

# Village Voice



Stanton Harcourt & Sutton Newsletter

MAY 2026

NEWS  
LOCAL UPDATES

WHAT'S ON  
MAY EVENTS

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# STANTON HARCOURT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & UPDATES

As I write this the warm weather seems to be setting in, it seems like spring has sprung in a matter of days with the cherry blossoms fading and all the trees in full leaf. The whole village seems to be coming to life again as the days are quickly getting longer. Which brings me nicely to the 1st order of business.

## THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Chairman Keith is busy organising this for the 9th of May to coincide with the Village Market, details will be issued shortly.

## POTHoles

Keith has been marking out and reporting more of the potholes around the village, this time focusing on the craters around the green by the school. We can all appreciate Keith's hard work on the potholes when we travel out to other parishes where they don't benefit from such diligence.

We also saw in the county council report that OCC was fixing ~1600 potholes a week at the end of March. Anyone can report a pothole across the county by going online and using 'fix my street'.

## SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC

Thanks to the speed watch team for their continued efforts to make the roads in the village safer for all of us. We have seen the work that has been delivered for the proposed traffic calming measures on the main roads in the village. They are planning to move forward with a formal consultation with Oxfordshire county council, that is being supported by the parish council.

We were shocked to get some feedback from the VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) in Sutton, the data that the sign collects provides new insight into the nature of the speeding issues. Whilst we were certainly expecting to see high numbers of drivers breaking the 20 mph limit, we were not expecting regular instances over 70 mph and a few over 80 mph both leaving and entering the village, the highest was recorded at 5:30 on a weekday. When we consider that these speeds were recorded during the winter when the road conditions are far from favourable it's clear that something needs to be done before there is a serious accident.



## DIX PIT ACCESS

We were heartened by the news that the access to Dix Pit is going well and that the villagers are enjoying access to lake again. The dog waste bin will be back in service now that it can be accessed.



## FLOODING

Keith is looking into accessing OCC funding to minimise the run off from the fields behind Sutton, he is due to have a walk around to help identify the landowners that we will need to work with to deliver this.

## SECTION 106 – ART FUND

We received an exciting proposal from 'Standing with Giants' to provide permanent memorials similar to their well-known silhouettes, the Parish council have invited them to come along and discuss the proposal.

## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

There are several jobs that are being undertaken by John around the village including the replacement fence at the guardroom where the bushes were removed.

We did hear that sadly the village Christmas tree on the green did not get through the drought last summer and it is now looking rather unwell; the PC will look to replace it later on in the year.

# **MONTHLY REPORT FROM WEST OXFORD DISTRICT FROM COUNCILLORS STEVE AND SANDRA COSIER**

## **MEETING WITH THAMES WATER**

In March Sandra and I met with representatives from Thames Water. During the meeting they presented their proposed “inundation management” intervention to us via a 45-minute Teams meeting.

The meeting which was supposed to be about deteriorating infrastructure, instead it focused on installing non-leak manhole covers to reduce surface water entering the foul sewer network.

We argued that long standing structural problems in the sewer network in the ward, including fractured clay pipes, displaced joints, root ingress and groundwater infiltration need to be dealt with first. These issues have caused repeated sewage flooding for more than a decade in many parts of the ward. We expressed concern that sealing manholes does not address the underlying causes of sewer flooding.

We have requested a clear action plan from Thames Water and continue to log resident reports to maintain an evidence base. We are due to meet Thames Water’s infrastructure team shortly. We hope!

## **MEETING WITH WASP**

We recently attended a meeting with representatives from WASP (Windrush Against Sewage Pollution). We discussed the ongoing failures in Thames Water’s sewer network and the reasons our villages continue to experience sewage flooding, groundwater infiltration, and persistent pollution of local rivers.

Thames Water’s sustained water infiltration pushes our systems beyond their designed capacity. Once a treatment works reach its limit, the excess is diverted into storm tanks which hold only two hours of flow before spilling directly into our the rivers.

Sandra and I also raised the long standing issue of manholes in our parish that have been bubbling with sewage for years. WASP confirmed that this behaviour is widespread and advised that we should not hesitate to use the media to highlight this problem. Another important point raised was that Thames Water is not a statutory consultee despite being treated as one by many planning authorities. In law, they have no more formal status than any private company. This means parish councils and WODC are fully entitled to challenge or reject Thames Water’s advice when considering planning applications, especially where sewage capacity is already inadequate.

Best Wishes, and if you would like to discuss anything in this report please contact us

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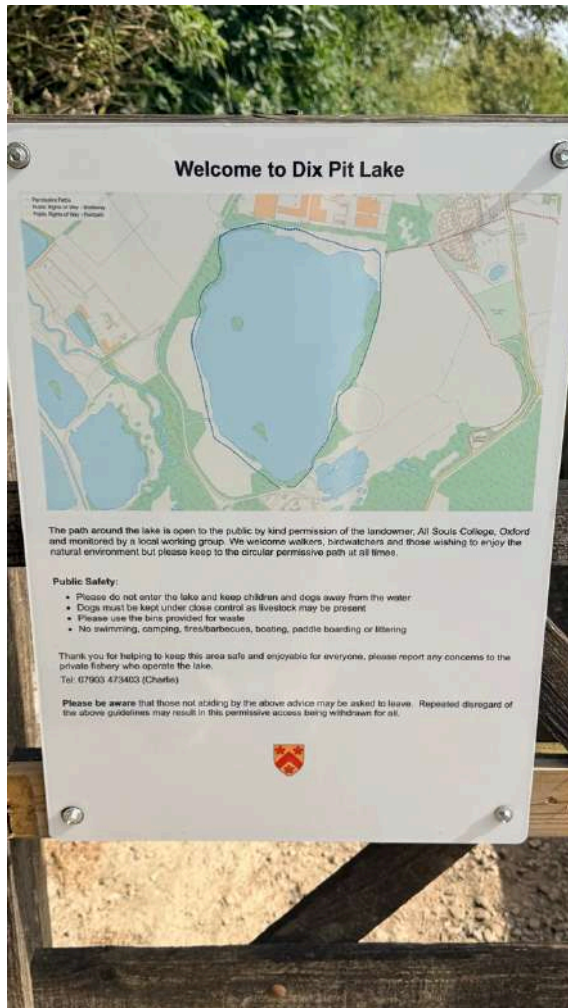


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# DIX PIT UPDATE

## THE WALK AROUND THE LAKE IS OPEN AGAIN

Charlie from Dix Pit Fishery has supplied and fitted some new pedestrian gates at the lake. New clearer rules and signage have been agreed. The circular permissible route (kindly allowed by the landowner All Souls College) can be enjoyed sensibly and safely again. Walkers, birdwatchers and those wishing to enjoy the natural environment are welcome but please keep to the circular permissive path at all times.



**Thanks to Hester Hobley and all involved who worked hard to make this happen.**

# VILLAGE SUPPORT

## CHURCH TIMES

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



Church service information

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

**May 3rd Sunday** 8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

**May 10th 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](http://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](http://www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org)

### Sutton Chapel

Sun 10 May, 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.stpeterseysham.org.uk/](http://www.stpeterseysham.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 SUPPORT

## STANTON HARCOURT VILLAGE HALL

The Village Market & Cafe is on Saturday 9th May from 12-2pm.

Step into the warmth and charm of our village market, where a delightful array of fresh local produce, 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](mailto: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

## FAREWELL TO JOHN HOLLAND

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of **John Holland**, a valued member of our village community.

John was well known and warmly regarded by many, always ready with a friendly word and a helping hand. He will be remembered for his kindness, quiet generosity, and the positive presence he brought to village life.

Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



# VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

**FIRST LAST MILE**

**FLM ROUTE 401**  
STANTON HARCOURT - LONGWORTH - WANTAGE  
MONDAYS ONLY (from 13th April 2023)  
www.firststandlastmile.org.uk

Email: info.firststandlastmile@gmail.com Tel 07584 927 050

Stop	Outbound	Inbound
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	09:05	Request Only
BRIGHTHAMPTON, LANCOTT LANE	09:11	Request Only
STANDLAKE, WOODLANDS	09:15	Request Only
LONGWORTH, BOWBANK CLOSE	09:25	Request Only
KINGSTON BAGPUIZE, SCHOOL LANE	09:32	12:58
SOUTHMOOR, BEGGARS LANE	09:37	12:55
PUSEY	09:42	Request Only
BUCKLAND, MEMORIAL HALL	09:47	Request Only
GAINFIELD	09:52	Request Only
CHARNEY BASSETT, ORCHARD CLOSE	09:56	12:46
WEST HANNEY, BUS SHELTER	10:05	12:38
DENCHWORTH, BROOK LANE	10:10	12:33
GROVE, MILLBROOK SQUARE	10:14	12:26
WANTAGE, MARKET SQUARE	10:25	12:15
SAINSBURYS	10:30	12:10

**FARES - PAY BY CARD OR CASH**

ADULT SINGLE	£3
CHILD SINGLE	£2
12-TRIP TICKET	£25

**MYBUS TICKETS ACCEPTED ON ALL SERVICES**

MYBUS ADULT DAY	£5.50
MYBUS YOUNG PERSONS DAY	£3.50

CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES ACCEPTED ON ALL SERVICES

**FIRST LAST MILE**

**FLM ROUTE 402 & 409**  
STANTON HARCOURT - LONGWORTH - FARINGDON  
FARINGDON - CLANFIELD - WITNEY  
THURSDAYS ONLY  
www.firststandlastmile.org.uk

Email: info.firststandlastmile@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.firststandlastmile.org.uk



Email: info.firststandlastmile@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.firststandlastmile.org.uk/>

West Oxfordshire Community Transport

**418**

**Eynsham • Standlake**

via Sutton, Stanton Harcourt, Bablockhythe & Nort

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		
Brightampton, 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		Brigl
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 [www.woct.org.uk](http://www.woct.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. Correct as 18/09/2025. E3CE. Special timetables may operate over Easter and the Christmas period.



**FIRST LAST MILE**

**FLM ROUTE 618**  
Standlake - Eynsham - Witney  
SATURDAYS ONLY (from 2nd May 2025)  
www.firststandlastmile.org.uk

Email: info.firststandlastmile@gmail.com Tel 07584 927 050

Outbound	Run1	Run2
CHURCH MILL CLOSE	09:10	11:31
BRIGHTHAMPTON, LANCOTT LANE	09:16	11:36
STANDLAKE, WOODLANDS	09:20	11:40
NORTHMOOR, RED LION	09:30	11:45
BABLOCK HYTHE, FERRYMAN	09:37	11:49
BLACKDITCH	09:42	11:56
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	09:47	11:57
SUTTON	09:52	12:00
EYNSHAM, CHURCH	09:56	12:05
EYNSHAM, BARTHOLOMEW LEISURE CENTRE	10:01	12:09
WITNEY, MARKET SQUARE	10:07	

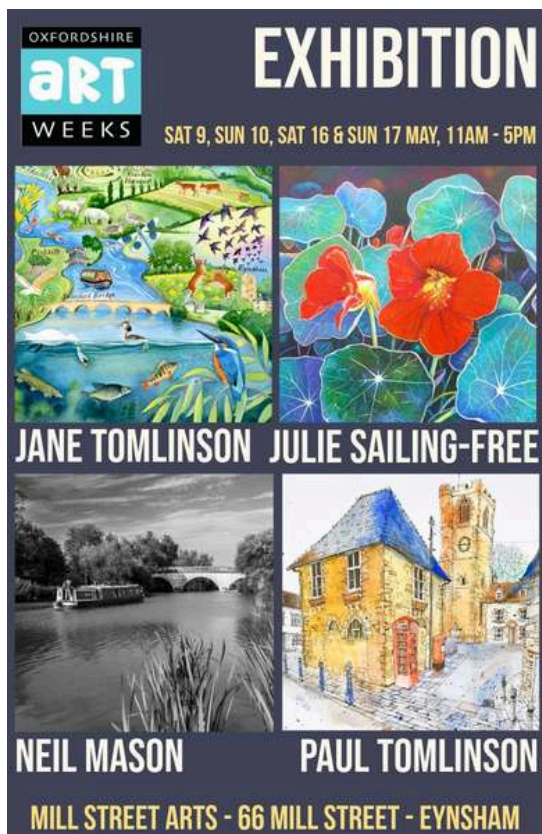
  

Inbound	Run1	Run2
WITNEY, MARKET SQUARE		13:25
EYNSHAM, BARTHOLOMEW LEISURE CENTRE	11:11	13:41
EYNSHAM, CHURCH	11:15	13:45
SUTTON	11:20	13:50
STANTON HARCOURT, FLEXNEYS	11:23	13:53
BLACKDITCH	11:24	13:54
CHURCH MILL CLOSE	11:31	14:01
BRIGHTHAMPTON, LANCOTT LANE	11:36	14:06
STANDLAKE, WOODLANDS	11:40	14:10
NORTHMOOR, RED LION	11:45	14:15
BABLOCK HYTHE, FERRYMAN	11:49	14:19

**FARES - PAY BY CARD OR CASH. ALSO NYBUS & CONCESSIONARY PASSES ACCEPTED**

ADULT SINGLE	£3
CHILD SINGLE	£2
12-TRIP TICKET	£25
MYBUS DAY TICKETS	ADULT £6.50 YOUNG PERSONS £3.50

# WHAT'S ON IN STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON



Local artists Paul and Jane Tomlinson, Julie Sailing-Free and photographer Neil Mason are hosting at Mill St Arts in Eynsham for Oxfordshire Artweeks.

Their exhibition is open over the second and third weekends of May.

## MONTHLY PUB QUIZ

The monthly pub quiz in the Harcourt Arms, is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**.

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

The Stanton Harcourts 4th Beer Festival is on 25<sup>th</sup> 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>





## SUTTON SINGERS

**Sutton Singers Summer Festival Concert 16.6.26**  
**7 for 7.30 sing. Songs about Our Living Planet among others.**

Advance date for your diary. Do come along to our concert for the Summer Festival. Hope to see you there.

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?

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Vet Practice Open Day Saturday 23rd May 10am – 1pm  
Medivet, 68 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JU  
01865 883007

We are opening our doors! Join us for our family-friendly Medivet Eynsham Open Day.  
Tour our newly refurbished clinic.  
Meet Aggie and the whole team.  
Enjoy our charity bake sale.  
Try your luck in our raffle.  
Well-behaved, friendly dogs are very welcome (treats guaranteed).  
We can't wait to see you there!

## WEST OXFORDSHIRE WINDS & FREELAND ORCHESTRA

**Freeland Orchestra again kicks off the Village Festival – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm!**

We are thrilled to bring together two fantastic local ensembles, Freeland Orchestra and West Oxfordshire Clarinets along with children from the village school, for a concert featuring the magical Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saëns and other animal-themed music. Join us in the Village Hall as we celebrate “our Living Planet” and the centenary of a national treasure.

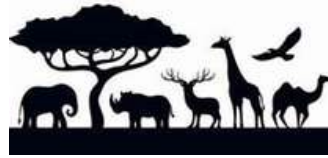
**Tickets £7.50 on the door. Under 18's free.**



# 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**

### **Congratulations to our 2026 Festival “Royals”**

We are pleased to announce that our 2026 Festival Queen is going to be Astrid Winter. Our Festival Attendant this year will be Luna Winter. Luna will take over from Astrid as Festival Queen in 2027.

Joining Astrid and Luna in the royal carriage this year will be Luca Rideout as our Festival Prince and Phoenix Aughton as our Festival Princess. Congratulations to Astrid, Luna, Luca and Phoenix. We look forward to cheering them on during the parade on Festival Day.

### **Festival Day Parade: An invitation to join the procession!**

There will be a fancy dress walking parade following behind the royal carriage and we are inviting all village residents and children to join in the procession and march along to some lively music. We are hoping to see a whole colourful array of costumes that celebrate our theme “Our Living Planet”. Do start planning your outfits and we hope to see many of you joining in! There will be prizes available for the best costumes on the day and children are welcome to ride bikes or scooters - decorated ideally!

The parade will start on Blackditch (next to Willowbrook) and process from there along Main Road and onto the school field. All children taking part in the parade will need to be supervised by their parents or carers at all times.

### **Our Living Planet - Scarecrow and House Decorating Competition**

We will be rolling out the bunting to celebrate festival and invite you all to add to the village decorations by entering our Scarecrow/House decorating competition. We will be offering prizes for the best “Living Planet” themed Scarecrows or other decorations on display in gardens so start planning your masterpieces now!

### **And a quick reminder that:**

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](mailto:keith.hickson@stanton-harcourt-pc.gov.uk)).

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](mailto:lucylowe1974@gmail.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](mailto:jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)  
The Festival Committee



# 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](mailto:debbiepargeter@gmail.com)**



## 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 – 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](mailto:info@physiquepilates.co.uk)  
[www.physiquepilates.co.uk](http://www.physiquepilates.co.uk) Tel : 07949 764 966

## 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 Chair 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 holidays.

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](mailto:alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk) Peaceful Existence Yoga and Massage, based in Sutton Xx

## VELVET SOLES FOOT HEALTH - FOOT CARE FOR ALL

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# May 2026

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# SAVE THE DATE

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

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
1st	Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom 7:30pm
13th	Village Hall Market & Cafe 12:00pm-2:00pm
13th	Freeland Orchestra Concert, Village Hall 7:00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> - 21st	Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival
16th	Sutton Singers Summer Festival Concert
20th	Village Festival Day
26th	Unplugged Open Mic Night, St.Michael's Church 7:30pm-9:30pm
<b>JULY</b>	
6th	Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom 7:30pm
11th	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, 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 Royal British Legion Branch

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### SH&S Royal British Legion Family Day!

Music, Bar, Food, Exhibits and Activities

**Saturday 12th September**

3pm to 7pm  
The Old Airfield

**STANTON HARCOURT CHARITIES**

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

<p><b>RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY</b> PROVIDES SHORT TERM FINANCIAL RELIEF TO ANYONE WHO LIVES OR WORKS IN VILLAGE</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION CHARITY</b> EXISTS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WITH EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS</p>
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ALL REQUESTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL TO THE TRUSTEES

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

[shcharities@yahoo.com](mailto:shcharities@yahoo.com)

**Stanton Harcourt baby and toddler group**

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April 17<sup>th</sup>  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup>  
 June 5<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup>  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>

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**Time**  
 09:15 - 10:45

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**PLACE**  
 Stanton Harcourt Village Hall  
 Blackditch, Witney OX29 6SB

Tea, coffee and Kids snacks included  
 £2.50 per family, come along for a chat and well-earned cuppa while the kids play.

<b>200 CLUB</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>1st prize</b>	<b>£25. 217 John Holland</b>
<b>2nd.</b>	<b>£12. 162. Val Millard</b>
<b>3rd.</b>	<b>£8. 269 Jonnie Eagle</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>£5. 170 G Mitchell</b>

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