



Village Voice



The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July 2016

Welcome to July, this month we have an insert showing the exciting events of the Village Festival for you to pull out and keep. If you would like to see more why not visit the new village website (under development, suggestions welcome!) Where we've uploaded even more excellent photos!

www.stantonharcourt.online

There won't be an issue in August as usual, so we'll see you again in September, if we get breaking news in the meantime I'll put it on the website! ed.

July

1 st	New Bus Service Begins 'The Red Lion Express'
3 rd	Great Village Run/Stroll
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9 th	Village Market
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Stanton at Sea 2016

Well, what can I say, What a week, What a day! The sun shone, the rain poured, but the village turned out to support all events no matter what the weather. A little drizzle didn't stop the Classic Car Show. Enthusiasts turned out to admire and swoon over vehicles from days gone by. A Disco featuring music "through the decades" put us through our paces. We danced like we were 21 again! A fabulous production by the Drama Group entertained the ship's company on Sunday. The good guys overcame the bad guys and peace was restored to the village once more!

Throughout the week BBQ's cooked endlessly, Scavenger and Treasure hunts tested us as to where and when! Gardens were admired, singers sang, paintings were on display and the Church Bells chimed. The Church was laden with flowers celebrating 90 Royal Years and the displays were admired by many, a sight always worth seeing.

Festival Day kept dry! Hurrah!! The procession floated through the village, a nautical display of colour and cheer. The Royal Queen Lizzie Mason sailed regally through the streets on the QE3, supported by her attendant Adam Swiergon. Performances by Bounce and The School were enjoyed by all. Stalls sold out and many games were played. The day rounded off with live music and merriment at Akers in Sutton. Recovery happened in the form of the wonderful and much needed Brunch on Sunday Morning. All in-all it was a thoroughly fabulous week and a brilliant Festival Day itself.

Many thanks to all who gave up their time throughout the week and on the day to help do whatever was needed to bring this week together and make Festival 2016 such a success. I personally would like to thank my Festival Committee who have spent the last 10 months planning the week. Jo



The Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

GREAT VILLAGE RUN/STROLL

Sunday 3rd July, 10.30am start (registration from 10am)

Postponed after a rainy day in June, please join this wonderful village event. You can toddle, walk, jog or sprint as far as you like!

When & Where? Steady's Lane (the lane to the left at the Northmoor end of S.H.) – the start is located where the lane becomes traffic free.

Entry: minimum donation of £3 per person/£10 per family (or free for children collecting sponsorship – forms from the Village Shop). Money raised will go to FOSHS (supporting our village school) and St Michael's Church.

Prizes: Medals for all children (under 16). Prize for the most sponsor money raised.

Refreshments: re-energise with drinks and cakes at the end of the run.

Please note: No dogs please. No parking available at the start. All children remain the responsibility of the parents. All entrants participate at their own risk. The event will be postponed in the event of bad weather – contact Clare on 01865 881943 if in doubt.

Small Breakfast 9 – 11

Saturday July 16th

Why go home and put the kettle on after you have bought your paper? Join us at St Michael's Church for a bacon roll, hot drink and a chat for just £2.50

The Red Lion Express The new bus services has begun!

Running from Standlake to Eynsham (and back) on Tuesdays and Fridays

Stopping at Harcourt Arms, Flexneys and Sutton bus stops.

(Times given for Harcourt Arms and Red Lion stops – traffic dependant!)

From Stanton: 10:21, 10:53, 12:53, 13:25

From Eynsham: 10:30, 11:02, 12:30, 13:02, 13:34



St Michael's Church 200 Club

July draw

1st	103 J Watts	3rd	296 J Eagle
2nd	110 C Davies	4th	279 C Spier

COULD STANTON HARCOURT BENEFIT FROM A GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME?

Good Neighbour Schemes are set up by local people to offer a service in their community principally for the benefit of older, vulnerable and isolated people, together with those possibly experiencing more temporary issues such as illness or injury. Anyone in need of a little help and support can be assisted by a Scheme.

There are more than 64 Good Neighbour Schemes across Oxfordshire offering help in their local community. Many of these Schemes provide assistance with transport to doctors or hospitals, and some provide other services, such as befriending, shopping, and help with practical tasks – gardening, small DIY jobs etc.

All Good Neighbour Schemes are different and it is up to the residents of the community to decide what services they would like to see available.

Volunteers are offered full support, are DBS checked, and reimbursed for any expenses they incur.

With the imminent threat to daily public transport in Stanton Harcourt perhaps now is the time to consider such a Scheme.

In Oxfordshire the Good Neighbour Scheme Support Service, is at Volunteer Link Up in Witney – oxfordshiregns@hotmail.co.uk or 01993 776277, is available to help with setting up schemes.

If you feel that you could help with such a Scheme, or benefit from it, details can be found at www.vlu.org.uk

If you would like to help set up a village scheme with the support of the Volunteer Link Up and the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk.



AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR NEW QUEEN



For many years, Festival Day has always been a really special day for me, a day that I eagerly looked forward to and that I remembered for months afterwards. Even after leaving Stanton Primary School and starting at Bartholomew School, I always made the effort to go back to the village school field for Festival to enjoy a day of fun, performances and burgers! While at primary school I took part in float processions and school performances and I was, over the years, a gymnast, a lion, a child on a family holiday and I even performed a traditional African jump dance! On those days, I would gaze wondrously at the Royal float dreaming that one day maybe I might wear the Queen's crown and this year that dream came true for me!

Riding on the Royal float was an extremely enjoyable experience even if it was quite hard work making sure I kept waving to the crowds on both sides of the street. What made the experience even more enjoyable was being able to share the float procession with my good friend - and only the second male Festival attendant ever – Adam, who never failed to keep me laughing or pointing out people I had yet to wave to. I think the photos of us singing along to Celine Dion and doing our best "Jack and Rose" impression will forever adorn our parents' mantelpieces!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day so special for me. Whether it was altering my dress, creating our fabulous floats, towing trailers or letting us use their boat on the big day – you are all the unsung heroes of my festival and without you it would not have been as fabulous as it was.

I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did and I wish you all a happy summer. Lizzie x

Village Markets

Dates are: **July 9th**, **August 13th**, Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th and Dec 10th 12-2pm.

Featuring a Ploughmans lunch for the Summer!

Free entry, all welcome. If you'd like a stall email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk

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.stantonharcourtvillegehall.co.uk

Help Needed Climbing a Mountain!

A message follows from Hannah, she is one of our excellent young villagers, not only a former Festival Queen but was also one of our best deliverers of

Village Voice, Please help her if you are able.



I wonder if you'd like to

help with a good cause? My name is Hannah Cummings and I hope to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in August, a University organised fund-raising trip (with Plymouth University Raise and Give society). I need to raise £2,990 for the Meningitis Research Foundation and am well on the way with around £1,700 raised so far. MRF is a great cause who save thousands of lives each year through providing vaccinations for free to those most vulnerable and working towards discovering more about this life-threatening illness. I have committed 72 hours this year to fund-raising, I have dressed as a dinosaur, lion and a superhero on the streets of London, Cardiff, Torquay, Plymouth and Oxford - both in Queen Street and at an Oxford United match. The OU supporters were amazingly generous and donated a total of £330.

If you would like to give, my fundraising page can be found at:

<https://plymouth-rag.everydayhero.com/uk/hannah>
or you can come find me at 38 Bury Mead.

Sutton Singers

Anyone who enjoys singing, we would welcome you at Sutton Singers. We are a singing group who meet every Tuesday in term time, 7-8.30 pm at the Methodist chapel in Sutton. We are led by Lizzie, a fantastic Musical Director, who gets the best out of us. No auditions or solo singing, just good fun. Please call Jan Tomlinson on 881709 or Penny Swiergon on 596164 for more details. Or just come along.

Tuesday Girls

Our speaker for July will be Myrna Rickards of Click and Tap who will be giving us some much needed computer coaching. So if you would like to brush up your email skills or gain some extra confidence for all that Internet shopping then come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30 pm With fingers crossed for good weather in August we are venturing outside for a garden party on Tuesday 9th 7.30 pm at Fairways Sutton Lane.

For further information call Kay Harvey 883590

Singing opportunity:

Would you enjoy a sing along from time to time? Johnny Andrews, who lives locally, has run "Sing-a-Longs" for the Northmoor Thursday Club and Standlake Over 60s. He enjoys a good sing too, and wondered if anyone in Stanton Harcourt would like an occasional chance to sing for fun in the Village Hall, in a short morning or afternoon social setting. A nominal charge would be made for the hire of the hall but Johnny does not charge a fee. We would look to hold a trial session or two in late July / August/ September. If you are interested please contact me on 01865880736 or at jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do.

Bounce News!

Thank you soooooo much to all the fantastic dancers on festival day! You all worked so hard and we are so proud of the way you performed and remembered all the pieces so well!

If you'd like to see us perform again please come to our coffee morning on Saturday July 9th in the Village Hall at 10.30.

If you or your child is interested in joining Bounce please email Jenny on jposselwhite07@aol.com

Jenny Posselwhite and Eleanor Tuck
Bounce Dance Teachers

KILL YOUR SPEED IN SUTTON

Kill Your Speed in Sutton (KYSS) will be petitioning Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the legal speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph to avoid future traffic incidents in Sutton Lane and New Road. Vehicles can legally approach each other at a joint legal speed of 60 mph on roads with characteristics outlined below. It is a situation which is inviting disaster. The paragraph below outlines the safety consideration of both roads and is part of the petition that we'll be asking residents in these two roads to sign shortly.

"Sutton Lane is a poorly maintained narrow road (only 14 feet wide feet in places) with no footpath for pedestrians, ill-defined borders and no street lighting. All pedestrians have to walk in the road often accompanied by small children and pets. There is a blind corner and a blind, very narrow junction on Sutton Lane. New Road has a very narrow, blind T-junction and two S-bends one of them extremely shaded, narrow and blind. An increasing number of delivery vans and lorries now use these two roads regularly and sometimes speed in excess of 30 mph along both roads (as do a small number of residents). Residents' drive-ways are often blind to traffic. School children (up to 36, twice a day) walk along the lane regularly, often when it is dark. Traffic causes accidents or near-accident incidents on a regular basis on the two roads."

(Hit by a car at 40 mph, a pedestrian has an 85 per cent chance of being killed, 55% at 30 mph and 5 per cent at 20 mph. Statistics from Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety).

Will you support us? Please contact Gil Hilleard at gh@leaderslab.co.uk or on 01865-883423.

THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Lunch Club meets every week at Northmoor Village Hall between 10:45am and 2:30pm each week and is open to residents of Stanton Harcourt, Sutton, Northmoor and Standlake.

Our members enjoy good food, regular exercises, great company, interesting speakers, entertainment and the occasional day out.

Everyone looks forward to Thursdays as it gives them a chance to get out of the house, meet old friends and make new friends. Transport is provided if needed.

We have now been running for 12 years and still have some original members: 90 is the new 70!

If you think you or someone you know would benefit from joining the club please contact:

Pat Burden 880652 or Michael and Elizabeth Druce 300480.

SCHOOL NEWS

Flowers and Festivals

I think everyone who visited St Michael's church for the flower festival will agree that the arrangements were the best they have ever been. The huge birthday card designed by Emily Rickards looked spectacular at the foot of the font. Barbara Edwards arranged the flowers on behalf of the children and she would like to thank the parents of Stanton Harcourt School for



your generous donations.

Mr Charles Mathew kindly offered to deliver the Queen's 90th birthday card before he had even seen it. I dread to think how much the postage will be! Thank you Mr Matthew.

The children of Stanton Harcourt would also like to thank the Parish Council for the commemorative medals they received in church from Mr Charles Mathew earlier this month. We know the children were delighted with their gifts and will remember this time fondly.

Wear it Wild

On Friday the 27th May, the children at Stanton Harcourt School wore masks and wild animal costumes to help raise money for the World Wildlife Foundation. Thank you to everyone who brought cakes to sell and to Mrs Tingley for bringing along the ice lollies. We raised just over £93 and the children voted to sponsor an African Elephant named Kiruba. This was a fabulous end to our Rainforest topic!

From Mrs Trigg:

I experienced my first Stanton Harcourt festival, which was absolutely amazing. The school is so privileged to be a part of such a wonderful community, one of the best in Oxfordshire! The school have had a really good term with a residential visit, visits, lots of good teaching and learning and heaps of different activities happening around the school. We have an artist coming in to work with the children to produce a piece of art work which is going to be placed in the hall - very exciting. The wall in the hall has come down which has created a lot more space and we have a new floor. During the summer holidays ceilings will be demolished and new ones put in plus the classrooms will be decorated - the school will have a real face lift for September.

I would like to express my thanks to the community of Stanton Harcourt for their support to the school which is very much appreciated. I hope the rest of the summer is sunny in order that everyone can enjoy the surrounding countryside.

Job vacancies at Eynsham Partnership Academy schools

Please see the link if you would be interested in working at any of the schools in the Eynsham Partnership.

<http://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/eynsham-partnership/epa-job-vacancies/>

www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk / 01865 881948
office.3130@stanton-harcourt.oxon.sch.uk

The Page 3 Bird

This month's bird is chosen by our new Queen! The first choice was an Arctic Tern, although we've already featured her (great minds think alike) so today we bring you Keira the Kittiwake, she is cousins with the Arctic Tern and they are both rather good looking.

Kittiwakes are becoming rarer due to a shortage of sandeels, so if one steals your chips at the seaside you should be quite honoured.



Need Someone to Mow?

If so contact Kiran Ram, available for lawn mowing and plant watering on 07468582978

Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 4th July 7:30pm

School Commemorative Medal presentation

On 8th June Commemorative Coins were presented to Stanton Harcourt School Children to mark the 90th Birthday of our Queen.

Child Safety

Please be careful while walking with children next to roads. There have been several reports recently of children having close calls while walking or running next to roads.

Eynsham Police Office

Following our report that the Eynsham Police Office was threatened with closure, I am pleased to confirm that as a result of the Parish Council's intervention with the Police and Crime Commissioner, it has been confirmed that the office in



Eynsham will not be closing in the autumn. Our chairman has received a phone confirming that the Police Commissioner had agreed that it would not close.

Bus Service

On May 24th, Oxfordshire County Council agreed to support the use of their own OCC 'Supported Transport', which minibuses children to school every day and others who need, due to their disabilities, transport to destinations, for offering between 10am and 2pm a service to those most affected by the cessation of rural bus routes (for £20 per hour).

In conjunction with Mike Parker of Save Route 18 Campaign and Northmoor and Standlake Parish Councils, a meeting was held with the relevant OCC operative to discuss running such a service in the Lower Windrush. This has now been trial runned and a timetable has been formatted to include four runs, two from Standlake and two from Northmoor (details on the SHPC website); all being well, it will commence properly on July 20th after a week's trial. It will run on Tuesdays and Fridays - Eynsham - Standlake, via Northmoor, Bablockhythe and Stanton Harcourt or parts thereof- and will descend to the Ferrymen Inn.

The purpose will be to establish a regular run, which can be relied on, to help those needing doctor, optician or shopping and have no immediate means of transport. Buses can also be booked on a one off basis during the week and evenings and weekend for a bigger fee.

It is hoped, however, that this will help those most affected as well and will be supported throughout the villages by all; if it is not sufficiently supported, it will cease. As soon as the plans become more specific, information will be made widely available on website and by other means, not least through the Save Route 18 Campaign.

Details of the Volunteer Link up, who came to the June Parish Council meeting, will also provide transport to those in need and its service detail are set out separately in this edition.

Summer Security

As the summer is finally here... a word of caution to not leave any windows open in an unattended house, or any ladders lying around to give easy access to the undesirable....please do not!

Grass Cutting – Verges

You may have noticed that following an extremely good period of growth and the reduction of cuts from 5 times a year to twice by the County Council (in an effort to reduce costs) the verges on the main roads are very overgrown – please take extra care at junctions, as visibility is very limited. If you feel an area poses particular danger, it can be reported on www.fixmystreet.com – this is a means of contacting OCC and reporting such issues. This site can also be used to request potholes are filled.

Please clear your roadside 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.

Keep Trimming.....

Just a reminder for all residents to ensure any hedges/growth are kept trimmed and do not obstruct public footpaths, roads, ditches and other rights of way. If the Parish Council is forced to take action after requesting the houseowner to trim back, it reserves the right to charge the houseowner accordingly.

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 Poppy Picnic proposed for July has been postponed to a later date when the sun is shining, more details to follow!

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

Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

The Catholic Church of St Peter

Abbey Street, Eynsham. The Catholic Church for
Sutton & Stanton Harcourt

Fr Mark Lagorio

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✉ stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm (5pm from August 6th)

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

July Sunday services at 10am

Coffee Morning – 6th July

10.00–11.30 am. All welcome – if anyone would like to come and requires a lift to Chapel and home afterwards, please call Julie Adcock on 01865 882051.

Drop in Knitting Morning

Every Monday morning from 10.30 - 12.30 we have a drop in knitting morning. All are welcome to come along for all or part of the time to share Tea and Coffee. Bring your knitting, crocheting or any other craft you do and have a natter whilst working.

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

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

July

3 rd	9:30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Stanton Harcourt
10 th	10:30	Benefice Communion	Standlake
17 th	10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
24 th	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Stanton Harcourt

Monday 25th 9:30-12:30, Messy Church at St Michaels, with fun, games and craft for children (to be accompanied by adults or carers)

DREW'S UKES practices at the Rectory from 7.00 to 8.00pm on Tuesdays and new members including complete beginners are welcome.

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