
Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

October 2025

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Saturday 4th, 8.00am, Men's Breakfast, The Harcourt Arms

Monday 6th, 7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Old Guardroom. *(NB A representative from Smiths Bletchington will be in attendance to discuss plans to develop the gravel pit to the north of Sutton Village.)*

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Regulars (please see back page)

Every Thursday – Lunch Club

Every Monday and Thursday – Yoga with Alison Usher-Wilson

Every Tuesday (term time) – 7pm Sutton Singers

Every Tuesday and Wednesday – Pilates with Nicky Holmes

Every Tuesday – Senior Badminton (Tony Baker on 0x 882576)

Every Thursday (term time) – Zumba

Stanton Harcourt Parish Council – Update

Your Parish Council has been busy this month working on several important community projects and initiatives.

Environmental Progress We're moving forward with our zero-carbon energy plans, with a free energy assessment of the Guardroom scheduled for September 30th. Our solar panel grant application to SSE has, unfortunately been rejected so we are actively looking for alternative sources of funding.

Traffic and Road Safety Good news on traffic calming measures! The location for Sutton's second speed sign has been confirmed, and installation is scheduled for early November. Our recent Speedwatch

team continues to monitor and report speeding on Eynsham Road and is finding that 25% of traffic exceeds the 20mph limit, with many repeat offenders identified. We're consulting residents about speeding concerns and seeking more volunteers to expand our coverage across the parish.

Village Improvements Several maintenance projects are underway. Tree and hedge trimming on the Village Green will begin this week, and we're addressing the gap in the Village Green hedging. A new dog waste bin will be installed on New Road by the Methodist Church, and playground bark has been replenished in our play areas.

We have also ordered 60 mixed bare root trees from the Woodland Trust which we are earmarked to form a small copse on the recently cleared area of the green at Bury Mead these trees are planned to be delivered in November. We will need some volunteers to help plant them.

S106 Funds We are actively looking for ideas to improve play and leisure facilities in the Parish. Please send us your suggestions.

Planning and Development The PC is exploring the possibility of developing either a Village Design Statement or Neighbourhood Plan and is asking the WODC Infrastructure Delivery Lead to attend our November meeting to discuss these options further.

Smiths of Bletchington will be attending our meeting on 6th October to present their plans for the land north of Sutton along the B4449

Our next meeting is Monday, October 6th at 7:30pm.

The Parish Council continues working for our community's benefit.

Stanton Harcourt Parish Council

Monthly Report from West Oxford District From Councillors Steve and Sandra Cosier

Planning for a Greener Oxfordshire: Local Energy, Local Action

We are pleased to share an update on Oxfordshire's Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) initiative. This is a project that will help to shape how we meet our energy needs in the years to come.

Oxfordshire is one of six areas in the UK selected to pilot LAEP, a nationally supported programme that uses detailed local data to plan for the change to net zero. The aim is to identify effective ways to decarbonise our buildings, transport, and energy systems (personalised to the unique needs of each district, including parishes).

Oxfordshire's energy demand could rise by 60% by 2050, driven by electrification of heating and transport. The plan highlights the need for improvements to our electricity grid. Local solar generation could play a major role, with potential to supply up to 25% of Oxfordshire's electricity needs by 2050.

This means thinking about how WODC supports residents in making energy-efficient improvements and ensuring our infrastructure keeps pace with change.

Nature Recovery in West Oxfordshire: A Shared Vision for a Wilder Future

West Oxfordshire District Council has endorsed the Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), a countywide plan to restore biodiversity and tackle the climate and ecological emergency. Covering over 40% of Oxfordshire, including 41% of West Oxfordshire; the strategy identifies priority habitats and actions to support over 800 species while delivering benefits like carbon storage, flood protection, and improved access to nature.

Shaped by over 2,100 public responses, the LNRS will guide Biodiversity Net Gain in developments and inform the district's Local Plan 2041. Its success depends on collaboration across councils, communities, landowners, and conservation groups, making it a shared commitment to a greener, more resilient Oxfordshire.

If you would like to discuss any issues arising from the report, please contact us.

Best wishes

Sandra and Steve

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

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Church Times

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

October 5th 8.30am Holy Communion, followed by breakfast
October 12th 10am Benefice Holy Communion / 12.30pm
Harvest Lunch Northmoor Village Hall

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 October, 3pm – Rev. Sue Jacobs, Harvest Festival

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church **Eynsham**

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

St Michael's Church

Some of you may have noticed coming and going at the church over the last few weeks. There have been extensive repairs to the lead roof of the nave, the stone cross on the west gable, which had been blown down, has been replaced, and intrusive vegetation has been removed and gutters cleared from the turret above the tower staircase and round the base of the tower. So far the current repairs have cost us some £18,000 and we are intending to fit a roof alarm to protect the lead which will cost another £3,000 or so.

We have been able to meet the cost from our Restoration Fund which has been built up over the last few years by some very generous donations and by the ongoing support of the Friends of Stanton Harcourt Church but, needless to say, our funds are now much depleted. You should soon receive a leaflet telling you about the scheme and asking you to consider becoming a Friend and so help in maintaining this lovely building for the enjoyment of all of us in the village. We also hold some excellent Friends parties!



Café at the Chapel

Every first
Wednesday of the month
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!

Can I have your Old Mobile Phones and Tablets?

I'm still collecting old mobile phones and tablets to help the many refugees and asylum Seekers within Oxfordshire. If you have any such devices to spare, please get in touch. Email:

- nasser@asylum-welcome.org
- dearnasser@hotmail.com (personal)

Or message me on 07799 838554. You can drop them off at **The Fox (OX29 5RR)**, or I'll be happy to collect them at your convenience. Many thanks, Nasser

 Pantomime Revival – Calling All Interested Performers and Helpers!

After a long and unexpected pause since our last production in February 2020, I'm hoping to bring pantomime back with Stanton Harcourt Drama Group this season. Health challenges have kept me from the stage, but the spirit of community theatre still burns bright—and I'd love to rekindle it with your help. If you're interested in performing, helping backstage, or simply being part of the creative process, please email me at steve.tuck@stantonharcourtdrama.com to register your interest. I'm aiming to hold an informal meeting in **October** to gauge enthusiasm and begin planning. 🎭 The likely performance dates will be **the week following February half-term**, so do keep that in mind. Let's make some magic together again!

— Steve Tuck

****News Flash!! Village Hall Quiz****

Quiz Master Dave

Saturday 8th November 2025

7pm. 6 in a team

£12 per person to include Chilli and jacket potato.

Vegan chilli available. Licensed bar

Book your team in advance via email to

jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com

Or at the Village market on 11th October.

Don't miss out - book your place now!



Rotary
Club of Eynsham & District

**Charity Evening of
Musical Entertainment**

With
**The Chamberries,
Eynsham Morris
and
The Woodentops**

Eynsham Village Hall

OX29 4QW

Saturday 11th October

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

Tickets £10.00

Available from : Evenlode DIY
Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917 or 07970 227364
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEVN>



BAR & RAFFLE

All profits for LOCAL and Rotary charities

!!! REVISED BUS SERVICES !!!

From 1 September bus services in Stanton Harcourt and Sutton will be changing.

The 418 service from Standlake to Eynsham via Stanton Harcourt will now be operated by West Oxfordshire Community Transport to a revised timetable which is available to view on their website. The service is still broadly 2 hourly Monday to Friday but the morning peak service has been withdrawn.

The 418S service to Bartholomew School will now be operated by Pulhams Coaches and no longer open to paying passengers.

First and Last Mile will continue to run the popular Wednesday and Friday Shopper Service to Witney. The timetable will be unchanged.

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

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

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

Pilates, Personal Training and Breathwork 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. 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

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Anahata Yoga 🌸🙏

Mondays 6.15-7.15pm The Old Guardroom, Stanton Harcourt (Intermediate class- booking required)

Thursdays 10-11am Stanton Harcourt Village Hall- Yoga for All- Drop in and all are welcome 😊

Tuesday 2.45-3.45pm Chair Yoga Class - The Old Guardroom (Booking required due to space)

Please contact me for more information, all classes are £8 when booked in advance, concessions available- please ask 📞 0789 002 6446 or via alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk

All equipment provided, classes are run by Alison. I am also a qualified bodywork practitioner, specialising in Thai Yoga Massage, Holistic, Deep Tissue, and Thai Table Massage. 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 🌸

Peaceful Existence Yoga and Massage, based in Sutton xx

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! 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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