

Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

March 2016



Welcome to the belated March issue, apologies it's so late, I've had to work rather late fixing the fusion reactor! If you'd like to complain please write to the editor and be sure to include the £5 administration charge ;)

March

12th Litter Pick 10am @ Village Hall

12th Village Market 12-2pm

17th British Legion Meeting 8pm

25th Family Friendly Bingo Night

28th Easter Monday Spring Walk

30th Nominations open for Parish Council

April

2nd Eynsham Rotary Club Film Night

7th Nominations close for Parish Council 4pm

9th Village Market 12-2pm

June

18th Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Festival



Village Litter Pick - Meeting at the Village Hall at 10am on Saturday 12th March

Stanton At Sea

Summer Festival 2016

2016 is sailing by at a rate of knots, so we thought we would give you some time, to get those nautical thinking caps on!

Rig Up Your House

Join in the Festival-

Declare your house seaworthy!

With Bunting, Sails, Flags 'n' Oars...

Pirates, Marines or Ships Ahoy!

Competition Time

Seaside on a Plate – Judged on festival day

Nautical Gardens/Open Events week

Cruise around the villages during the open Events week.

If you would like to host an event contact:

Mike, mikeparker12@gmail.com or

Richard, rich.thom@btinternet.com

Stall Holders

Don't forget all those Seafarers docking at the Port of Stanton They will be spending their gold on Festival day! Do you want them to spend it at your stall?

Contact: May, may.powell5@gmail.com Dan, dan@dcbarton.co.uk

or Claire, mert.clare@gmail.com

Sailors who prefer the Land

We do need a team of people to help set up the festival day and help dismantle it.

I also need a couple of chaps with long ladders to help put the village bunting up on the 6th June @6pm

Can you help? Contact: jowilby@hotmail.co.uk



Village Markets

We are moving from the 1st Saturday in each month to the 2nd Saturday in each month for 2016, so dates are: March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th and Dec 10th 12-2pm. Free entry, all welcome. If you'd like a stall email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

Also dates for the diary

(all in the Village Hall in aid of Village Hall funds):

Sat 14th May Pub Quiz. 7.30pm £10/head inc supper

Sat 11th June 70's Disco 8pm

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.stantonharcourtvillagehall.co.uk



Your Village Still Needs you!

Parish Council Election on 5th May, Nominations for councillors open **30th March - 7th April**

I (ed) haven't had any feedback on if anyone is planning to run yet... why not let us know and we can report in April, or even have a 'mini-husting' of candidates for May issue (if we're on time!)



Mission Accomplished!

See back page...

SPRING WALK EASTER MONDAY March 28th

(Like New Year's Day only warmer-hopefully!)

Join us to start at "The Willows, Sutton" at 10:30 am. where tea and coffee will be available. Finish at St Michael's church for "Bacon Butties" at about 12:30pm.

Bacon Butties will be available from 12 noon for those who can't manage the walk.

All proceeds to St Michael's.

Dogs very welcome with responsible owners!

There will be no small breakfast this month as this will replace it!

Family Friendly Bingo Night

Friday 25th March (Good Friday) 6pm -8pm
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Come and have fun with the family
Bingo cards and refreshments available for purchase on the night

Proceeds to Friends of Stanton Harcourt School

Unjumbling?! This year instead of a jumble sale, FOSHS are holding a clothes collection. If you have unwanted clothes to get rid of, pop into the school office, collect a bag

and a leaflet, fill the bag with acceptable items and return it to the school on Thursday 10th March before 9am! Simple! You get some space in your wardrobe and FOSHS get some cash to help buy much needed items for the school.

School News

Children in Class 1 joined in with the EPA dance festival. The children worked collaboratively with children from surrounding primary schools in a dance workshop and had a lot fun whilst learning new skills.

Key Stage 1, Reception and Bunnies, (Nursery children) all came to school dressed as Princes, Princesses, Kings, Queens and Knights to celebrate the end of our topic; Towers, Turrets and Tunnels. We had a day of medieval fun, making crowns and shields, medieval oat cookies and dancing. The children have really enjoyed this topic, the younger children have explored the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children in Key Stage 1 looked at the features of castles, the story of Rapunzel and finally the Victorian Pioneer Isambard Kingdom Brunel who liked to wear a very tall top hat!



if we are saying thank you, can I also add thanks must go to Mrs Everett for working alongside the children on our Prince and Princess day or words to that effect!

KS 2 at Stanton Harcourt School celebrated Chinese New Year with a Chinese takeaway. This marked the end of our Ancient China topic which has been very popular with the children. The children used chopsticks to eat their food and were encouraged to try something new!

Thanks must go to Janet Crawford for bringing some artefacts into Class Two from China this term and sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for the Shang Dynasty with the children. Thanks must also go to Mrs Gibbs, for giving Chinese New Year envelopes to the children.
www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk
 01865 881948
 office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

St Michael's Church 200 Club

February draw

1st 162 V Mullard	3rd 269 J Eagle
2nd 222 C Bell	4th 293 A Spier

March draw

1st 203 T Faulkner	3rd 230 J Adcock
2nd 126 Mrs Thompson	4th 104 M Ives

GreenTEA Events

Two upcoming events if you would like to put them on the website:

1. Swapshop at the Sports Pavilion, Oxford Road on Sat Mar 19th 10-11.30am and
2. "Carbon Heroes Hunt" for families to look in Eynsham shop windows for symbols of carbon-saving items to collect. Mar 19th-Apr 3rd Forms from The Emporium, Evenlode DIY and the Eynsham Library.

Many thanks Ros Kent Sec Transition Eynsham Area (GreenTEA) tel [580502]

Dog owners urged to heed the microchip message

Dog owners are being reminded that it will soon be compulsory to have their four legged friend microchipped.

From April 6, any dog that is found not to have been microchipped could see the owner facing a fine of £500.

West Oxfordshire District Council picks up about 100 stray dogs every year, many of which are not microchipped, making it difficult for them to be reunited with their owners.

The animals are taken to council-appointed kennels with owners charged for accommodation and other costs until they are returned. If unclaimed, the stray is usually rehomed through an animal rescue centre.

Cllr David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environmental Enforcement, said: "Losing a dog is very stressful for both the animal and its owner but unfortunately it happens all the time. "Microchipping is an effective way of ensuring dogs don't stay lost for long. Now it is becoming law I would urge all owners to ensure it is done. It's quick, cheap and easy and could save a lot of upset and expense."

Microchipping only takes a few minutes and will last forever. A tiny microchip is inserted under the animal's skin, giving the dog their own unique code. This is registered on a national database and can be used to quickly trace the owners should the dog be lost or stolen.

Some dog charities such as the Blue Cross Rehoming Centre in Burford offer it for free.

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

Tuesday Girls

We all live busy lives and need to relax and chill out so for March we have arranged Klair Price an holistic therapist as our speaker who specialises in area such as Indian Head massage, Crystal Healing, Reiki and Aromatherapy massage. So if you would like to find ways to revive your mind and body then come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm
 For further info can Kay Harvey 883590

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is the Supermarine Spitfire, as its the 80th anniversary of the first spitfire taking off in 1936. As the



Spitfire is not really a bird, I've included a photo of her with some of the awesome ladies of the Air Transport Auxiliary. These ladies flew the Spitfires from the factories to the Airfields so the Air Force never ran out of planes to fly! Over 20,000 were built at a cost of around £12,000 each. Spitfires were also made for aircraft carriers and these models were called 'Seafires'! We don't have any definite records of Spitfires operating at RAF Stanton Harcourt but it's likely some used it for a short time while Abingdon was having its concrete runways laid.

An advert on advertising

If you would like to advertise in village voice, please contact the Parish Council clerk to agree costs and requirements.

Parish Council News

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

Dix Pit Restoration

FFG (late WRG) have requested to attend the Parish Council meeting on 7th March to inform the village of the new restoration plans for Dix Pit. The Chairman has made it clear that in his personal opinion as it is over a year with no attempt to update since the Public meetings on this matter, a fresh Public meeting would be courteous and necessary. The Chairman also understands the new draft has not been approved yet by the Landlords (All Souls) or Oxfordshire County Council so in his view discussion on March 7th is premature.

Hanson Routeing Agreement update.....

The appeal by Hanson for variation of their routing agreement (which it professes to be unenforceable) was allowed by 6 votes to 5. The agreement is expected to be signed on the 26th February. We have detected this week so far 3 occasions when Hanson vehicles have broken their routing agreement in spite of the numerous warnings from OCC and our CCTV evidence!

The appeal by Sheehan against the refusal by OCC to the expansion of their storage capacity on Dix Pit was allowed by the Inspector following the hearing on the 26th, 27th, and 28th January.

The Leys Playground

The playground on The Leys is nearing completion, the work took longer than anticipated, due to the weather. The contractors have been asked to re-seed the areas which have been disturbed.

The Parish Council can't thank Clare Rich and the Shape Committee members enough for their continued work and efforts to bring 2 fantastic playgrounds to the village.

Please clear your gutters....

As part of the budget cuts, OCC will no longer spray the gutters to prevent weed growth, etc. It would be fantastic if every householder could take responsibility for their pavement gutters and keep them clear, allowing rain water to flow freely.

OCC Budget

You will probably have seen on the news, the OCC budget was passed on Tuesday 16th February, with some amendments for Children's and other oppressed Services – full details will emerge in the coming fortnight.

Community Spirit is encouraged.

Our District Councillor, Hilary Fenton, reported that she had noticed that other parishes are acting on the OCC budget cuts in a positive way; there has been much cooperation in solving issues such as arranging community transport for the elderly.

Please contact the Parish Council if you have any ideas on what we can do.....

WODC Local Plan:

The Inspector has agreed to suspend the Local Plan examination until December 2016.

The suspension is necessary to allow the Council the opportunity to undertake some further work on housing numbers and sites and to address the issue of 'unmet' housing need arising from Oxford City. A report determining how this housing should be distributed across Oxfordshire is likely to be published in late summer 2016.

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>

Stanton Harcourt Branch

Royal British Legion

The first meeting of 2016 will be held in the Village Hall (back room) at 8 pm on Thursday 17th March.

We will be hearing about the success of last year's Poppy Appeal and planning events for 2016. All are welcome to join us.

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.

Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

Rotary Club of Eynsham

Charity Film Night - Saturday 2nd April - Eynsham Village Hall

'The Private Function' starring Maggie Smith and Michael Palin

An event hosted by the Rotary Club of Eynsham, with John Richards, Eynsham Cinema.

A good opportunity to support 2 deserving charities: Helen and Douglas House and Young Dementia UK.

Tickets are £12 and include a 2 course meal. Contact Harold Jerred 01865 881869 or Roy Wilkinson 07970 227364 for ticket information. Some tickets will also be available at the Evenlode DIY.

Lower Windrush Valley Project

The Lower Windrush Valley Project will have a public meeting in Northmoor Village Hall on Tuesday 22 March at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. (and afterwards at the Red Lion)!

This project is all about public access to the countryside and helping us all understand more about the plants and animals around us. It arose out of the years of gravel extraction in our area but has some benefits that we can all enjoy.

There will be talks on current work at Gill Mill, the aquatic life of the valley, an appreciation of Jane Bowley, our retiring Project Officer, and a welcome to Lucy Cullen, who is taking over from Jane.

There will be tea and cake!

If you plan to come, please let Lucy Cullen know.

lwvp@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Bartholomew School

Finance Assistant Vacancy (25hrs per week)

For further details please contact the Operational Headteacher's Assistant, Mrs Suzanne Nobes, at the school on 01865 881430 extn 250. **The closing date for receipt of applications is noon on Monday, 14 March 2016**



The wonderful new play area on The Leys has been completed and was officially opened on 10th March by Cllr James Mills of West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC's grant covers a substantial part of the costs). This marks the successful conclusion to SHAPE's three year project to develop new play areas in the village, with Jubilee Field and The Leys now open for families in the village to enjoy.



Achieving an end result has been a lot of hard work and challenging at times but we are very grateful to everyone who has supported us by donating money or time, or has come along to one of our many fund-raising events.

Thanks too to everyone who signed up to the maintenance rota – we will be in touch about this very soon as we want to make sure our play areas are looked after and last a long time.

We wish everyone a happy time whether you are reaching the sky on the swings, whizzing along the zip-wire or chugging along on the tractor. Have lots of fun!

Clare Rich, Sally Simmonds and Suzy Miller

The SHAPE Committee

Stanton Harcourt Action for Play & Enjoyment

Tel: 01865 881943, shapecommittee@btinternet.com

Recipe of the Month - Easter Biscuits

Ingredients	Method
<p>Biscuits: 175g plain flour 75g butter 75g caster sugar 50g currants 15g candied peel pinch of mixed spice 1 egg yolk a little milk</p> <p>Glazing: 1 egg white caster sugar</p>	<p>Cream the butter, add the sugar and beat the mixture until it is fluffy. Add the egg yolk, spice, fruit and flour. Mix to a stiff dough with the milk. Roll the dough out thinly, cut into rounds (circles) and place them on a greased baking sheet (or line with baking paper) <i>If you don't have currants and peel you could use raisins, choc chips or anything else you fancy!</i></p>
<p>Bake in a moderate oven ~180°C for 15 to 20 minutes, until cooked (golden brown?). After 10 minutes in the oven, brush with egg white and sprinkle with caster sugar</p>	

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

24th March Holy Thursday - 8pm

25th March Good Friday - 3pm

26th Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

March

Sunday 6 th 10am	Mr Owen Carney
Sunday 13 th 10am	Mr Iain Gray
Sunday 20 th 10am	Mr Andrew Maisey
Sunday 27 th 10am	Local Arrangement

Coffee Morning – 6th April

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

March

6 th 9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
13 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Stanton Harcourt
20 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
Tuesday 22 nd 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Stanton Harcourt
Thursday 24 th 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Supper with Holy Communion	St Michaels or Methodist Chapel TBC
27 th 9:30	Easter Day Parish Communion	Stanton Harcourt

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Call 01865 884 333 E-mail – info@wmaircon.co.uk

Letters to the Editor....

The editor received a letter recently, which was nice as I do get quite lonely. Unfortunately despite the help of Abby in the Lab I am having trouble deciphering the handwriting, if this is your letter let me know and I'll get in touch.

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
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AS ALWAYS – Thank you to this month's contributors, reviewers, & deliverers

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