

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2014

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* with the exception of the All Age Service on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 10.15am services start with a time of informal worship from 9.55-10.10am.

Tuesday 2nd December

3.30 pm Time for God

Wednesday 3rd December

3.00 pm Carols of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 7th December Advent 2

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

5.00 pm Lighting of the Tree in St Denys Church Churchyard, followed by the singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Wednesday 10th December

2.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Performance

6.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December

6.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Performance

Sunday 14th December Advent 3

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Carol by Candlelight at Hatford

Tuesday 16th December

2.00 pm and 5.30pm Stanford School Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Friday 19th December

9.30am Stanford School Carol Service

Saturday 20th December

4.00pm Carol by Candlelight at Goosey

Sunday 21st December Advent 4

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15am Parish Communion with Marriage Blessing (Stanford)

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Stanford

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00pm Crib Service at Stanford

10.00pm Holy Communion at Stanford

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion at Hatford

9.00 am Holy Communion at Goosey

10.15 am Family Holy Communion at Stanford

Sunday 28th December 1st Sunday after Christmas

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 4th January Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Open House On most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. No charge. Do pop in. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome.

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	718224
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Update

We hope our website is keeping you updated with progress at www.sitvnp.com Please visit this site regularly to find more information about the NP process, survey results, future public consultation events and meeting dates, Minutes and Agendas.

Thank you to all households who completed the Housing Needs Survey and to our helpers for delivery and collection. Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) is collating the responses and will produce a report later this month. This report will be posted on the website www.sitvnp.com

Housing Development

From 1st November there were exhibitions of possible strategic site options at 3 different places throughout the village for 3 weeks for you to make comments on, followed by The Public Consultation on 23rd November.

As you know, the Vale Local Plan has proposed a strategic site of 200 homes on the west side of the A417d (down from 290 following strong lobbying by the NP Steering Group).

You can still object to this strategic site and we strongly advise you to do this before the deadline of 19th December by writing to the Vale.

How? Please see below-

- View the draft local plan and the relevant supporting evidence on line at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/thelocalplan, or at Vale offices and local libraries.
- By visiting the Vale website, where you can also read a copy of the Local Plan and then respond on line: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/localplanconsultation
- By completing a representation form available from the Vale offices, online or telephone **01235 540347**

All responses received will be submitted with the Vale's Draft Plan to the Government's inspectorate for final assessment. This will be part of the independent public examination process expected in the spring of 2015. If approved, the Draft Local Plan will be adopted as planning policy for the District.

Meanwhile at our Consultation event of 23rd November almost 100 villagers, by majority, agreed to submit site option 'H' as an alternative to the Vale's strategic site 'I'; **as highlighted on our web-site www.sitvnp.com**. This represents the VWHDC's proposed housing development on its "Strategic Site" but incorporating a smaller buffer strip of land for leisure use between the proposed housing and the White Horse Business Park. This also assumes the Seven Acres Nursery being relocated to the field to the North West area just before the quarry.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will also object to the Vale Local Plan Strategic Site and submit an alternative voted on at the Village Consultation, but only if we have to suffer a Strategic Site.

Of course the Government inspectorate could ignore our submissions and agree to the Vale's Strategic Site proposals. This is all we can do and trust our submissions will influence the inspector. To do nothing is not an option; that is why we are asking as many individuals as possible to do similar and object. An extra 200 homes will again change our village and put even more strain on all services, facilities and infrastructure. We are very appreciative of the support received for the surveys and consultation etc. but it is clear that only around one third of households in the Parish have been involved in this process so far. This is your chance to add your voice and your views!

We really need more of our Parishioners to take part which will add more weight in forming what is Your Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

From Joint Chairs of NP Steering Group- Colin Mitchell and Peter Gill

Other members of the Group- Richard Ryan, Julia Grinsted, Sally Barnes, Hadyn Wood, Roger Griffin, Janet Warren, Rosemary Packer, Sue Murrin Alistair Thirkettle

To All "BIG KNITTERS" THANK YOU

On Monday, 3rd November, a representative from AGE UK visited Stanford and collected the magnificent total of **3,376** tiny bobble hats from the Stanford 'knitting brigade'. The hats were all knitted to raise funds for the Winter Warmth campaign, and at 25p per hat, this huge amount translated into **£844**. Well done and thank-you to everyone who took part.

If you think you would be interested in being a new participant, next year, just get in touch with me on 710724 and I will add you to my contact list.

Community Bus

Drivers

We have been fortunate in the last few months to recruit three new drivers. Unfortunately this has been offset by the fact that one of our drivers has had to give up due to age restriction and another due to work commitments. We therefore still need to recruit more volunteer drivers if we are to be able to continue to operate a full service. If you could spare the occasional half day or evening to help out then please contact me.

Support Roles

We also need help in supporting roles. Private Hire of the bus brings in a valuable source of income and we shall soon need a volunteer who would be willing to organise this side of our operation. This involves taking bookings, issuing quotations and arranging drivers (by email) for these bookings.

We also need a volunteer to manage the drivers' roster to ensure that drivers are available for all of our scheduled runs. This again involves contacting drivers by email and updating the on-line roster.

If you can help in any of these roles then please contact John Smith: 01367 710494

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 3 December 2014

Doors open at 7 for Eyes-down at 7.30pm

**Cash prize for Last House
Bar and raffle**

Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

Sunday 7th December

5.00 pm

Lighting of the Tree in St Denys

Churchyard, followed by the

singing of Carols and hot refreshments

SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MONDAY

Sensory Play – 10.00-11.30am at Southmoor Children's Centre

Stay & Learn – 1.00-2.30pm at Stanford Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

Stay & Learn – 10.00-11.30am at Southmoor Children's Centre

THURSDAY

Parent Led Drop In – 9.15-11.30am at Southmoor Children's Centre

For further details please contact Sandra Stevens on 01865 820751, email

sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk or call in at Southmoor Children's Centre, Laurel Drive, Southmoor, OX13 5DJ

Monday 8th December 2014
Stanford Art Group are meeting
in the Village Small Hall at 7.15pm

Workshop led by Elizabeth Boyd
"Stretched Imagination". Come along
for an interesting and enjoyable evening.
Refreshments provided. All very welcome.
Visitors £4. For more info 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

CHRISTMAS BINGO

at STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7.00 PM

EYES DOWN 7.30 PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Enquiries Martin 01367 710724

The next Parish Council Meeting
Is on Wednesday 10th December 2014
7.30pm in the Small Village Hall
All Villagers welcome

Cast On! Knitting Group

What? Fun, friendly and free knitting group.
Why? Share your hobby, learn new skills, meet new friends.

Where? The Horse and Jockey.

When? **Every 2nd and last Wednesday evening of the month, from 7pm-9pm(ish).**

Knitting at Huddle

What? A new daytime knitting group.
Why? Share your hobby, learn new skills, meet new friends.

Where? Huddle Café.

When? Every Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm.

For more information please contact
caston@tlkc.co.uk or call 710362

IN NEED OF FUEL?

TOP UP SPIRITUALLY AT THE STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE FILLING STATION!

What is a Filling Station?

A new informal way of expressing the Christian faith. Using local mid-week monthly celebrations in unusual venues to support and strengthen our local Churches.



Where and When:

The Vine, Mill Farm,
Faringdon Road,
Stanford in the Vale,
Oxon SN7 8NP.

10th December 2014,
7.30pm to 9.00pm

Doors open from 7.00pm
for coffee and cake.

For more information visit the website or contact me directly:

www.thefillingstation.org.uk or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Faringdon & District U3A
Thursday 11th December 2014
2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

The Christmas lunch will be 'a bit of a do' before the meeting. Catered by Sadlers, with waitress service, at 12.00 for 12.30. More details to be found on the web site. Followed by the meeting at the usual time of 2.30 including a dramatic presentation by Dominic Bullock and colleague, entitled 'Sweet Sixteen - 1914' based on the diaries of a Bristol teenager growing up during WW1.

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)
01367 241296
faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



FOR ALL THE FAMILY

All Saints, Goosey

Saturday 20 December 2014 at 4.00pm
with mulled wine and mince pies

BRING TORCHES

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

St Deny's Church

Sunday 21st December 2014 at 6.00pm

with mulled wine and nibbles

Please bring torches

Advance Notices

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 28th January 2014**

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367
710445

February 5th – 7th

Stanford Drama Group

Aladdin By James Barry

Make a note of it now so that you
don't miss a Panto treat

33rd White Horse Half Marathon Sunday 29th March 2015

Registration has now opened for the 2015 White Horse Half Marathon scheduled to take place on **Sunday 29th March 2015**. This is a popular, local race established in 1983 and organised by White Horse Harriers AC. Please note that this race typically fills up about 4 months before race day, so please enter early to avoid disappointment.

Online entry only. There will be no entries on the day.

The race will start at 09:30am in Cane Lane, Grove. As in recent years the route will pass along Newlands Drive before taking the runners out through the village of Denchworth, then make a long loop out through the villages of Lyford and Charney Bassett, back to Denchworth before returning to the finish on Pound Green in Grove.

Anyone requiring further details can contact Lee Barrett (Race Director) on halfm@whitehorseharriers.org or visit the race web-page at www.whitehorseharriers.org/halfmarathon.html

December – Stanford Pre-school News

Our apple crumbles this term went down a treat! The children really enjoyed learning how to use special knives safely and getting their hands messy with the crumble topping! The children have also made some colourful firework pictures - we have had glitter out already and I expect this will continue all term as we approach our Christmas activities.

Later this term we will be taking the children on a church visit and a Christmas walk to see lights around the village. Then we will return to pre-school for refreshments and a Christmas Concert performed by the children. The Children have already made

Christmas cards with committee and will be making a special Christmas item to give to their parents too. Have a great Christmas everyone!



We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below.

Drumming Workshop

On Friday 7th November, each class experienced an African drumming workshop. We found out about the different types of drums and we got to play some different rhythms using numbers to help us.

Peace and Remembrance Week

The week beginning Monday 10th November was Peace and Remembrance week. We took part in lots of activities like making poppies and writing letters to an unknown soldier. We had lots of visitors in school to work with us like a doctor, fireman and a Lieutenant Colonel. On Remembrance Day, the Village Voices choir came in to perform to us and we took part in the village Remembrance Service. To finish the week, we dressed up as people who help us and had a street style party.

Community Lunch

We invited some people from our community in to school for lunch. Year 3 children gave a tour of the school and performed some songs learnt during Peace and Remembrance week.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 14th November we had our first Sharing Assembly of the year. Each class took to the stage and shared some of their learning from the year so far. There was dancing, singing and acting as well as poetry reading and artwork.

Earth Trust

As part of their topic, 'Overground Underground', Year 2 went to visit Earth Trust at Little Wittenham. We learnt how to make a fire by using a flint and we were able to milk a cow (but not a real one!). We ground wheat to make flour and learnt about chickens before using all the ingredients to make pancakes over the fire and eating them before heading back to school.

Diary Dates

Key Stage Two Christmas performances will be held at St Denys' Church on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and 6pm as well as Thursday 11th December at 6pm. Please come along and join us.

Key Stage One Christmas performances will be held at St Denys' Church on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm and 5.30pm. We would love to see you there.

Please join us on Friday 19th December at 9.30am for our Christmas Carol service. This will be held at the church.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in January's newsletter please send to jmwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **Monday 15th December 2014**