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# Village Voice

*The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton*

**June 2025**

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## **June 2025**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 12pm**, Coffee at the Chapel

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 8.00am**, Men's Breakfast, The Harcourt Arms

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am to 12pm**, Litter Picking, Village Hall

**12pm to 2pm**, Village Market, Village Hall

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> FESTIVAL WEEK**

**NB Due to the late Parish Council mtg in May there is no meeting in June. Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **July 2025**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am to 12pm**, Coffee at the Chapel

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, 8.00am**, Men's Breakfast, The Harcourt Arms

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**, Parish Council Meeting, The Old Guardroom.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am to 12pm**, Litter Picking, Village Hall

**12pm to 2pm**, Village Market, Village Hall

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, 12pm to 10pm**, Stanton Harcourt Beer Festival, St Michael's Church

## **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**

## **Parish Council News**

### **Protecting Our Village**

Parish Councillor Geoff Webster has recently set up Protect Sutton Village: Say YES to a 7.5-Tonne Weight Limit campaign. Geoff is calling for a 7.5-tonne weight limit (except for access) to stop heavy lorries from using Sutton's narrow village roads as a shortcut. Sutton is characterized by its narrow roads, absence of pavements in certain areas, and tight bends, with homes situated feet from the B449. In recent months, there has been a noticeable increase in heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic, as drivers use Sutton as a shortcut to access the Stanton Harcourt Trading Estate, Civica, and other industrial sites, including The Sheehan Group. This surge in HGV traffic has had a significant impact on both Sutton and Stanton Harcourt residents, with an alarming rise in near-miss incidents involving these large vehicles. This increased traffic raises concerns about safety, particularly for children, elderly residents, and cyclists, who are more vulnerable on these roads. Additionally, the heavy vehicles contribute to road damage and impact heavily on Sutton. The Parish Council fully support local deliveries and essential access, but we feel that Sutton should not serve as a primary freight route. A practical solution is the introduction of a 7.5-tonne limit on the B4449, allowing access for farms, deliveries,

and residents while reducing unnecessary industrial traffic through the village.

If you agree, please consider adding your name to the petition to help implement this change.

Stop HGVs Cutting Through Our Community

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk>

### **Sutton and Stanton Harcourt Litter Pick**

The community spirit was on full display once again as residents gathered for the second village litter pick of the year. Following the success of the first clean-up in April, volunteers came together to continue their efforts in keeping the villages clean and tidy.

A huge thank you goes to Tom, Steve, Sandra and Natalie for their help in this latest effort, showing how small actions can make a big difference in preserving the village's charm.

The first litter pick of 2025, held in April, saw an incredible turnout, with Natalie, Jon, Tom, Phil, Judith, Denise, Keith, Steve, Sandra, Andy, Gill, Winnie the Whippet, and Liz all contributing their time and effort to make a cleaner place. Their hard work set the tone for ongoing community litter picks, proving that when residents come together, change happens.

On June 14th we will be helping the Village Hall Committee move some roof tiles into a skip. Come along and help if you can.

**Best wishes, Sandra Cosier (Parish Councillor)**

## **Monthly Report from West Oxford District From Councillor Sandra Cosier (SASH)**

I am deeply honoured and grateful for your support in electing me as your District Councillor. Serving this community is a true privilege, and I look forward to working alongside the Parish Council and with the residents in my ward.

Thank you for your trust—I am excited for the journey ahead and as a person living in the ward, I am committed to representing you to the best of my ability.

Thank you...

### **District Councillor's Meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner:**

In May we met with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss local concerns, about speeding and road safety. One of the issues that we have asked the PPC to look at is how Thames Valley Police use traffic data supplied by Speedwatch Teams. We have asked for some clarity on who receives the data, how it is used in enforcement and whether parishes can access that information. The issue of closer collaboration with Parish councils was raised. The PCC is going to engage with Norfolk Constabulary, who have a good record of partnership with Parish Councils. It is hoped that the PCC can learn about their best practices, with the aim of strengthen collaboration between local police and communities in the ward.

To keep parishes informed, we have asked the Police and Crime Commissioner to make sure that all Parish Councils in the ward receive timely updates regarding speeding and enforcement. Information will be shared with all Parish Councils, providing clarity on ongoing measures to address road safety concerns. A new Dedicated Road Safety and Speeding Team is being created by Thames Valley Police. This team will work in partnership with Community Speedwatch groups. It is hoped that this will help local communities play a key role in tackling speeding issues.

We remain committed to addressing resident concerns about speeding and road safety and will be meeting the PCC in the future to ensure that resident's concerns are taken seriously.

In the meantime, if you have any questions relating to this, please contact me: [sandra.cosier@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.cosier@westoxon.gov.uk)

Thank you

**Sandra Cosier (West Oxfordshire District Councillor)**

## Monthly Report from West Oxford District From Councillor Steve Cosier (SASH)

### Report on the Future Role of Parish Councils:

As West Oxfordshire moves towards a unitary authority, I have written to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, Jim McMahon, to clarify how parish councils in my ward will be supported and included in this new structure. Acting on behalf of the Parish Councils, I am pressing for clear commitments to protect local democracy and community governance.

Parish Councils are essential for delivering essential local services, maintaining assets, and ensuring that residents' voices are heard in planning decisions. Their unique ability to respond to local needs must not be compromised in any transition.

To safeguard their role, I have asked Mr McMahon to confirm what specific measures the Parish Council will have, including how they will work within the new unitary authority, what financial and structural support they will receive, and how their statutory consultation rights in planning matters will be protected.

I will continue to press the Minister for definitive answers to ensure that Stanton Harcourt and Sutton and other parish councils in my ward remain central to local decision-making. Their work is fundamental to maintaining community identity and ensuring residents are well-represented in any new authority. I look forward to receiving a clear response from the Minister on these pressing concerns and will keep you updated.

Best wishes Steve

If you would like to speak to me about this, or any other council issues, please contact me: [Steve.cosier@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.cosier@westoxon.gov.uk)

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Charlie Maynard

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Any types and sizes, Gents and ladies and few junior bikes. All of high end, top brands (highly stealable if distributed to our clients). All fully and professionally serviced, selling at almost half their average second-hand shop prices. Message me for further details and photos and to arrange a visit and test ride.

[dearnasser@hotmail.com](mailto:dearnasser@hotmail.com)

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Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month  
[village-voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:village-voice@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Café at the Chapel

Every first

Wednesday of the month

Wednesday 2nd June

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!

Thursday 19th June

2.30pm to 4.30pm

CREAM TEAS AT THE CHAPEL

Traditional Cream Teas and Cakes

Do come and join us for a cream tea or cake if you prefer! If the sun shines seating will be outside, but we can have the teas inside if it is wet

## Church Times

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

June 1st 8.30am Holy Communion followed by breakfast - all welcome

June 8th 10am Pentecost Holy Communion

June 29th 10am Cafe Church - come and join us for a yummy breakfast followed by a relaxed service. All welcome!

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 8th June 3.00pm Holy Communion, led by Rev'd Sue Jacobs

### 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/)

Are you looking for a way that you could support your local community? Can you spare 2-3 hours per month plus 4 meetings a year?

We are looking for a new volunteer Treasurer (over 18 years of age) to help keep St Michael's Church open for all villagers. We would love to hear from you if you have reasonable financial competence, the ability to maintain basic accounts on a spreadsheet and prepare annual financial statements. The Treasurer does not have to be a member of the Parochial Church Council. The PCC have the duty of raising and spending money



to meet their responsibilities and the Treasurer implements these decisions. Training and support will be given.

We look forward to hearing from you.

For further information please contact Mavis

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Hurst [rector@lowerwindrushbenefice.org](mailto:rector@lowerwindrushbenefice.org)



## Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2025



### "A Century of Television"

**Festival Events:** 14th June to 22nd June

**Festival Day:** Saturday 21st June

Don't miss out on any of the events that are taking place this year by ensuring that you pick up a copy of the Festival Programme booklet. It will be available from 6th June and contains all the details of events taking place during the week. Programmes cost £1.50 and will be on sale from the Village Shop / The Harcourt Arms or from the programme sellers who will be doing the rounds of the village. Don't forget to add to the village decorations by creating and displaying your TV themed Scarecrows and get your TV character fancy dress ready to join in the parade on 21st. There will be prizes for the best Scarecrows and for the best TV fancy dress on the day. We are also looking for teams of 6 to enter our festival "I'm a Celebrity It's a Knockout" tournament on the school field on Festival Day. Are you ready to face a "Bush Tucker Trial"? If you would like to enter, contact Jo Wilby (details below). Adults and Children are welcome to sign up.

**More details about Festival are contained in the flyer insert delivered with this edition of VV.**

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Jo Wilby ([jowilby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jowilby@hotmail.co.uk)) – we will particularly be looking for helpers on 6<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm for Marquee construction on the school field and again on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> to take it down again!

**The Festival Committee**



**Freeland Orchestra and  
West Oxfordshire Clarinets**  
Conductor: Wendy Marks



THE STANTON HARCOURT AND SUTTON SUMMER FESTIVAL

## A CENTURY OF TELEVISION IN MUSIC



Bring Me Sunshine  
sung by the children of Stanton Harcourt Primary School  
Thunderbirds · Wallace & Gromit · Pawty Towers  
Blue Peter · Monty Python's Flying Circus · Dad's Army  
The Apprentice · Top Cat · Match of the Day  
Jonathan Creek · Skippy the Bush Kangaroo · Hamlet Cigars  
plus other favourites!

7pm · Saturday 14 June 2025 · Stanton Harcourt Village Hall  
Tickets £5 on the door · Under 18s free

**\*\*\*Village Shop & Post Office\*\*\***

**SHOP ONLY IS OPEN EVERY DAY**

**FROM 0800 TO 1000**

**(THE POST OFFICE IS NOT OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

## Village Market & Cafe 2025

Our monthly Market & Café is back from February – a very popular meeting place for villagers to enjoy coffee or bacon rolls & soup and browse the stalls. It's all in aid of Village Hall funds, so a good village cause, that warrants everyone's support! Dates for your diary...

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13<sup>th</sup>

### LITTER PICKERS REQUIRED

Meeting at 1030 at the Village Hall so that we can decide how to divide our efforts. We could then finish back at the Village hall and enjoy some of their delicious food. I really hope we can get a good bunch of us together to tackle this. Please put the following dates in your diaries....!

**Saturday 14 June / Saturday 12 July**

I will come with a supply of litter picker uppers, and some bin bags, and some high viz jackets but please bring your own gloves and if you have any picker uppers and high viz gear of your own, then that would be helpful.

Email me if you can, to let me know you are joining us, because gosh we need as much help as we can get....

Judith [holderjudith@yahoo.ca](mailto:holderjudith@yahoo.ca)

**FREE ENTRY!!!**

**Sutton Village 2025**

**Classic Vehicle Show**

**Tuesday June 17th**

**"Aleden"**  
Sutton Lane  
Sutton  
OX29 5RY

**From 6pm onwards**

**CARS • TRACTORS • BIKES •  
• LIGHT COMMERCIALS •**

**BBQ • Refreshments • Tombola**

**Aunt Sally Competition!**  
On-site toilets

**- Cash only please -**  
Proceeds to St Michaels Church & Sunshine Cat Rescue

**More Info 07795 371294**

## STANTON HARCOURT and SUTTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL DOG SHOW. (RKC licenced)

**FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY JUNE 15th 2025**

With kind permission at 'Aleden' Sutton Lane, Witney,  
Oxfordshire, OX29 5RY.

Funds for **THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE**. Charity No.  
1084910

**JOIN US FOR A GREAT TAIL WAGGING TIME!**

Entries from 12.00pm.

Pedigree Judging 1.00 pm approx. Novelty Ring Judging 1.30 approx.

**Also 12.30pm. SCENT DEMO. by PAW BEHAVIOUR.**

Entries £2 a class or £5 for 3 classes.

**PEDIGREE. JUDGE. Mrs SAM AVERY.**

1. Best Pedigree Puppy 6-12 mths. Sponsored in Memory of Ollie Poynter

2. AV sporting Sponsored by Harry Kymin NSDTR

3. AV Non Sporting Sponsored by Good Dog Ownership School

4. AV Open. Sponsored by Polly King Foxpath flatcoats

5. Best Veteran (over 7 yrs) Sponsored in Memory of Brett

**BEST IN SHOW.** Rosettes from 'OUR DOGS' Newspaper

**RESERVE BEST in SHOW.** 'OUR DOGS'

Voucher for an hour from Chiltern Hills Farm Secure Dog Field. Haw Lane. Bledlow Ridge HP14 4JH

**BEST PUPPY.** 'OUR DOGS'. **BEST VETERAN.** 'OUR DOGS'

**NOVELTY CLASSES. JUDGE. Zara Linehan** (More than Sit Training)

6. Golden Oldie (over 7 years). Sponsored

by [www.trainingwithkindness.co.uk](http://www.trainingwithkindness.co.uk)

7. Cutest Puppy (under 1 year ). Sponsored by Snouts & Kisses Animal Behaviour and Training
8. Handsome Dog. Sponsored by [www.trainingwithkindness.co.uk](http://www.trainingwithkindness.co.uk)
9. Prettiest Bitch. Sponsored In Memory of 'Big Bad Bethany.'
10. Child's Best friend. Sponsored In Memory of Trixie
11. Waggiest Tail. Sponsored by Tribe Mobile Vets
12. Appealing eyes. Sponsored by Willa & Winstone
13. Best Long Coat in Best Condition. Sponsored in Memory of NANCY
14. Best Short Coat in Best Condition. Sponsored by Paw Behaviour
15. Best Rescue. Sponsored In Memory of Wee Mac
16. Best Cross Breed. Sponsored by Tribe Mobile Vets
17. Dog Most Like Owner. Sponsored by Zeus and Pablo
18. Best Local Village Dog. (Resident Sutton /Stanton Harcourt)

Sponsored by Cooper

**Novelty Best in Show.** Rosettes 'OUR DOGS' Reserve Best in Show.

Rosettes "OUR DOGS"

**ALSO A FUN SCENT AND SEARCH RING FOR YOUR DOGS TO HAVE A**

**GO AT .** 50p a go for funds. *Run by Paw Behaviour*

**AND HAVE A GO HOOPERS.** 50p. by *ListenupPUP*

All dogs to be kept on leads and under control at all times.

RINGSIDE PARKING THIS YEAR!!!!

Stalls welcome free of charge. Details Steph 01865 964811.

Cars will be monitored for any dogs left in distress.

No CC, RCC winners to take part in Classes 1-5. Unbeaten rule applies.

Prizes + Super Rosettes.



A big thank you from the Stanton Harcourt Royal British Legion to all those who came out and supported our VE80 celebration. I think it's fair to say that a good night was had by all with the added bonus of raising some much needed funds to support the Branch's activities.



## 200 Club

June Draw				
1st Prize	190	L McEachern	£25	
2nd	269	Jonnie Eagle	£12	
3rd	274	R Brown	£8	
4th	157	P Gillis	£5	

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer@velvetsoles.co.uk)

For more information please visit my

website [www.velvetsoles.co.uk](http://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](mailto:info@physiquepilates.co.uk)

[www.physiquepilates.co.uk](http://www.physiquepilates.co.uk) Tel : 07949 764 966

## Anahata Yoga 🌸🌻🌺

Yoga at the river is back!

Wednesday's 10-11am, at The Ferryman Inn, Bablock Hythe

Please bring a mat, this class is weather dependent (we are outside).

Starting 4<sup>th</sup> June 🌻 £8 drop in, please ask re concessions.

This Festival week we will be meeting at Okeford, Sutton Lane on the Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6.15pm, join us for The 5 Elements, a standing, or seated yoga sequence, followed by a fire cleansing ritual, and then plunge pool. Please bring suitable clothing, something to sit on, and a mug for a warm drink. Also, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10am, we will be doing The 5 Elements form at Devils Quoits stone circle. Practised seated or standing, let me know if you need a chair, or would like help to get there. Both events are donation based with all proceeds going to Thames Valley Air Ambulance ❤️❤️❤️

Mondays 6.15-7.15pm The Old Guardroom, Stanton Harcourt

Thursdays 10-11am Stanton Harcourt Village Hall- Drop In, no booking needed.

Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm Seated/Standing Class, The Old Guardroom

Please contact me for more information 07890 026446 or via

[alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk](mailto:alison@peacefulexistence.co.uk)

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?

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

email: [janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com)

Sutton Singers look forward to welcoming you to our Summer Festival Concert on Tuesday 17th June 7 for 7.30 sing at The Chapel, New Road. We will be singing songs from our recent appearance at Chipping Norton Music Festival, other songs you may have heard us sing before and some new songs to go with the Festival theme of 100 years of TV. Hope to see you there.

We also can't wait for The Beer Festival on Saturday 26th July. We are singing at 12.30pm and there will be many other performers as well as lots of beer, don't miss this fabulous event.

