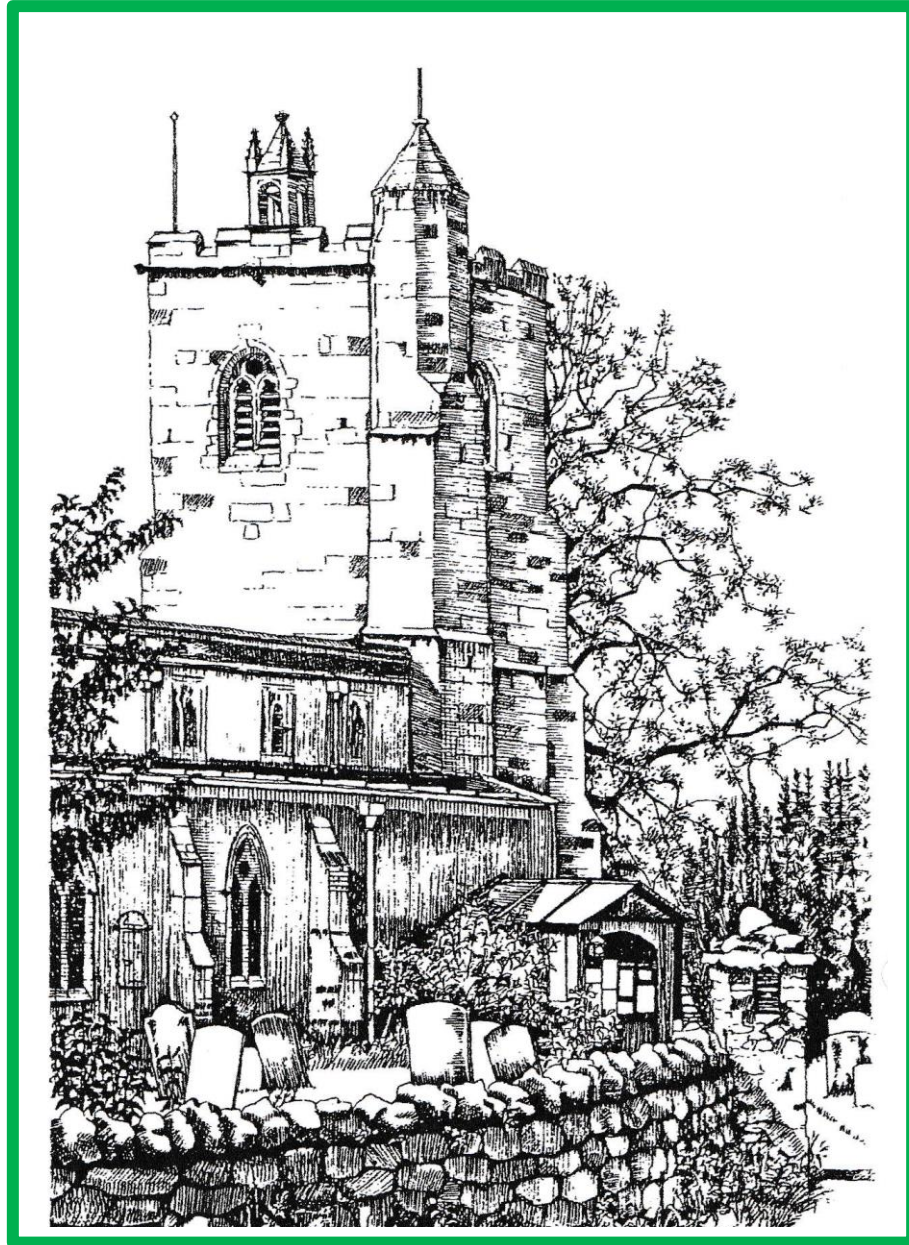


St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

APRIL 2023



Easter Greetings from St Andrew's Church



News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR APRIL 2023

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in the Astons and Upton.

1 Saturday

HOLY WEEK

2 +Sunday **PALM SUNDAY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H followed by APCM
 10.30am Online Service
 4pm Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM followed by APCM
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H
 7pm CYGnets Youth Group in the Benefice Centre

Prayer Focus:

Children and Sunday Schools.



3 Monday

8pm Compline

4 Tuesday

8pm Compline

5 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

6 Thursday **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

8pm Eucharist and Watch: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

7 Friday **GOOD FRIDAY**

10am Outdoor Church: St Mary's Upton

8pm Compline

12 noon Online Service (link in the Churn)

2pm Hour at the Cross: All Saint's NM

2pm Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's H

2pm Good Friday Service with choir: St Michael's B



8 Saturday

9 +Sunday **EASTER DAY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.



10 Monday

8pm Compline

11 Tuesday

8pm Compline

12 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

13 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B

8pm Compline

14 Friday

8pm Compline

15 Saturday

16 +Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am All Age Service: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

CYGnets group and teenagers.

17 Monday 7pm St Mary's Upton APCM

8pm Compline

18 Tuesday

8pm Compline

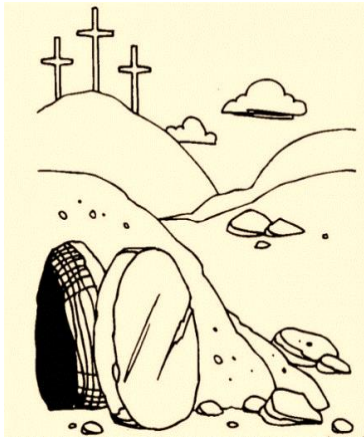
19 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections The Easter Message

Have you ever wondered why Christians make such a fuss over the celebration of Easter? Christians have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus ever since the very first Easter morning. We tend to associate the celebration of the resurrection with one particular day in the church's year: Easter Day, which this year falls on 9th April. But the resurrection is in fact celebrated every week, in the usual Sunday Service. Jesus rose again from the dead on a Sunday morning, and this is why the tradition arose of Christians going to church on a Sunday, and why Sundays have been kept as a special day, different from the other days of the week.

What makes Easter so special? In part, it is because Christians have seen Jesus' resurrection as God's seal of approval for all that Jesus did and taught. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly who he claimed to be? Yes, we can point to the coherence and truth of his teaching. Yes, we can point to the fact that his life and teaching has attracted countless millions of disciples down the centuries and continues to do so. But we can also point to the fact of the resurrection: by this unique miracle, God affirmed that Jesus is indeed the Son of God.

But there is more to Easter than this. It shows us that death is not necessarily the end. If God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him new life, there is hope for us too. God can raise us from the dead, too. Death is not the end. It is the gateway to new life - the resurrection life. The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope.

Finally, the resurrection life is eternal life: it is life lived with God for ever. So, this means that Jesus is alive today, in his resurrected body, and will be alive for ever more. He can guide us and help us today, and we can share in his life through baptism and holy communion. Most of us will never see Jesus in his resurrected body, but many of us will experience his presence through our prayer and worship, in the life of the Christian community, and in the love we share with one another in our everyday lives.

No wonder Christians continue to celebrate Easter day with such joy!

Father Jason

Holy week services in the Benefice:

- † **Maundy Thursday:** Eucharist and Watch, 8pm St Andrew's Hagbourne
- † **Good Friday**
10am Outdoor Church: St Mary's Churchyard, Upton.
We gather items to make Easter gardens – please bring a plate, tray or bowl.
12 noon Online Service (link in The Churn)
2pm Good Friday Service: St Michael's Blewbury
2pm One hour at the Cross: All Saints' North Moreton
2pm One hour at the Cross: St Andrew's Hagbourne
- † **Easter Day**
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's Hagbourne. 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H
More Easter Day Services in the Benefice in the Diary on page 2.



Calendar and Diary for April 2023 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:

20 Thursday
21 Friday
22 Saturday

8pm Compline
8pm Compline

23 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B followed by APCM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm St John the Baptist SM APCM
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's

*Our worship,
musicians,
organists and
choirs.*

24 Monday
25 Tuesday
26 Weds
27 Thursday
28 Friday
29 Saturday

S. George Martyr
S. Mark Evangelist
10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline *Our Nation*
8pm Compline
8pm Compline
8pm Compline

30 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Village Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

*Weddings and
God's blessing on new
and existing marriages.*



Online Services The Online Services will continue on Sundays at 10.30am. Login after 10.00am to chat before if wished. Access the Churn Churches website for login details on how to join:
<https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/services-this-week/sunday-service.php>
The link for the service is published in the weekly Churn, which can be

You can contact the Churn Benefice clergy and staff on:

Revd Jason St John Nicolle 01235 850267 rector@churnchurches.co.uk
Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com
Revd John Clarke 01235 510073 jphclarke@gmail.com

Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

Elaine de Ridder (Operations Manager) is available from 9.00am to 2.30pm
Monday to Friday - 01235 850267, during office hours,
or office@churnchurches.co.uk

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals can be made by contacting the Benefice office on 01235 850267 or via email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Baptism in the Benefice:

5th March **Ruby Rose King** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury.

Funerals in the Benefice:

14th March at St Andrew's Hagbourne
22nd March at St Andrew's Hagbourne

Ivy Mary Cox aged 97
Christine Carter aged 76

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



DIOCESE OF OXFORD

St Andrew's Church Hagbourne
invite you to the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

of the Parish of Hagbourne

Preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting to appoint Churchwardens.

Sunday 2nd April 2023, 11.45am

The meeting will start immediately after the 10.30am Service in St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne. There will be a short business meeting to elect new members onto the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod Representatives, and to hear reports on what has been happening in the Parish during the past year.

All Welcome to hear about past, present and future activities in the Parish.

In order to take part and vote at the meeting it is necessary to be on the Electoral Roll.

Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to Church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact The Revd Louise Butler on 07837 009730.



CYGnets

Hot chocolate and games!
Benefice Office 2nd April 7-8.30pm



"CYGnets" is the Churn Youth Group network - an informal gathering of young people from in and around our Benefice, having a chat with a hot chocolate and playing board and card games. Aimed at secondary school young people. Those who recently left school or college are most welcome too! Enquiries contact Elaine or Father Jason.

**You are invited to a Lent Lunch on Saturday 1st April
from 12.30 to 2.00pm at St Andrew's Church
to raise money for Sobell House Hospice**

The Lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. We will also have a Raffle and a Bring and Buy stall.

We do hope you will be able to come and support us. Thank you, Marian 01235 816808.

Car Boot Sale – East Hagbourne
Sunday, 30th April 10am – 2pm
in the field next to the Church.
Pre-paid pitches £10
Call Jane on 07824 440914



Public entry – Adults £1 Children Free. Refreshments



Tower Talk

A few of the team have been on holiday recently but that has not stopped the rest of the team and the bells have been rung for practice nights on a Tuesday and for two Morning Services a month and also two Evensongs a month. On a couple of occasions more recently we have had over a dozen ringers on a practice night and also been able to ring all eight bells on a Sunday morning for Service.

There will be a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 4th April at 8:00. We will be able to enjoy our hot cross buns together this year at Jeff's house. There will be NO bells rung that night as it is Holy Week. The bells will be rung on Easter Sunday, 9th April at 10:00, for Morning Service. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 1st April - Jill Garlick, 12th April – Jeff Powell

Date for your diary: Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday



Easter Flowers 2023

Please do come along to help decorate the Church with flowers for Easter once again.

We will be there on Saturday morning 8th April to make it all fittingly beautiful, but if a later time that day is more suitable for you, that will be fine

Very many thanks - as ever - for all your help and wonderful arrangements. Best wishes, Helen Clayson

Midweek Communion Everyone welcome to the Midweek Communion at **St Andrew's, Hagbourne** every Wednesday at 10am. This is a said Communion Service without hymns and the opportunity to stay for a coffee or tea afterwards and a chat.

This is a popular Service – all welcome.

April Rotas Year A	2nd April Palm Sunday	9th April Easter Day	16th April Easter 2	General Notes:
Readers	Isaiah 50 v 4-9a Mo Windsor Philippians 2 v 5-11 Shirley Goss Passion Narrative TBC	Acts 10 v 34-43 Margaret Antcliff Colossians 3 v1-4 Jenny Smith	Acts 2 14a 22-32 Jeff Powell 1 Peter 1 v 3-9 Justine Shepperson	<p><u>Please note:</u> There three Sunday morning Services in April.</p> <p>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.</p> <p>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</p>
Intercessions	Celebrant	Graham Goy	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Jane Blond Sally Duncan	Robin Harries Jane Blond	Trevor Goss Myra Hardiman	
Coffee	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Justine Shepperson Jeff Powell	
Church Cleaning	Vivien.Stocks Sally Barksfield	Shirley Goss Trevor Goss	Mary Goy Diana Duff	
Flowers Lady Chapel	No flowers	Joy Napper	23rd April Sally Duncan	
Flowers High Altar	Lynne Carter	Lynne Carter	Denise Horwsell	



4 1/2 MILES

Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK

Monday, May 1st

11am (Registration 9.00 to 10.30) Hagbourne Village Hall

ONLINE ENTRIES OPEN NOW AT

<https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2023>

Online entries will close on **Saturday, 29th April**. We urge you to book online if possible. You can still register on the day. Note: under 16's forms must be signed by a parent or guardian; under 9's must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

Dogs on leads only with walkers: sorry NO dogs with runners.

PROCEEDS TO CANCER RESEARCH & THE VILLAGE FUND



Information from:

Robpennington64@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun

ONLINE ENTRIES:

**Runners – Adults £7, U16's £2
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1**

ON THE DAY:

**Runners – Adults £8, U16's £2
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1**

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 40+, 60+, U9, U12, U16 and local.



East Hagbourne 18th Annual Scarecrow Competition

Entry Form 2023

In aid of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania

Theme: "Your Favourite Animated Cartoon Character"

CUP TO BE AWARDED TO THE COMPETITION WINNER

Name of Scarecrow: _____

Name of Entrant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Paid by: Cash Cheque..... BACS.....

If you are from outside East Hagbourne and would like to enter – a site can be found for your "Visiting Scarecrow" – or you can organise your own.
If known, please give the site details in box below.

Scarecrow to be in place from Saturday morning of 13th May to stay in place until evening of Sunday evening 4th June.

Please return your entry form to Mary Harrison, 20a Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne along with payment of £5.00 either by cash or cheque (payable to Hagbourne Action Group) or alternatively by BACS: Account Number: 77940362 Sort Code: 30-98-97.

Please use your surname as a reference. Indicating on the entry form this type of payment.

Entries to be in by Wednesday, 3rd May so that trail maps can be prepared beforehand.

Straw available at 20a, generously donated by the Powells

Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2023



Theme:

**"Your Favourite Animated
Cartoon Character"**

**Scarecrow Trail . . .
. . . for everyone to follow
and vote for your favourite
Scarecrow . . .**

**Saturday 13th May
until Sunday 4th June.**

Buy your maps for £1 from the
Community Shop and The Fleur
from Saturday 13th May
in order to follow and vote for
your favourite scarecrow.

**CUP FOR THE
WINNING
SCARECROW**

**Entry forms on page 8 of the magazine or print your own from
the East Hagbourne website: www.easthagbourne.net
Entry forms to be returned by Wednesday, 3rd May.**

Profits will be given to St Anne's Hospital, Liuli in Tanzania.

**We hope to do Teas in Church from 2.30 to 5pm on Sundays
when maps will also be for sale.**

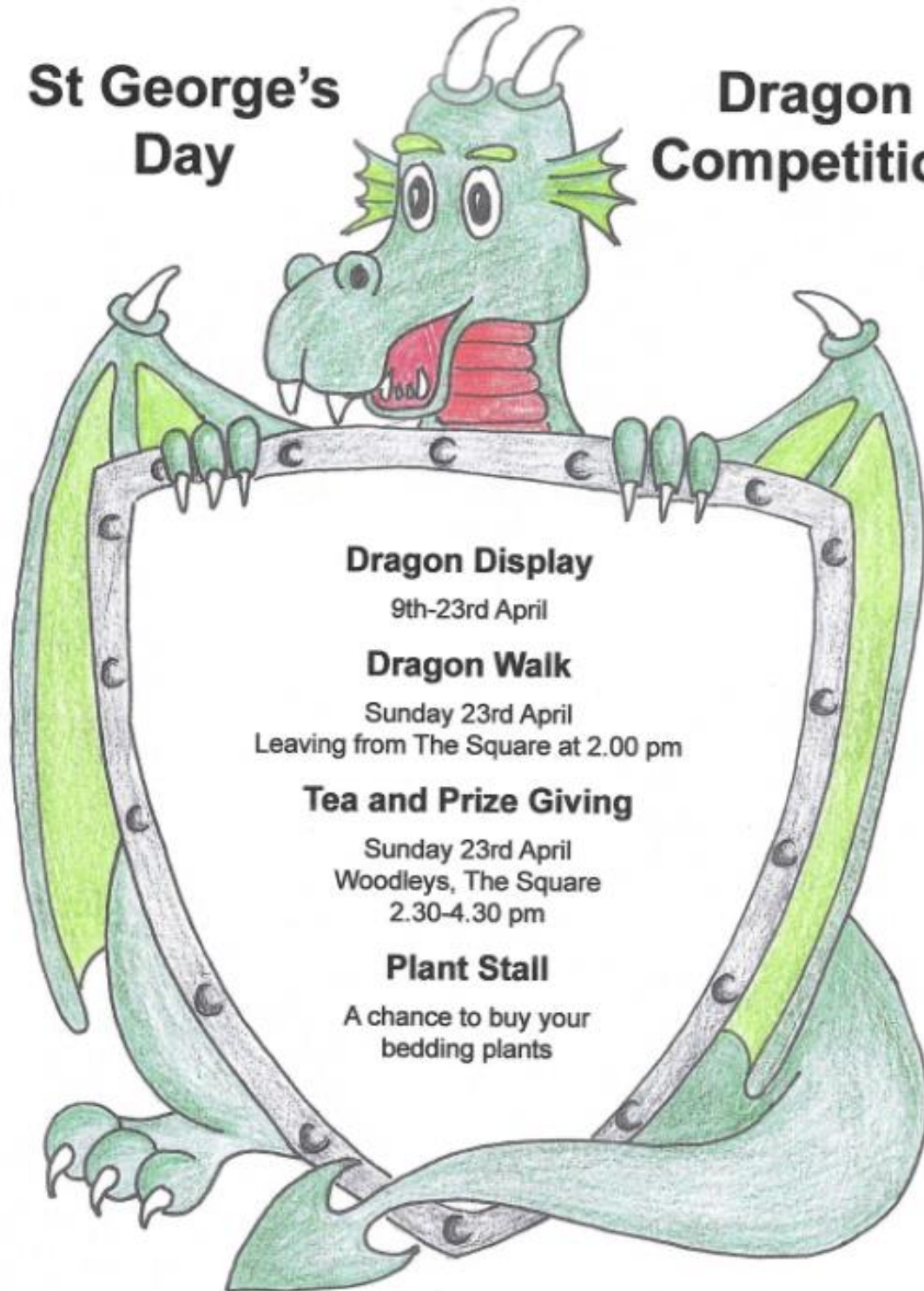
**Action Group: Doug Amos, Di Duff, Mary Harrison, Susan Proctor, Alice Smith,
Maranda St John Nicolle, Vivien Stocks, Marian Varnom.**

Table Tennis at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com
Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

West Hagbourne

**St George's
Day**

**Dragon
Competition**



Dragon Display

9th-23rd April

Dragon Walk

Sunday 23rd April
Leaving from The Square at 2.00 pm

Tea and Prize Giving

Sunday 23rd April
Woodleys, The Square
2.30-4.30 pm

Plant Stall

A chance to buy your
bedding plants

East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground

Our annual open meeting will be held on
Monday 24th April, 7:30pm in the Pavilion.

We will report on the past year's activities and plans for the future.
All are invited to attend - we will be pleased to hear your views and ideas.

East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan

2023 Update - Consultation Open

We welcome your comments 19th March to 3rd May

Details of the Plan and how to comment can be found online at www.easthagbourne.net

There is also a printed copy in St Andrews Church available between 9am – 4pm except when Services are taking place.

Key elements:

A new Design Guide and Codes

A Strategy for People and Nature

Enhancements to our valued green spaces

Friends of St Andrew's Charity Quiz Night With thanks to Darren and Ruth and the team at The Fleur, the Friends of St Andrew's hosted a very successful Charity Quiz Night on Monday 6th March.

The pub was full to capacity and there was even a waiting list to attend what we hope will become an annual event. Over £600 was raised on the evening, which will go towards the Friends charity, which at present is focussed on a programme of "Greening" and improving St Andrew's Church in East Hagbourne - what this means in practice is helping pay for a modern eco-friendly heating system, and ultimately a new roof for the building. Paul Gover

Compline A short Service of night prayer every weekday night at 8pm. The links and codes for these are on the website under the services tab. www.churnchurches.co.uk Phone access is also available.

Arts and Crafts Fair

St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne

Saturday 22nd April 2023, 10:30 to 4:30pm

- Meet local crafts people, artists, and writers.
- Free admission
- Refreshments available all day, (proceeds in support of Church funds)
- Payments by cash or cheque please (due to limited internet signal)

Further information: Linda Benton, 01235 817891,
Linda.Benton@live.co.uk





East Hagbourne Community Shop Celebrating 20 Years

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, each month we will be sharing stories from past and present volunteers and the wider community about what the Shop means to them, and why keeping the Shop going is important to all of us.

East Hagbourne Community Shop is entirely run by volunteers – and we need your help if we are going to survive! If you are interested in becoming part of our Shop Committee or Volunteer Team, please email us at easthagbourneshop@gmail.com.

This month, Jenny Smith, an active member of the East Hagbourne village community and one of the original Shop Committee members, looks back 20 years to the founding of the Shop, and talks about why it matters to keep this unique village amenity alive and well for the next 20 years.

East Hagbourne Community Shop – 20 Glorious Years!

The East Hagbourne Community Shop was officially registered as a business on 27th January 2003, although it had been unofficially trading since 2001. A public meeting was held for the community to decide if a shop was needed - and, in particular to keep the Post Office open, as there were many closures of small offices at that time. At that meeting there was enthusiasm for the project and people were asked if they would form a committee. From that the first committee was established consisting of Monica Lawson, Bob and Shirley Ely, John Jones, Jenny Smith. Others at that first meeting agreed to be on a rota to serve in the Shop. This method was before e-mail was generally established so consisted of filling out a grid in the Shop and then Monica telephoning people to fill the gaps. The village Parish Council gave a loan for the start-up of the business.

The premises were already established with a Post Office cubicle and a certain amount of shelving. Monica and Jenny were the buyers who stocked and replenished as required. Because of the small scale some products were bought locally or from Reading, some from the Cash and Carry, eggs locally sourced, stationery products by mail order; and to keep prices reasonable, "buy one, get one free" offers were used from a variety of supermarkets.

Once the shop was registered on an official basis, the accounts were audited, and the stock range enlarged with additional shelving installed; and this has been on-going ever since. About 4 - 6 meetings were – and are - held each year, with an annual AGM to which the public are invited to attend. To reward the efforts of the volunteers and their partners, a Shop Party, catered by the Committee, was given each year: originally in a garden, but subsequently in the village hall, to avoid the eccentricities of the British weather, and to accommodate the party as the number of volunteers and their partners increased.

I believe that the Shop has been not only a useful source of urgently needed occasional items, but also a hub for social interaction, exchange of news and a useful place for notices and passing trade! With the limitations on the size, it is appreciated that the Shop can never be a source for the whole weekly shopping, but it has proved a great convenience to the village, especially for some of the elderly or non-drivers. It is the only Community Shop in Oxfordshire, which is entirely run by volunteers.

Finally, East Hagbourne Community Shop is totally reliant on volunteers! An hour a week is not much to commit - two hours even better - and as we oldies need to retire; we will need new (and younger) people to step in if we are to keep the Shop going. There is no need to wait for an invitation, just leave your name and phone number/e-mail at the Shop and someone will contact you.

Jenny Smith



Hagbourne Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 27th April** when Roger Umpelby will give a talk called: **Aliens in the Garden – dealing with new pests, diseases, and weeds.**

Refreshments at 7pm followed by the talk at 7.30pm.
Visitors welcome £5.

Don't forget the **Annual Plant Sale** on **20th May** – further details to follow

Didcot and District U3A offers the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting at **2.30pm on 18th April in Didcot Civic Hall** when we have a talk – **Chrissie's Owls, committed to the care and conservation of owls based in Oxfordshire.**

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

The Didcot Emergency Food Bank is at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: office@didcotbaptist.org.uk

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages. **Contact details:** You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the [contact form](#) on the website. Thank you.

Football in East Hagbourne: Both Hagbourne United FC and Didcot Casuals FC play regularly at East Hagbourne and welcome new players

Contacts: Men: HUFC John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com
Youth: DCFC Peter Blackman 07771 667271 peter.blackman@abbott.com

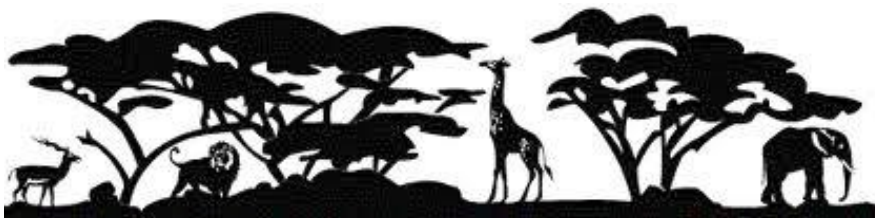
Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets in St Andrew's Church on Fridays in term-time from 9.45 to 11.15am. Children from birth to 5 years with their parent/grandparent/carer.

£2.00 per family session – includes a healthy snack for children and hot drinks for adults.

The group is a long-established friendly parent run group. We have a variety of toys including ride-ons, slide, dolls, toy cars, Duplo, baby toys, mats and bouncers.

On occasions a craft activity is also offered. Our current children really enjoy their weekly play together (for some it is their only interaction with other children) and they look forward to Friday mornings and meeting their friends. **Please contact: hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com**



**SAVE THIS DATE : Saturday, 23rd September 2023
For the next SAFARI SUPPER**



East Hagbourne Community Shop

Find us on the East Hagbourne village website:
www.easthagbourne.net

For 20 years, the East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. Over the past few years, many of our long-time volunteers have retired after jobs well done, and we need new Committee members and Volunteers to keep the Shop going!

To learn more about how you can help in just an hour or two a month: email us at easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393 or stop by **The Big Afternoon Tea Celebration of Volunteering**, 3:30pm 7th May at the Hagbourne Pavilion!

EASTER STALL SATURDAY 8th APRIL, 9am – 12pm

Join us for warm hot-cross buns and tea while browsing our delicious Marcopolo pastries, fresh breads and savouries, a selection of artisanal chocolates by Nellie-Jean, locally crafted organic soaps by Monica, artist-designed cards, hand-knit Easter egg cosies plus a variety of chocolate and crème eggs for your Easter basket!

Pre-order your Marcopolo choices by 4pm Wednesday 5th April either in the Shop, or email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pick-up!



THE BIG AFTERNOON TEA CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING, SUNDAY 7th MAY!

All are welcome to join in a celebration of Volunteering across our community with tea, cake, bingo and other amusements at the Hagbourne Pavilion from 3:30pm, rain or shine.

HM King Charles III has made "helping out" a central feature of his Coronation festivities, and we are delighted to host this event honouring volunteers past and present.

EXTRA SPRING VEG? This looks to be a banner year for spring crops! If your allotment or garden is overflowing, consider donating your excess to the Shop, where we sell this high-quality, low-impact produce for a modest sum, which reduces waste and helps to defray rising Shop operating costs.

April Operating Hours

Post Office: CLOSED Friday 7th April to Monday 10th April for Easter Bank Holiday

Regular Hours: Mon - Sat 9am – 12:30pm + Mon & Thu afternoon 1:15pm – 4:45pm
Deposit, withdraw cash, pay bills, top up pre-paid cards & utility keys or buy gift cards.

Shop: CLOSED Friday 7th April & Monday 10th April, * OPEN Sat 8th April *

Regular Hours: Mon & Thu 9am–5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am–4pm; and Sat 9–12:30pm

Fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday! We stock a variety of frozen fish, pies and more, plus milk, local eggs, local honey, household essentials and classic pick n' mix sweets.

Pre-order Marcopolo bakery goods each week by 4pm Wednesdays in the Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pick up the following Saturday from 9am – 12:30pm.

HUGS April News

Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

IN DEEP TROUBLE - The dramatic decline of native British wildflowers

'The loss of habitats is an unmitigated disaster for wildflowers and all the species that depend on them including insects, bats and birds' (Craig Bennett, chief executive of The Wildlife Trusts)



Harebell



Corn Marigold



Sticky Catchfly

- **Dramatic decline:** over half of Britain and Ireland's native plants have declined over the past 20 years, according to a new report by the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) and we are losing on average one species per year per county (Plantlife).
- **Why we should worry:** It's not just the decline in flower species which should worry us, but what this means for native pollinators which have evolved, over millennia in conjunction with these plants and which depend on them. Fewer of these plants means fewer pollinators.
- **Species at risk:** Heathers and Harebells have been particularly badly affected as have ancient wildflowers including Corn marigold, brought to Britain by Iron Age farmers over 2000 years ago. Once common in our fields, this species has declined by over 60%.
- **Why this has happened:** research pinpoints decline on changes in farming since the 1950s, with use of nitrogen enrichment and herbicides, habitat degradation and changes in grazing. Land drainage to increase grazing has caused major declines in damp loving wild plants, including Devil's-bit scabious – a nectar-rich flower used by many pollinating insects.

What next: government environment schemes must step up to their promises to reverse the decline of nature in our landscape, halve nutrient pollution, protect local wildlife sites and protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment (as supported in our East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan). We can all help by getting to know our wildflowers better and cherishing them.

So get sowing this Spring, plant wildflowers in your garden, and come along to help HUGS plant more wildflowers around the villages!

https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/wildflower_garden/grow_in_the_garden

Photos © Plantlife

Bowls Club Spring News

New Season, New Kit, New Members!

Exciting times at your local Bowls Club as we enter the 2023 Season with high hopes after last year's successes at County, Regional and even National Finals. We also have a lot of new members embarking on their first full season. Roll on 2023! (pun intended 😊).

We've got the Blues!

If you wander past the green at the end of The Croft in East Hagbourne on a match day, then you'll spot us in our brand-new blue outfits. If you thought bowls was all blazers, ties, and white pleated skirts, then you're in for a surprise! Pop in, say hello and see what it's all about. Alternatively, why not come and join in at one of our . . .

Bowls Open Days – May 13th and June 10th

After a wonderful response last summer, your friendly neighbourhood Bowls Club are holding **TWO** OPEN DAYS this year, on May 13th and June 10th. Come along any time from 10 till 4. We are pleased to invite you to have a try at this ridiculously mesmerising and enjoyable sport; we're sure you'll have fun. More info at www.hagbournebowls.co.uk

Even if you can't make an open day, just come along any Monday evening during the summer from 6:30 onwards or ring Jackie 07502 373184. If you're wearing flat shoes or trainers, then we'll get you "rolling up" on the green in no time.

Members come from far and wide to take part and if you're new to the area, it's a great way to meet a friendly bunch of people of all ages and backgrounds.

You can find us at the end of The Croft, postcode OX11 9LS.



A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

in the Pavilion at Great Mead. Why not?

The last Get Together Group will meet on Wednesday 5th April – 2 to 4pm at The Pavilion. We hope to be able to meet again in the Autumn and Winter. Thank you to the Pavilion Committee for the use of the facilities.



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Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Housing development by the Village Hall The building work continues apace. Foundations for all houses (the really messy work) will be completed by mid-April and the show house will be open in early May. Hopefully, you are already aware of the road closure from 3rd April. Main Road will be totally blocked between the village car park entry and the Manor Farm Lane entry. All that is being done at this time is the connection to the sewer so it is hoped that the road will be reopened well before the upper limit of 16 April. The other works for the S278 requirements (work on road humps, yellow lines etc) will be delayed until the risk of damage by construction vehicles is over, towards the end of the building in 2024. The village gateway will be installed at that time.

South Oxfordshire housing will be handling allocations for both rental properties and shared-ownership so you should be on their housing register if you wish to apply for either. For rentals, the properties will be advertised through the Choice Based Lettings Scheme and eligible applicants will be able to 'bid' for the vacancies. Shared Ownership vacancies are advertised through the Zone agent - Help to Buy South. The district council is responsible for prioritizing the list of applicants who have expressed an interest in a vacancy through Help to Buy. The housing register is accessible through the web page: <https://www.southoxfordshirehomechoice.org.uk>

20mph Limit The results of the survey are accessible through the easthagbourne.net web pages and have been communicated to the OCC team. We are in the third tranche for possible 20mph limits but nothing will happen until after April 2024, assuming the scheme is still continuing. At that point we will interact with OCC prior to any changes. For example, it could be that traffic calming measures are required that may stop us from proceeding with some of the speed limits. There will also be a final opportunity to comment on any plans and any objections at that point have to be considered and answered by OCC or changes made to accommodate them.

So, no action is happening at the Parish Council level just now although data from future Speedwatch activity might be useful for any 2024 debate.

Coronation Street Parties The deadline for road closure applications has passed (on 31 March) so hopefully you have arranged that already if required. I have heard of some street parties on the Sunday, mostly organized locally so talk to your neighbours if you are unaware of one. There is no party planned for the village as a whole.

Parish and District Council Elections The Parish and District Council Elections will be held on the 4th May. The polling station is the Village Hall, and it will be open from 7am to 10pm. A photo ID is required when voting. A driving licence is a valid ID and there is a separate article on alternatives in this Parish Magazine. If there are less than nine candidates for the Parish Council then voting will only be for District Councillors. The deadline for nominations is 4th April and the list of candidates will be announced on 5th April.

Parish Surgeries The surgeries at the Fleur de Lys have been lively affairs, and so I will continue there with a surgery from 5.00 to 6.30 on Friday 21st April but feel free to contact me, the clerk, or any councillor should your concerns be more urgent.

Parish Council meetings Parish Council meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th April.

Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council. Iain Duff



**East
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Following a period of intense activity and detailed discussions with SODC, the Neighbourhood Plan has now been updated to incorporate a Design Guide, a Strategy for People and Nature and enhancements to our valued green spaces. A public consultation on the updated plan began on 19th March and continues until 3rd May. Details of how to view and comment on the proposals can be found at www.easthagbourne.net or there is a printed copy on display in St Andrews Church, East Hagbourne – please see note on page 11.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 21st APRIL

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found [here](#)

The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help. Details can be found [here](#)

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 07572 401769

East and West Hagbourne Fund – www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund

Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

Coronavirus Community Support Group - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



DEFIBRILLATORS The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road

Hagbourne Village Hall (next to the main entrance)

Hagbourne Bowls Club on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)

In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.



USEFUL INFORMATION:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne.

<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area.

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P23/S0628/HH 35A Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Proposed ground floor rear extension and loft conversion. Proposed new detached garage.

P23/S0809/LB Crumble Cottage, 10 The Croft, East Hagbourne - Upgrade windows and repair timber frameworks.

P22/S4536/HH Manor Farm, Manor Farm Lane, East Hagbourne - Extensions & alterations to existing outbuilding & link building following fire damage.

P23/S0975/HH 18 Harwood Road, East Hagbourne - Ground floor rear extension and loft conversion including hip to gable conversion and dormer window.

P23/S1035/LB 2 Church Close, East Hagbourne – Replacement of existing boiler.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2023 at The Pavilion, Great Mead.

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net



LOCAL ELECTIONS 2023

It's time to choose who represents you

On Thursday 4 May 2023, everyone aged 18 or over who is eligible will have the chance to vote in the district council election.

By voting in this election, you will help to choose local councillors to make decisions on important issues, such as where we should focus our efforts locally to help tackle climate change, where and how new housing gets built, how we work to ensure there's enough affordable housing and much more.

Residents in some areas will also be able to vote in parish council elections.

For all you need to know about the local elections, visit our website southoxon.gov.uk/elections

New for 2023 – to vote at a polling station in this election you must bring photo ID!

At this election, you will need to bring photo ID with you to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences, a disabled parking blue badge and proof of age PASS ID cards.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can **APPLY NOW** for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

The deadline to apply for this election is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.

Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call 0800 328 0280.



Knitwit News Many thanks to all those who are busy knitting squares and to those who are sewing the squares together to make up the colourful blankets that we send to Knit for Peace and to Hope and Aid Direct. We have sent many blankets, jumpers, hats, and mitts already this year.

The need for blankets and knitted items is constant so we will continue to make these. Thank you also to those who have donated wool. We are hoping to knit and crochet lots of poppies this year so that a display can be made for St Andrew's for Remembrance Sunday in November. We will be including some patterns in the May parish magazine – it would be lovely if as many people as possible could help to make these. Thank you, Joy Napper – magtemp5@gmail.com

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Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

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Didcot Girls' School							1538		
Didcot, Parkway Station, R4 ⇌		0838	1010	1140	1340	1510	1545	1710	1830
Didcot, Orchard Centre		0842	1014	1144	1344	1514	1549	1714	1834
Didcot, Sandringham Road		0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1553	1719	1838
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0730	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1556	1722	1841
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	0736	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1602	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0738	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1603	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	0741	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1605	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0746	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1610	1730	1849
Upton, Village Hall	↓	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	↓	1734	1853
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	↓	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	↓	1736	1855
Chilton, Main Street	↓	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	↓	1742	1901
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	↓	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	↓	1748	
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	0755						1619		
South Moreton, The Crown PH	0801						1625		
North Moreton	0805						1629		
Didcot, Orchard Centre	↓						1639		
Didcot, Parkway Station ⇌	↓						1643		
Didcot, St Birinus School	0816								
Didcot Girls' School	0824								

Notes:
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Chilton, Main Street	0643	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431			1601	1756
Didcot, Sandringham Road	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1553	↓	↓	↓
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1556	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0649	0807	0937	1107	1237	1437	1603	1607	1802	
Upton, Village Hall	0651	0809	0939	1109	1239	1439	1605	1609	1804	
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0657	0816	0944	1114	1244	1444	1610	1614	1809	
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	0823	0951	1121	1251	1451	↓	1621	1816	
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	0826	0954	1124	1254	1454	↓	1624	1819	
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	0831	0959	1129	1259	1459	1639	1629	1824	
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0716	0835	1003	1133	1303	1503	1643	1633	1828	

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Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	1733
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
Chilton, Main Street	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	1741
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	

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Harwell Campus – Blewbury – Didcot
Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	0925	1055	1225	1425	1555	
Chilton, Main Street	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0813	0944	1114	1244	1444	1614
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0820	0951	1121	1251	1451	1621
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0823	0954	1124	1254	1454	1624
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0828	0959	1129	1259	1459	1629
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0832	1003	1133	1303	1503	1633

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Hagbourne Bridge Club If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while – give us a go! If you have never learnt to play bridge but would like to give it a try – why not come and see us? We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a break around 8.30pm for light refreshments and usually finish playing cards by 10pm. It will cost you £3 – a small sum for a night out! We look forward to seeing you.

We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com

and Shirley Goss – 815608 shirley.goss@btinternet.com



MAY 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

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Thank you, Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper
and the parish magazine committee.

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