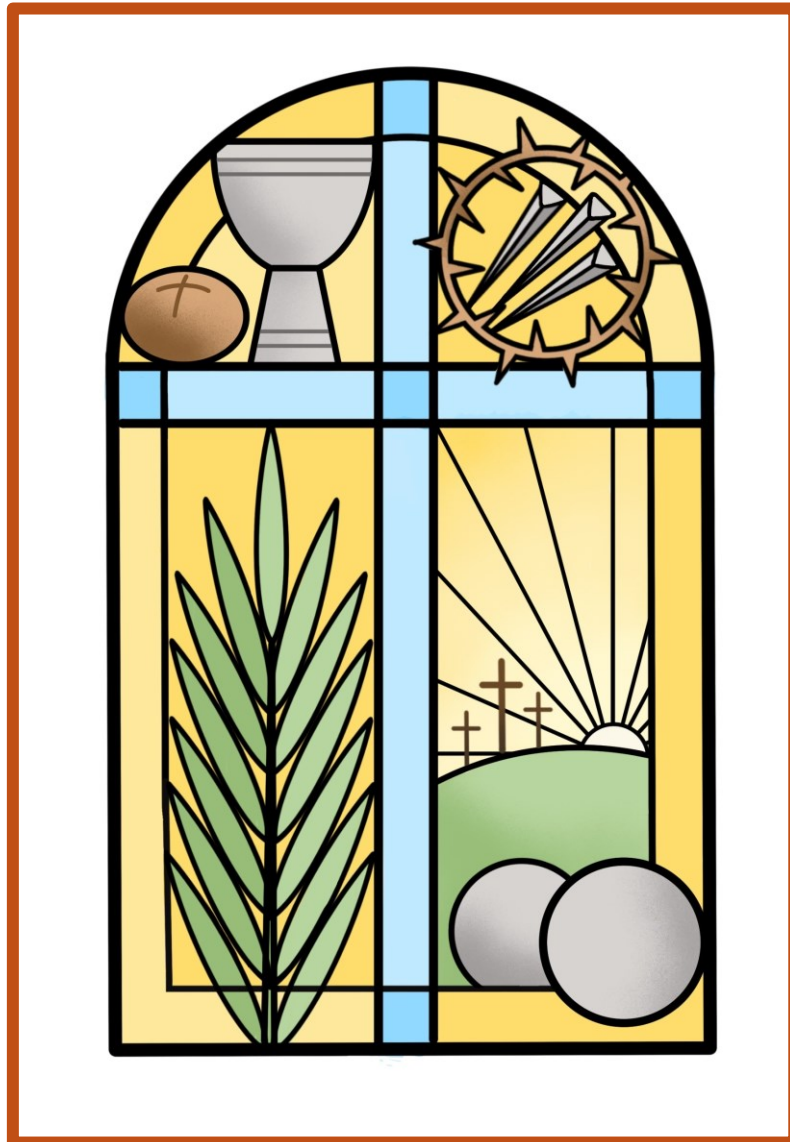


St Andrew's Hagbourne

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Easter Greetings from St Andrew's Church

Holy Week and Easter Services on page 4

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's on Saturdays 12.30 – 2pm

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes and Coscote

**Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites.**

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

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

APRIL 2025

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

What's Good about Good Friday?

Have you ever wondered why Good Friday is called Good Friday? And why do Christians keep Good Friday as a special holy day?

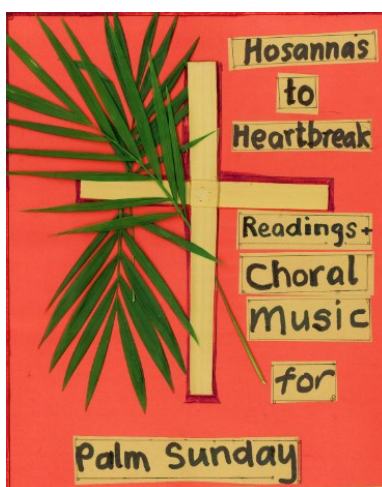
For Christians, Easter is not only about Easter Day itself: it's also about Good Friday, on which Christians remember the last hours of Jesus' life, leading up to his death on the Cross.

The four gospels all contain accounts of the events leading up to Jesus' death, and these accounts form an important part of Christian worship on this day. In the past, many churches have put on a three hour Service, starting at 12 noon and finishing at 3pm, the traditional hour of Jesus' death. However, these long Services have fallen out of fashion in recent years, and so many churches nowadays put on a shorter version, lasting an hour. There are readings and music, and opportunities for quiet reflection. If you have never been to a Good Friday Service, I would heartily recommend coming along to one, and we have several such Services happening in our group of churches (including one which is online, so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home!).

So why is Good Friday called "Good"? How can the Friday on which Jesus died be called "Good"? The short answer is that since the days of the early Church, most Christians have believed that Jesus gave his life "for us and our salvation": in other words, through Jesus' death on the Cross, we have forgiveness of our sins and the gift of new life. Christians have differed over the theological details. Some Christians have interpreted Jesus's death on the cross as a sacrifice for sin, offered up to God on our behalf. Other Christians have seen Jesus' death on the Cross as the ultimate illustration of the principle of loving self-sacrifice, and an encouragement that we should follow his example, willingly giving of our ourselves for the benefit of others. However Good Friday is interpreted, Christians have felt that Jesus' death on the Cross is actually good news, for us and for our world. Hence the name "Good" Friday. Hence also the widespread use of the Cross as a Christian symbol. God has used the suffering of Jesus on the Cross as a means of bringing new life and new hope to our world.

And this is what the celebration of Easter is all about: God's gift of new life and new hope to our world. Happy Easter to you all!

Father Jason



Palm Sunday Service with the Benefice Choir 13th April at 6pm, St Andrew's Hagbourne

Another opportunity to sing beautiful choral music or to come along to a jolly good sing in the congregation!

This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to join the choir for this occasion.

Choir practices are at 6.30pm in St Andrew's Church on Fridays: 28th March, 4th April and 11th April.

Elaine has copies of the music in the Benefice Office.

Free Organ Recitals continue at St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month.

The next recital will be on Sunday 6th April at 5pm with the title:

"My song is love unknown: organ music for Lent and Passiontide"

17 Maundy Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline
8pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with washing of feet and Watch: St Michael's B

18 Good Friday 10am All Age Easter Garden activities: St Mary's U
 2pm Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's H
 2pm Hour at the Cross: All Saints' NM
 2pm Hour at the Cross: St Michael's B
 2pm Hour at the Cross: online



8pm online Compline

19 Saturday

20 +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 Andrew's H
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Our youth group
and teenagers.*



EASTER SUNDAY

21 Monday

22 Tuesday

23 Weds

24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

27 +Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by APCM: St Michael's B
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Our worship,
musicians,
organists and
choirs.*

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

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Online Compline This is a short time of Evening Prayer online every weekday at 8pm – time to wind down from the day and relax. Join using the details from www.churnchurches.co.uk
 If you go to [What's On](#) and click on [Services](#) you will find the online Compline details to log on.
 During Holy Week there will also be **Candle-lit Compline** at St Michael's Blewbury.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFACTICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com

Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com

Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. If you haven't joined us recently, please note that your "GoToMeeting" software will need an update. The process is very straight forward but will take a little bit of extra time.

Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link: Computer, tablet, smartphone

<https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice> **New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via

<https://meet.goto.com/312446493>

If you would like to be added to our weekly mailing list to receive the **Churn newsletter**, please contact Elaine or you can sign up here <http://eepurl.com/iEcD8A>.

You can also sign up for the **"Rector's Reflections"** which are sent out most weekdays.

The Rector's Reflections sign up link is <http://eepurl.com/iEix4A>

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 over Easter or at any time please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

Electoral Roll and St Andrew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The St Andrew's Electoral Roll forms should be completed and returned to Jill by 18th April.

The St Andrew's APCM will take place on 18th May this year, at 11.30am after the Morning Service.



Our Lent courses continue with The Revd Louise leading the second of the **"HOME GROUP TASTER SESSIONS"** on **Wednesday 9th April** on the theme of **EASTER WEEKEND**. *Optional* - bring a picture or object that tells an Easter Story. Time: 7.30pm - 9pm; Venue: The Charity School House, Blewbury. More details are in the leaflets which are available in Church or on the website

<https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/whats-on/notices/>

Fr Jason's talks on **Memorials and Monuments** continues until 10th April and will be visiting **St Michael's Aston Tirrold**, and **All Saints' North Moreton**. The **Churches Together Lent Group** on Fridays continues until 11th April. Please see the Church Diary for details and the Lent leaflets in Church or on the Churn website as above.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to Ann and to all the family and friends of Terry Jenner who died recently. Terry's Funeral will take place at St Andrew's Hagbourne on the 15th of April at 10.30am, the family asks everyone not to wear black.

Baptisms in the Benefice

2nd March **Olivia Harper Ryce** and **Sophia Mae Ryce** were baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

16th March **Madeline Louise Batten** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.

Funerals in the Benefice

4th March at St John the Baptist South Moreton **Janice Susan Walton** aged 78

7th March at All Saints' North Moreton **Harold Wilson** aged 61

18th March at St Michael's Blewbury **Richard Fulke Johnson Houghton** aged 84

21st March at St Mary's Upton **Victor "Vic" John Thomas** aged 82 and

Cynthia "Cindy" Thomas aged 86 (from "Angels Aquarium")

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Churchwarden's chatter In March we have had two Baptisms and an organ recital! The next organ recital is scheduled for the 6th of April. These evenings offer a brief period for relaxation and enjoyment for the audience.

Our Lent Soup Lunches have now started. These also provide a pleasant time to while away a short period of time. But very soon Easter will be upon us – then Christmas!!

On a more mundane matter, we have had the roof alarm checked out, the stone wall is well on its way to being made completely safe and there is the need for everyone to complete the electoral roll form if required. We need to update this record every five years and this is the year to do so. All forms must be in by 18th April.

We invite you all to our special **Palm Sunday Service** at St Andrew's. It is at **6.00pm** on **13th April** and will be a Service of Readings and Choral music. A very special event organised by Peter Mitchell which promises to be a feast of music. Jane and Jill.



Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church

**The hot soup lunches continue at
St Andrew's Church on
Saturdays 5th and 12th April from 12.30 to 2pm**

The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. **These are popular especially in the cold weather so please come and support us and enjoy good company.** Please note that the last of the Lent Lunches, **Saturday 12th April**, will be in aid of **Sobell House**, please see page 8 **Shirley Goss**

A Blessing for this Eastertide

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar. Christ is risen and offers new life to all.

We hold HOPE in our hearts as we pray for healing and wholeness in our lives, our community, and our world. The message of Easter brings us hope.

May the Spirit and Love of God surround you, strengthen you, bring you peace, and fill you with a sense of new beginnings.



Easter Flowers at St Andrew's Flower Arrangers

- please do come along to help decorate the Church with flowers for Easter once again. We will be there on **Saturday morning 19th 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. Helen Clayson.

CONFIRMATION: Are you interested, or do you know of someone who might be interested in being confirmed? Please let Father Jason or Elaine in the Office know.

St Andrew's Church Rotas and Tower Talk are on page 14 . .



Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK

Monday May 5th

11am (Registration 9.00 to 10.15) Hagbourne Village Hall

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE SATURDAY 3rd MAY at:

<https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2025>

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 £9, U16's £3
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1

ON THE DAY:

Runners – Adults £10, U16's £3
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1

Back by popular
demand -

**Prizes for
the best
fancy dress!**



**ALL SUPPORTERS WELCOME: ENJOY THE
REFRESHMENTS & MUSIC AT THE VILLAGE HALL**



Fun Run Marshalls and Volunteers The Fun Run could not take place without the help of many wonderful marshalls and volunteers. We need more marshalls for this year's event on Monday 5th May so if you could help in any way please email: robpennington64@outlook.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO . . .

**The Lent Lunch on Saturday, 12th April, from 12.30 to 2.00pm
at St Andrew's Church
to raise money for Sobell House Hospice, Oxford.**

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.

We do hope you will be able to come and support us.



East Hagbourne Safari Supper

Saturday, 10th May 2025

The 6th Safari Supper is in aid of Friends of St. Andrew's and Medecins Sans Frontieres, UK. If you haven't replied as yet due to uncertainty or lack of information, please read on. The price of the 3-course dinner including pre-dinner drinks and coffee and mints is £30 per person. Here is our proposed itinerary for the evening:

- 6.30 pm Meet at St. Andrew's Church for a drink and some canapés. There you will be given an envelope containing the name and address of your main course host.
- 7.30 pm Walk to the main course venue taking your own drinks with you. At the end of the main course a second envelope will be given with your dessert location.
- 8.45 pm Walk to the dessert venue.
- 9.45 pm Walk to the Fleur de Lys for coffee and mints and the opportunity to buy an after-dinner drink to round off the evening.

Who can participate?.....**YOU CAN ... ALL ARE WELCOME.** It would be lovely to have every area of the village included. All you need to do is sign up, letting us know if you are willing to host a main course or dessert course which including yourselves would be for 6 to 10 people or more, provide canapés (for 15 people) or simply to come along and safari around the village.

For those hosting or providing canapés, the following discounts to help towards expenses apply:

	Discount to total cost	ie. Cost for single host	ie. Cost for couple hosting
Canapés	£5	£25	£55
Main Course	£15	£15	£45
Dessert Course	£10	£20	£50

What do I do next? Fill in the slip below with your payment and return by 22nd April to either:

Diana Duff - 24 Main Road (01235-813349) dianajduff@gmail.com
 Vivien Stocks - 26 Main Road (01235-815344) vivstocks@aol.com

Payment details:

BACS: Account: "V Stocks" Account No. 63432268 Sort Code 30-97-81 Reference: your Surname
 Cheque made out to: "V Stocks" and returned with your slip.



Name(s)		No. participants
Email address:		Tel. No.
Amount paid:	Cheque:	BACS:
Address:		
Dietary Restrictions:		
I would like to just safari around village		
I would be willing to host a main course for _____ people in total		
I would be willing to host a dessert course for _____ people in total		
I would be willing to help provide canapés for 15 people		

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

Climate change slugs Slugs are here to stay! Like it or not, they are a beneficial and important part of a garden or allotment ecosystem. And only a small number of our 200 native species are interested in eating young vegetable or flower plants. They provide food for birds, frogs, hedgehogs and a range of insects too (especially beetles). They play a key role in the recycling process, consuming rotting vegetation. They act as slow-motion pollinators and spore dispersers, helping flowering plants and ferns reproduce.



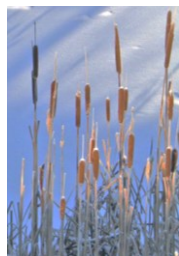
Slug picture: Creative Commons

Similar to us and to much of our wildlife, slugs are affected by the weather. In drought years we will see far fewer. But in recent wet years we've seen many more. According to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), last year was a record high slug year, following what is likely our changing climate trend of milder winters and wetter years. The RHS predicts a quieter slug year for 2025. So far, we've had cold and dry weather which slugs won't like.

Whatever type of weather year we're going to have, it makes sense to plan for slugs in a nature-friendly way –

- Make your plot wildlife-friendly; hedgehogs, frogs, birds and many beetles are all looking for slugs to eat.
- Grow flowers and veg that slugs don't like to eat.
- Avoid planting out very young plants too soon.
- Avoid planting out in wet weather.
- Think about when you water.
- Pick off slugs from plants in the evening and put them in your compost heap.
- Avoid slug pellets. Even 'organic' slug pellets are toxic and have been shown to have negative effects on garden wildlife.

For more info on gardening for wildlife, see our website
<https://www.hugsustainability.org/wildlifegardening>



Hagbourne Garden Club meets on **Thursday, 24th April** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The speaker this month is **Stephen Head** who will be talking on:
Garden Ponds for Wildlife - *Creating a garden pond, large or small, provides a wonderful place for wildlife to thrive and to increase biodiversity.*

Visitors most welcome at £5 per person.

Plenty of parking at the Pavilion. For information call Sally: 01235 352275

Old Oak Trees To celebrate the launch of the latest Poets' Trail book, (Didcot's Oaks and other notable trees), there will be an exhibition of the illustrations in the Gallery at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot from 29th April to 31st May. The poems are by local writers, some from East Hagbourne and the pictures are by village artist Linda Benton. **See details next month for Oxfordshire Artweeks.**

Coffee Mornings . . . All welcome to pop into St Andrew's on Wednesday mornings each week, after the midweek Communion, about 10.45, for a coffee and a chat.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 20 years, East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new committee members and volunteers to help keep it going and growing! To learn how you can help for 1 or 2 hours a month: email Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com or easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or pop in and chat with a Volunteer on duty.

*Visit us on FB or on the village website at:
easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office*

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL EASTER STALL Saturday 12th April 9-12am

Spring has officially sprung, and Easter is just around the corner!

Join us for a complimentary hot cross bun and a hot tea or coffee while you browse Heritage Bakery artisanal sourdough, granary and farmers breads, scrumptious savouries and delectable pastries - including, of course, more hot cross buns!

Bring home Easter treats including chocolate bunnies or easter eggs in hand-knit cosies, fresh springtime blooms in delicate china or quirky pots, Monica's organic guest soaps, Mary's famous marmalade, Andrew's famous local honey, bright cards by local artists and of course, our locally-sourced free range eggs.



APRIL – MAY OPERATING HOURS: We are sorry to announce that due to central PO administrative delays in the transfer of operations to the new postmaster, **East Hagbourne PO will be closed on Saturdays in April and May.** We anticipate returning to our original operating hours when our new postmaster is installed in June!

PO/Shop closed for Easter Bank Holidays Friday 18th and Monday 21st April

POST OFFICE: Conduct personal or business banking, pay bills, top up prepaid cards/keys/mobiles

OPEN: Mornings Mon + Wed to Fri, 9–12:30pm, CLOSED Tues, Sat & afternoons

SHOP: Hot drinks available for takeaway plus crisps, snacks or pick n' mix sweets.

OPEN: Mon and Thu 9am to 4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am to 4pm; Sat 9am to 12:30pm

The shop offers household essentials and local products including Calnan's sausages, free-range eggs, honey, and more. Don't forget to pick up a locally designed Easter card or chocolate treats!

HERITAGE BAKERY AVAILABLE EACH SATURDAY Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. See available products and allergen details in Shop or at easthagbourne.net. Pre-order to avoid disappointment!

THURSDAY CAKE DAY! Mid-week pick-me-up or a weekend treat, stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes every Thursday. Selections change weekly, and come by early - they don't last long!



**East Hagbourne Shop and Post Office
wish you and your family a happy Easter!**



East Hagbourne 20th Annual Scarecrow Competition

Entry Form 2025

Profits will be shared between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid

Theme: “Fictional Characters from Books”

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. Email us on EHScarecrows@gmail.com.

**Scarecrow to be in place from Saturday morning of 24th May
to stay in place until Sunday evening 8th June.**

Please return your entry form to Chris and Sacha Powell, Peppersfield, 96a New Road, East Hagbourne along with payment of £5 either by cash or cheque (payable to East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail) or alternatively BACs/Faster Payment: Account: 34642262 Sort Code: 30-99-50 Please use your surname as a reference. Entries can be emailed to EHScarecrows@gmail.com with all above information if you prefer.

**Entries to be in by Sunday 4th May so that trail maps
can be prepared beforehand.**

Straw available at Peppersfield, 96a New Road, generously donated by the Powell's farm.

Any questions, please email EHScarecrows@gmail.com

Many thanks for your support

Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2025



**CUP FOR THE
WINNING
SCARECROW**

**Theme:
"Fictional Characters
from Books"**

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

**Saturday 24th May
until Sunday 8th June.**

**Buy your maps for £1 from the
Community Shop and The Fleur
from Saturday 24th May
in order to follow and vote for
your favourite scarecrow.**

**Entry forms available in the Parish Magazine, at the Community Shop,
or you can print your own from www.easthagbourne.net.**

Entry forms to be returned by Sunday 4th May.

**Profits will be shared between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue
and WaterAid.**

**The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing Teas in Church during the
afternoons of Sunday 25th May, Sunday 1st June and Sunday 8th June
when maps will also be on sale.**

Do you enjoy the Pavilion and Recreation Ground?

**East Hagbourne Sport and Recreation Committee will be holding their
Annual Open Meeting on Thursday 1st May, 7:30pm in the Pavilion.**

**All are welcome to attend and hear about future plans for the facility.
If you would like to get involved, offers of help are always welcome, or just come along
to hear what is happening.**



Tower Talk There will be NO ringing at St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 15th April at 7:30 as it is Holy Week. The team will all be in West Hagbourne at a Tower Quarterly Meeting followed by hot cross buns. Many thanks to Jeff for offering to host this again this year. The bells will be rung on Easter Sunday, 20th April at 10:00am for Morning Service. On Friday 25th April a few of the team will be away in Norfolk for a ringing weekend. Shirley Goss.

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

Dates for your Diary: 20th April – **Easter Sunday**

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

FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne: Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne and welcomes new men and youth players.

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com

or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB We have an active and growing membership and in particular, our lady players have been making great progress in local leagues and friendlies, however, more players of any level are always needed. Whatever your bowls experience you'll find a warm welcome and many new friends at Hagbourne Bowls Club. For more info please contact our Ladies Captain: Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or sandybudd@sky.com



Sunday Club In the Parish Room at St Andrew's, Hagbourne

on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am, joining parents in the Church Service later. Bible stories, circle time, drawing, colouring, painting, crafts and more. Ages 4 - 11. Encourages children to interact with each other and adults, make friends, be creative. A gentle introduction to Christian values. **Next date: Sunday 6th April.**

ALL WELCOME.

ST ANDREW'S ROTAS	6th April PALM SUNDAY	20th April EASTER DAY	4th May Third Sunday of Easter	General Notes:
Readers	Isaiah 43 16-21 Trevor Goss Phillippians 3 4b-14 Shirley Goss	Acts 10 34-43 Margaret Antcliff 1 Corinthians 15. 19-26 Jenny Smith	Acts 9.1-6 (7-20) Jeff Powell Revelation 5. 11-end Justine Shepperson	<p><i>I am considering changing the cleaning rota to a monthly cleaning week!</i> <i>Maybe the last week of the month volunteers to clean a particular area in the church at a time of their convenience might be a good idea,</i></p> <p><i>What do you think?</i> <i>You could let me know which zone you want to do and on what day and I could ensure that the whole church will be clean and tidy for the following month. Jill</i></p>
Intercessions	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Chris Price Wendy Price	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Coffee	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Justine Shepperson Jeff Powell	
Flowers Lady Chapel	No Flowers	Joy Napper	Jane Blond	
Flowers High Altar	No Flowers	Lynne Carter	Shirley Goss	

Hagbourne Barn Dance Club – an evening of Traditional English Dance

is held on the third Friday of the month at the Hagbourne Village Hall at 8pm to 11pm. Please bring your own mug and plate (saves washing up). **Next session: 18th April.**

Scottish Country Dancing – if you enjoy dancing then why not give Scottish Country Dancing a go?

We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm.

We are a friendly club that welcomes beginners and experienced dancers alike. You don't have to be Scottish to join! No partner is required, and it is a sociable way for all ages to have exercise and fun! Please visit our website: <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for more details.

Jazz in the Hagbournes On Sunday, 8th June, we welcome Charlie Wood and his Blues Band to The Fleur, in support of the Ronnie Scott Allstars.

Charlie is from Memphis, Tennessee via New Orleans, Chicago and other influential Jazz/Blues locations. And now East Hagbourne..... He became a Beale Street Musician (Beale Street being the centre of Blues in Memphis) and later was honoured with a Brass Note on Beale Street, the Memphis equivalent of a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

His style is eclectic, mixing Blues, Jazz and R'n'B in a hugely entertaining show. He married Sir Johnny Dankworth's daughter, Jaqui, and now lives over here. He plays throughout Europe and is also a Professor of Music at the Guildhall School of Music.

I cannot recommend him highly enough for both enthusiasts and those who are new to Jazz/Blues.
Peter Hands.



Oxfordshire Young Farmers County Show and Rally – 17th May 2025

This is the annual Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers Club County Show and Rally, where Abingdon, Bicester, Enstone, Farringdon, Henley and Witney come together to showcase to the public the kinds of activities the young people are involved in.

The day provides entertainment in the main ring, meet Kaleb Cooper from Clarkson's Farm, mini ring for YFC activities, Dog Show, 200 trade stands and stalls, Craft stalls, food area, exhibitions, farming demonstrations, animals, tractors both modern and vintage, Bouncy castle, Go karts and many kids activities throughout the day! A great day out - lots to do & see. <https://oxfordshireyfccountyshow.org.uk/>

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Saturday 21st June 2025

St Andrew's Church

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Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground on Great Mead on **Thursday 3rd April**. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be preceded by refreshments from 7.00pm. This is not a Parish Council meeting but is a statutory annual meeting for the residents of East Hagbourne. There will be a short summary of Parish Council activities and a report on council finances, but a major part of the meeting will be the open forum.

As an incentive to attending, a main topic for discussion will be what we can do with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money that we have received as a parish because of housing developments in the village, mostly from the new development beside the school and village hall. We discussed this at the last APM and since then have spent just under £22,000 of the CIL money upgrading footpaths in the village. The improvements to our footpaths seemed a popular use of this money at the last APM and nearly all the feedback on this work has been very positive. However, there is still more than £260,000 in our CIL kitty that can certainly be used for other purposes than just upgrades to more footpaths, desirable although this may be.

It is thus appropriate to look again at what we can use this for and, in order to stimulate discussion and to solicit more suggestions from you, the Parish Council have updated the shortlist of possible projects. This two-page shortlist is on the village website and can be found as the second item on the link:

<https://easthagbourne.net/folder/miscellaneous/> Copies of the shortlist will be displayed on boards at the APM.

The agenda is posted on the Parish Council noticeboard, Facebook, and Mailchimp and is available from the parish website, either directly in the file: <https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/East-Hagbourne-Annual-Parish-Meeting-Agenda-3rd-April-2025-2.pdf> or as the first item on our website page: <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/> Another focus for information and discussion at the APM is the Public Art Project described below.

Public Art Project Some money from the S106 agreement was designated for expenditure on Public Art. The sum granted was £22,200 in 2018 but was index-linked and is now valued at £30,031. The Parish Council were asked to work with SODC to determine the art works on which this sum will be spent. We asked for volunteers and formed a steering committee comprising parish councillors, residents, and representatives of SOHA and SODC. The steering committee was well guided by Abigail Brown, the Arts Development Officer for South and Vale. This committee has produced three briefs to be used in seeking bids from artists to work on this project. The briefs are for:

1. **Sculptures** on four sites in the village including on the Deanfield site,
2. **The gates** of the Recreation Ground, and
3. **Art work** of various kinds in the bus shelter near the War Memorial.

The three briefs are on the village website and can be found as the first item on the link:

<https://easthagbourne.net/folder/miscellaneous/> They will be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting. If you are unable to access the CIL funding shortlist, or the briefs for the Art Projects, then please ask myself or the Parish Clerk for a printed copy.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 11th April from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns. I should add that I also welcome comments from anybody on the timing of these surgeries. Although I usually have a fairly lively time, I seldom get more than one or two people who come to the Fleur specifically to talk with me. Would another time or place be better, given that I moved from the Village Hall after I had a couple of very lonely evenings there?

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the small hall of Hagbourne Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th April. Please note that this is a different venue from our usual meetings. 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. Although I often ask the clerk or a council member to review parts of this page, and I am grateful for any improvements, this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council. I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions and do please alert me to any you find! Iain Duff



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**ANNUAL
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MEETING**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THURSDAY 3rd APRIL

The Annual Parish meeting is being held on Thursday 3rd April at the Pavilion, Great Mead. Refreshments from 7pm, ahead of the meeting at 7.30pm. Do come along to find out what the Parish Council has been up to this past year and hear about future plans. Information will be on display relating to potential CIL Projects and the Public Art Project briefs. The agenda with document links is online: <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/>



PLEASE KEEP OUR PATHS CLEAR – TRIM OVERGROWN VEGETATION

Spring is finally here, and we welcome the appearance of flora and fauna alike. However, this is a timely request to please keep on top of your boundary responsibilities – regular attention makes it much easier to maintain. Please ensure you are keeping weeds under control, and trim or tie back planting on your property boundaries regularly. This is particularly important if they are alongside a public footway, some of which are already narrow and really need the full available width to be kept clear. Keeping paths clear also helps prevent lasting damage to path surfaces. Thank you in advance for helping keep the village both beautiful and safely accessible.

Issues with footways (tarmac surfaces) should be reported here <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>
Issues relating to public rights of way (overgrown paths, fallen trees, damaged bridges etc.) should be reported on the county council's Countryside Access Map <https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 11th APRIL

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 11th April from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays see [here](#) for information

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, [here](#)

First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#)

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](#)

Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, see further info [here](#) for opening times & venues.

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorpe on 07711 802887 or email

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East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group -

easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



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Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to 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 LINKS:

<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



For planning applications and Parish Council Meetings please go to page 18 . . .

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P25/S0321/LDP 132 New Road – Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension.

P25/S0767/AG Coscote Farm, Coscote – Extension to existing feed store

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April 2025
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

Wednesday Sewing Class Places available in The Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Hagbourne Village Hall. Places available for the Spring term. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT) The Ladies Thirsty Thursday meets on the third Thursday of each month in The Fleur from 7.30pm for a friendly drink (or two) and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us, and spread the word. and we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering which will be on **Thursday 17th April**.

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. We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com and Shirley Goss – 815605 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times.

You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15** is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

Didcot and District U3a Spring has Sprung! So what better time for all retired and semi-retired individuals to start learning or to expand on existing varied subjects such as; learning a second language, become a better photographer, join discussions on current affairs, become musical on the ukulele, walk with friendly groups, and 25 other interesting subjects? Then look no further than joining the Didcot & District U3A! Come along to the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30pm**. New members are always warmly welcomed. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 15th April** with a talk by Dan Allen from the Victorian Military Society on **Women and the Victorian Army**. For additional information go to membership@didcotu3a.org

Tai Chi Classes I am running a Tai Chi class in West Hagbourne, it is small and personal, and we have a first-class teacher with 30 years' experience, it is for health and mobility. Any age welcome. It is on a Monday afternoon from 3.45 – 4.45pm and runs continuously except for the teacher's holiday and bank holidays. Payment is in 6 weeks blocks, individual classes can be taken if unable to make all six, at a slightly higher cost. All booked in advance. Maximum in class 12 and I have a few spaces spare. For further details please contact Sue Lay on 07900010367 – text or WhatsApp.

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

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Aston Upthorpe The Chequers		0755	0808		1044			1244		1444	1619		1854				
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		No service on Sundays or Public Holidays															

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There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.

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