDON - CLANFIELD - WITNEY
THURSDAYS ONLY
www.firstandlastmile.org.uk



Email: info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com

Tel 07584 927 050

FLM ROUTE 402 STANTON HARCOURT - LONGWORTH - FARINGDON

Stop	Outbound	Inbound
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	09:10	13:34
BRIGHTHAMPTON, LANCOTT LANE	09:16	13:30
STANDLAKE, WOODLANDS	09:20	13:25
LONGWORTH, BOWBANK CLOSE	09:30	13:15
HINTON WALDRIST, BUS SHELTER	09:37	13:08
BUCKLAND, VILLAGE HALL	09:47	12:58
FARINGDON, RETAIL PARK	09:59	12:46
FARINGDON, MARKET PLACE	10:03	12:42

Outbound passengers wishing to continue on the 409 service may remain on this bus.
Inbound passengers wishing to continue on the 402 service may remain on this bus.

FLM ROUTE 409 FARINGDON - CLANFIELD - WITNEY

Stop	Outbound	Inbound
FARINGDON, MARKET PLACE	10:05	12:40
CLANFIELD, BUS SHELTER	10:13	12:32
BAMPTON, BRIDGE STREET	10:17	12:28
LEW, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	10:21	12:24
CURBRIDGE, LORD KITCHENER	10:24	12:21
WITNEY, MARKET SQUARE	10:30	12:15
SAINSBURYS	10:35	12:10



FLM ROUTE 471
NORTHMOOR - STANTON HARCOURT - WITNEY
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
www.firstandlastmile.org.uk



Email: info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com

Tel 07584 927 050

Stop	Outbound	Inbound
NORTHMOOR, PARK FARM CLOSE	09:20	Request Only
NORTHMOOR, RED LION	09:22	Request Only
BABLOCK HYTHE, FERRYMAN	09:25	Request Only
BLACKDITCH	09:31	Request Only
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	09:32	12:36
SUTTON VILLAGE	09:35	Request Only
SOUTH LEIGH, LYMBROOK CLOSE	09:43	12:25
WITNEY, MARKET SQUARE	10:05	12:05
SAINSBURYS	10:08	12:02
LIDL	10:15	11:55

All Routes and Fares - <https://www.firstandlastmile.org.uk/>

West Oxfordshire
Community Transport

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Eynsham • Standlake

via Sutton, Stanton Harcourt, Bablockhythe & Northmoor

Monday to Friday except public holidays

Eynsham, Church opposite	0930	1125	1325	1545	1705	1820
Sutton, Turn	0935	1130	1330	1550	1710	1825
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys Paddock	0938	1133	1333	1553	1715	1828
Stanton Harcourt, Blackditch	0939	1134	1334	1554	1716	1829
Bablockhythe, The Ferryman	0946	1141	1341	1601	1836	
Northmoor, The Red Lion	0950	1145	1345	1605	1840	
Standlake, Church Mill Close	0955	1150	1350	1610	1845	
Standlake, Church Mill Close	0955	1155	1355	1615		
Brighthampton, Lancott Lane	1000	1200	1400	1620		
Standlake, Woodlands	1005	1205	1405	1625		
Northmoor, The Red Lion	1007	1207	1407	1627		
Bablockhythe, The Ferryman	1008	1208	1408	1628		
Stanton Harcourt, Blackditch	1014	1214	1414	1634	1716	
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys Paddock	1015	1215	1415	1635		
Sutton, Turn	1018	1218	1418	1638	1722	
Eynsham, Church outside	1023	1223	1423	1643	1727	

No service on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays

This service is operated by West Oxfordshire Community Transport LTD.
For more information, please visit wocet.org.uk or call 01993 630124.

West Oxfordshire Community Transport is registered in England and Wales as a charitable Community Benefit Society No. 7458 under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014.
Connect at 18/09/2025, 13:02. Special timetables may operate over Easter and the Christmas period.

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 WEST OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

WHAT'S ON IN STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON

LOWER WINDRUSH HISTORY CLUB

The Lower Windrush History Club has started their new season of talks. All are welcome to come along though for £5 on the door. For more information please contact Jenny Beilby at lwhscommittee@gmail.com

The talk on 7th April is "Oxfordshire Place Names" at Standlake Village Hall at 7.30pm



MONTHLY PUB QUIZ

The monthly pub quiz in the Harcourt Arms, is on **Thursday 23rd April**.

The entrance fee is only £3 (Please bring exact cash) and there are cash prizes. Maximum of 6 in a team. Come along and have fun! Tables need to be booked in advance as demand is high.

Visit the Arms or call **(01865 416516)** to do so but please only book if you are sure you can participate. A curry is available each quiz night as is the regular menu. The quiz starts at 7.30pm; come earlier to eat.



STANTON HARCOURT BEER FESTIVAL PRESENTS

UNPLUGGED OPEN MIC NIGHTS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
STANTON HARCOURT
OXFORDSHIRE
£2 ENTRY PER PERSON
(PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHURCH)

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

MUSICIANS, SINGERS, POETS,
COMEDIANS' SPECTATORS
ALL UNPLUGGED - LET THE
ACOUSTICS OF THE CHURCH
DO THE WORK

7:30-9:30PM
APRIL 24TH
MAY 29TH
JUNE 26TH
JULY 31ST
AUGUST 28TH
SEPTEMBER 25TH



SUTTON SINGERS

**Sutton Singers and Bampton Singers Spring Concert 24.4.26
-7 for 7.30pm sing.**

Do come along to our joint concert - a varied programme of glorious singing. At Stanton Harcourt Village Hall. Tickets from Jan Tomlinson janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com Hope to see your there.

Sutton Singers performed “**Outstandingly**” at Chipping Norton Music Festival according to the adjudicator. And Sutton Singers were buzzing afterwards.



You see us here just after performing

Sutton Singers meet on Tuesdays during term time at 7pm. Would you like to sing? Come and join in the joy and fun of singing together? No auditions needed. We welcome new members, have parties sometimes and our Musical Director - Lizzie Soden - is a joy to work with, fun, encouraging and says everyone can sing! If you just love singing but are not so keen on performance we are the choir for you! As a Community Choir we welcome everyone and you never know - you may end up being inspired to perform?

Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson on
Phone: **01865 881709** or
email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com



Time: 7:30 PM (Doors 7:00 PM)
Venue: Stanton Harcourt Village Hall
Entry: £8
Tickets available from Jan Vivien
Jan Tomlinson
07720 844973
janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

WEST OXFORDSHIRE WINDS & FREELAND ORCHESTRA

Did you know that Stanton Harcourt’s best-kept musical secret is hiding in plain sight?

Every other Wednesday evening, the Village Hall transforms into a hub of harmony as both the **West Oxfordshire Winds** concert band and **Freeland Orchestra** take the stage.

Have you ever looked at that dusty instrument case in the attic and felt a pang of nostalgia? Or perhaps you’ve been practicing solo and miss the powerful, hair-raising swell of a full ensemble? Whether you’re a former school band star or a late-blooming adult learner, the **West Oxfordshire Winds** is looking for you! And if you’re a string or brass player then **Freeland Orchestra** could be just what your Wednesday evenings need!

While we generally suggest a **Grade 5 standard** for the band (and a little higher for the orchestra), we care more about your passion than your certificates. There are **no auditions**—just friendly groups of locals making great music together.

A bit out of practice? If you’re a wind player who’s a little "lapsed" or not quite at Grade 5 yet, don't worry! We have a fantastic sister group in **Eynsham** designed specifically to help you build your confidence. **West Oxfordshire Learners** will welcome you.

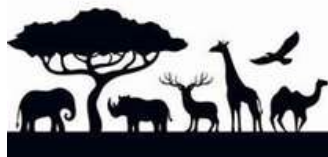
For more details on any of these music groups please contact Wendy Marks on Wendy@OxfordWoodwind.co.uk or see the website: www.OxfordWoodwind.co.uk



STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON SUMMER FESTIVAL 2026

In honour of the 100th Birthday of Sir David Attenborough, our Summer Festival aims to celebrate the wonder of our natural world and its diverse flora and fauna under the theme of:

“Our Living Planet”



The key dates to remember are:

Festival Events: 13th June to 21st June

Festival Day: Saturday 20th June 2026

Festival Royals 2026

We will announce the names of our Festival King or Queen, their attendant and our Festival Prince and Princess in the May edition of Village Voice.

“Our Living Planet” – Scarecrow/House Decorating Competition

We will be offering prizes for the best “Living Planet” themed Scarecrows or other decorations on display in gardens in the weeks leading up to festival this summer so start planning your masterpieces now!

Village gardeners – Plants and cuttings required!

As you sow your seedlings or take cuttings over the spring perhaps you could produce a few extras and donate some plants to us for our plant stall on Festival Day. Many Thanks!

Festival Week Events

If you or your village organisation would like to hold an event during the week, get in touch with Keith Hickson (07764 132178, email keith.hickson@stanton-harcourt-pc.gov.uk).

Festival Day Stalls

If you would like to have a stall on the field on Festival Day then please contact Lucy on 07775 604466 or email lucylowe1974@gmail.com

Programme Booklet

If you are involved in a local business and would like to place an advert in the Festival Programme booklet then contact Gill (gill@gillmason.com)

For other information about Festival or if you would like to get involved in Festival 2026 then you can email Jo Wilby at

jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

The Festival Committee

STANTON HARCOURT BEER FESTIVAL 2026

Join us for Stanton Harcourts 4th Beer Festival on 25th July. It's an amazing day for all and it's not just for Beer lovers. We will have an amazing selection of local ales but there will also be Ciders, Pilsner, Wine, Pimms, Prosecco and lots of soft drinks.

There will be amazing food all day and great live music. Just like a mini Festival.

All ages welcome and good doggies.

Tickets - \$11.55

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stanton-harcourt-beer-festival-tickets-1980250752307>



HEALTH & FITNESS EVENTS

Still keeping to your New Year health resolutions, or wanting to start something new, meet new people and have fun?

ZUMBA CLASSES

Thursday evenings 6.30pm- Stanton Harcourt Village Hall (term time) if you love to dance, learn new routines, make new friends while having fun & getting fit, you'll love zumba- all abilities welcome.

Classes are £6 per session.

For more information please contact **Debbie 07733 081620/ debbiepargeter@gmail.com**



ANAHATA YOGA

Please come and join us-

Monday 5-6pm Yoga for Wellbeing, The Old Guardroom, Stanton Harcourt Mondays 6.15-7.15pm Anahata Yoga, The Old Guardroom Thursdays 10-11am Stanton Harcourt Village Hall-Anahata Yoga And Tuesday 2.45-3.45pm Seated Yoga - The Old Guardroom.

Please contact me for more information, all classes are £8, concessions available Anahata yoga is a style of Hatha Yoga, from the north of India, based in nature, and with flowing rather than static poses.

Expect classes that are varied, designed to help us to clear our minds, move our bodies, in the hope we can go out in the world stronger and calmer

Please note there are no classes on the bank holiday, and no classes the week 20th

April.

I am also a qualified massage therapist, specialising in Thai Yoga Massage, Holistic Massage, and Deep Tissue Massage.

Please contact me on 0789 002 6446 or via alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk Peaceful Existence Yoga and Massage, based in Sutton Xx



PILATES

Pilates, Personal Training and Breathwork
with Nicky Holmes

Tuesdays – 5.15pm / Village Hall

Wednesdays – 10.10am and 11.20am, Old GuardRoom

Classes start from £10 for a 6 week course – personal tuition is also available. Nicky specialises in rehabilitation from injury, improving posture, strength and flexibility work including breath work and relaxation techniques. Every class is varied, sometimes using equipment, stability balls, weights and foam rollers. Numbers are limited as classes are small and personalised to each individual.

info@physiquepilates.co.uk

www.physiquepilates.co.uk Tel : 07949 764 966

VELVET SOLES FOOT HEALTH - FOOT CARE FOR ALL

Mobile Foot Health Professional Covering West Oxfordshire. Stanton Harcourt based. Caring, professional foot health service brought to you. Nail trimming & filing - Thickened nail reduction - Corn & callus removal - Verrucae - Diabetic foot care - Conservative ingrown toenail care. Call me to book an appointment on **07798 829457**

Or email me at **jennifer@velvetsoles.co.uk**

For more information please visit my website

www.velvetsoles.co.uk



April 2026

EVENTS

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		1 Cafe at the Chapel 10:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 10:10am & 11:20am Old Guardroom West Oxfordshire Winds Village Hall 6:45pm-7:45pm	2 Anahata Yoga Village Hall 10:00am-11:00am Thursday Club Northmoor Village Hall 12:00pm-2:00pm	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4	5 EASTER SUNDAY
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SAVE THE DATE

Save the dates for upcoming village events in your diary so you don't miss out!

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
MAY 2026	9th	Village Hall Market & Cafe 12:00pm-2:00pm
	11th	Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom 7:30pm
	14th	Pub Quiz, Harcourt Arm 7:30pm
	29th	Unplugged Open Mic Night, St.Michael's Church 7:30pm-9:30pm
JUNE 2026	1st	Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom 7:30pm
	13th	Village Hall Market & Cafe 12:00pm-2:00pm
		Freeland Orchestra Concert, Village Hall 7:00pm
	13 th - 21 st	Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival
	20th	Village Festival Day
26th	Unplugged Open Mic Night, St.Michael's Church 7:30pm-9:30pm	
JULY 2026	6th	Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom 7:30pm
	11th	West Oxfordshire Winds Concerts, Village Hall, Village Hall Market & Cafe 12:00pm-2:00pm
	25th	Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Beer Festival, St.Michael's Church
	31st	Unplugged Open Mic Night, St.Michael's Church 16 7:30pm-9:30pm

GET INVOLVED

THE THURSDAY CLUB



We meet every Thursday at Northmoor Village Hall between 12:00 and 2 pm.

"I have been cooking on a rota with others for the Thursday Club for many years and love it. However we too are getting old and I see some cooks sitting in ranks of those expecting meals now!!"



WE NEED MORE COOKS!

I know cooking for up to 30 people can feel a bit daunting, but even preparing just a pudding or a main course now and then would make a real difference to those of us who currently provide both courses every other week.

If you think you might be able to help in any way, I'd love to have a chat—please do give me a ring. (Liz Strange - **07810606755**) or pop in and see us one week between 12.00pm and 2.00pm

STANTON HARCOURT CHARITIES

RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY NO. 2015689-0 | EDUCATIONAL CHARITY NO. 309985

DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE TWO CHARITIES THAT EXIST FOR THE BENEFIT OF VILLAGERS?

RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY PROVIDES SHORT TERM FINANCIAL RELIEF TO ANYONE WHO LIVES OR WORKS IN VILLAGE

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PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BENEFIT

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Friends of Stanton Harcourt School

HELP OUR VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL TAKE LEARNING OUTSIDE!

We are raising funds to provide our village primary school with sturdy outdoor tables and chairs so children can:

- ☀️ Enjoy their lunches in the fresh air
- 📚 Take part in whole-class outdoor lessons
- 🌱 Learn, play and thrive outside together

The more fresh air, the better!

These tables will be used by all the children and will benefit the entire school community for years to come.

👉 HOW YOU CAN HELP

We've been fundraising enthusiastically but we would love support from:

- 🏠 Local residents
- 🏢 Local businesses
- 👥 Community supporters

Every donation, large or small, makes a real difference.

If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact: Melissa Coleman on 07968 084 675

Donations online can be made at - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/melissa-coleman-4>

Your generosity will help create a healthier, happier outdoor space for our children.

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VILLAGE PARKING COURTESY

Just a small reminder for motorists not park on the grass verges in village, especially around the village green and dropping off or picking up at the Primary School.

