
Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton
July & August 2024

July 2024

Monday 1st, 7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting,
John Holland Room, Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd, 10am to 12pm, Coffee at the
Chapel

Wednesday 3rd, 7.30pm, pub quiz, The
Harcourt Arms

Saturday 6th, 8.00am, Men's Breakfast, The
Harcourt Arms

Saturday 13th, 12pm to 2pm, Village Market,
Village Hall

Saturday 27th, 12pm to 10pm, Stanton
Harcourt Beer Festival, St Michael's Church

August 2024

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Harcourt Arms

Wednesday 8th, 10am to 12pm, Coffee at the
Chapel

Saturday 10th, 12pm to 2pm, Village Market,
Village Hall

Regulars

Every Thursday – Lunch Club (see entry for
details)

**Every Monday and Thursday – Yoga with
Alison James** (see entry for details)

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

**Every Tuesday and Wednesday – Pilates with
Nicky Holmes** (see entry for details)

Every Tuesday – Badminton (see entry for
details)

STANTON HARCOURT & SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

First meeting of the new Parish Council, Monday 1st
July.

From Steve Cosier, District Council

West Oxford District Council recently joined the Thames Valley Police CCTV Partnership to upgrade CCTV provision in WODC owned public spaces. West Oxfordshire District Council owns and operates a public open space CCTV system in the district, consisting of 63 cameras. The upgrading covers the economic well-being of public spaces and the prevention of disorder or crime, but most importantly it is aimed at reducing violence against women and girls.

As the local ward member, I have asked that the Planning Department to review Green open spaces and protection of community assets in the district. At the present time there are many facilities and open spaces which are not being maintained by developers. I have asked officers to look at how the council might be able to adopt and maintain community and green spaces in the future. They have been asked to look at taking over the legal cost of liabilities and amending 106s agreements. Officers are now looking at ideas to see how they might consider adoption of community assets and take better care of our green spaces.

Recently, I asked the County's Highways Agreement Engineers to look at the highway drains on the Old Airfield development. Many of the drains and gullies are blocked with cement and debris. Officers have confirmed that the drains need to be cleared and Hayfield must undertake the clearing work before they will adopt the roads. County officers are now pursuing Hayfield to take corrective action.

And lastly, it is my great pleasure to congratulate our newly elected parish councillors; James Coleman, Sandra Cosier, Keith Hickson, Ellen Judson and Geoff Webster. I am really looking forward to working with them as the District Councillor for SASH.

If you would like to contact me, please email me:
stevecosier@westoxon.gov.uk

Thank you,
Steve

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Your Member of Parliament is:
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Your Parish Councillors are:

James Coleman, Sandra Cosier, Keith Hickson, Ellen Judson, Geoff Webster and Joe Deane.

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

Church News

St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt **Lower Windrush Benefice**

*****Evening Prayer said most Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm*****

July:

Sunday 7th 08:30 Holy Communion at St Michael's, SH

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 14 JUL AT 3.00 –

Service led by Rev. Fred Ireland with Holy Communion.

SUN 11 AUG AT 3.00

Service led by Associate Minister Charles Harris with Holy Communion.

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/

Offer of Support to Veterans

Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces? Your local Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion Branch is here for 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 support. We can offer social contact/companionship and information on resources available.

We'd love to hear from you and/or join our local Branch. Contact Rachel on elliottcains@gmail.com or Jacqui on gravesjacqui@gmail.com

Café at the Chapel



Every first
Wednesday of the month



WEDNESDAY 3rd July & 8th August

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!

Pilates with Nicky Holmes

Tuesdays – 5.15pm / Village Hall

Wednesdays – 10.10am and 11.20am, Guards Room

Classes start from £10 for a 6 week course –

personal tuition is also available

www.physiquepilates.co.uk

info@physiquepilates.co.uk

Tel : 07949 764 966

Sutton Singers.

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! Get in touch with Jan Tomlinson on phone: 01865 881709 or email:



janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Summer Festival Concert** on Tuesday 18th June. We really enjoyed singing and the audience enjoyed listening and joining in with the Joseph songs. Thank you for your donations to be shared equally between The Chapel and Sutton Singers. **We have 3 more sessions before the end of term to practice for our performance at The Beer Festival on 27th July at St Michael's Church.**

We are also performing with Wychwood Singers (Lizzie Soden is also their MD) on 13th July singing together and doing our own songs too. Do get in touch if you are interested to come along to the evening concert.



Senior Badminton Group

We meet every Tuesday at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall between 10am and 11.30am with a break for a coffee halfway through to catch our breath. Our numbers have dwindled recently as hips etc have needed replacing (including mine). Anyone interested can contact me, Tony Baker on 0x 882576.

*Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk*

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Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00
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Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30
Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Stanton Harcourt Beer Festival

Saturday 27th July 2024

12pm-10pm

Fine ales, cider, pimm's, wine, prosecco and soft drinks.

Food and live music all day.

Everyone welcome

St Michael's Church

It's quiz time with Prof Quizzo!

Come and test yourself and have fun!

Next Pub Quiz Night at the Harcourt Arms

Wed 3 July, 7 for 7.30 start

Teams of up to six

£3 entry per person, all into the prize pot.

Booking a table in advance not essential but advised due to demand!!

Many thanks

Dave (quiz master)

Monthly Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meet ups are held at The Harcourt Arms on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am to approx. 09:15 for a breakfast & general social chat. Have a full English, with tea/ coffee & toast. Other breakfasts available from the menu too. Open invitation to all, but anyone who would like to come along please let Rob Brown know by text or telephone on 07957 664117 or email rlindsaybrown@btinternet.com so he can give the Arms numbers by the Thursday beforehand.

200 Club Numbers

April Draw 2024

1st prize. 275. C Matthew
2nd 257. P Gilgrass
3rd. 171. J Mitchell
4th. 243. B Buckley

May Draw

1st prize. 285. A Hill
2nd. 228. O Angove
3rd. 189. E Floyd
4th. 195. G Purvis

June Draw

1st prize. 226. J Harrison
2nd. 247. B Cross
3rd. 117. Mrs C Purvey
4th. 128. A Cross

FIRST AND LAST MILE BUS SERVICE

We are happy to answer any queries at 07584 927 050 or info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com. Please email village-voice@hotmail.co.uk for a printable copy of the timetable.

THE THURSDAY CLUB

We meet every Thursday at Northmoor Village Hall between 12:00 and 2 pm. **COOKS NEEDED** We have several local volunteer cooks who work on a rota basis providing traditional food, but need more people to help ease the pressure on our existing cooks. If you feel you could help out generally or by cooking dinners or puddings please contact Anna on 01865 881363 / Michael on 01865 3004480 or pop in and see us one week between 12.00pm and 2.00pm.

Anahata Yoga ☀

Monday 6.15-7.15pm The Old Guardroom, on The Old Airfield, Stanton Harcourt

Thursday 10-11am Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Anahata yoga uses sequences of standing yoga flows, floor exercises, vinyasa, meditation and relaxation to help us to relax and reset, as well as stretching and opening our bodies. This class is suitable for all levels and equipment is provided. It is also a great way to get together and meet others in the area.

The classes are donation based, with a suggested donation of £8. Any donation welcome, it is more important that if you think the class would benefit you that you come along ♥

I am also a qualified massage therapist offering Thai Yoga Massage, and Holistic Massage based in Sutton. Please contact me for more information on 0789 002 6446 or via alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk

*****Thank you to everyone who joined in with the flower festival at St Michael's this year*****

There were some fabulous interpretations of "All things Egyptian" and the church looked Amazing!
From St Michael's Flower Ladies.

The annual Car Show outdid itself again – raising over £800. Many thanks to everyone for coming along and for those who gave up so much time helping and organising.



Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2024

“Stanton Discovers Ancient Egypt”

Our Ancient Egyptian themed Festival week has drawn to a close and what a week of discovery and adventure it has been! We hope you have enjoyed it.

The very talented Dan Barton and his crew transported us back in time with some amazing Ancient Egyptian scenes and figures dotted around the village Thank you Dan and Janette!

We hope that you enjoyed all the events that took place during the week. We were blessed with great weather all week once again and we had an amazing variety of events taking place including some old favourites and some new activities too. Over the course of the week, we enjoyed: A Dog Show, the Church flower festival, Teas and coffees and music in several gardens, the Big Brunch, a Pig Roast, a festival walk, a guided tour of the church, a Lego display, lasagne suppers, the classic car show, the Sutton Singers concert, bell ringing and supper, Yoga at the Quoits, cricket practice and bbq, a toddlers Egyptian playtime, a Lino Cut Print workshop, Cream Teas, Pictures/Plonk and music and a lively night of festivities at the Harcourt Arms! We certainly discovered some wonders in the village!



We extend a huge thank you to all those who have organised and attended events during the week.

We will update you on how much money has been raised in due course. Charities and organisations that have benefitted include: The Village Hall, FOSHS, St. Michael's Church, The Methodist Chapel, Sutton Singers, Toddler Group, The Cricket Club, Standing with Giants, Crohn's/Colitis Charity, The MS Society, Sunshine Cat Rescue, Cancer Research, UN Gaza Appeal, The British Legion and Oxpips,

The weather was fine and dry again for Festival Day itself and it was great to see so many people enjoying the Fete on the school field. Well done to everyone who hosted stalls particularly the VH committee for working so hard on the bar and bbq.

It was fabulous to see so many villagers and children taking part in the walking parade and dressed in such wonderful costumes. What a spectacle it was! Thanks again to Phil Taylor for storing and providing the Royal Carriage and to Tim Fenna for the “tow”! The Egyptian

Royal party also looked very splendid so congratulations to Victoria (Queen), Emma (Attendant), Max (Prince) and Kyla (Princess).

In the arena, Steve Tuck was a brilliant MC as usual and looked very dashing in his explorer's outfit and we were entertained by traditional Morris Dancing, a song from the school choir, a stilt walker, a fire display and circus tricks whilst the Giza Grand National was certainly a spectacle!



Prize winners announced on the day were: House Decorating – Duck End Cottage (Richard and Ginny – well done and thanks for loan of the Obelisk!), Lucky Programme Number – 278 (contact Jo – email below to claim the prize), Adult Fancy Dress – Jane-Marie Harrison. Well done to all who entered!



There are already some great pictures of the day on both the village and the summer festival FB pages – thank you all for posting pictures and do keep them coming.

The committee would like to say thanks to all those who helped us to get ready for festival day and with the big clear up afterwards including selling programmes, bunting operations and the heavy lifting work on Friday and Sunday. We couldn't do it without all your help and it is much appreciated.

The committee are off for a lie down in a darkened room to recover and have a bit of a rest now but we will be starting to plan Festival 2025 very soon!

We always welcome new committee members to help spread the load for next year. Please do consider joining us and get in touch if you would like to get involved or have ideas for a theme or events for next year. (festival contact email jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)

The Festival Committee

