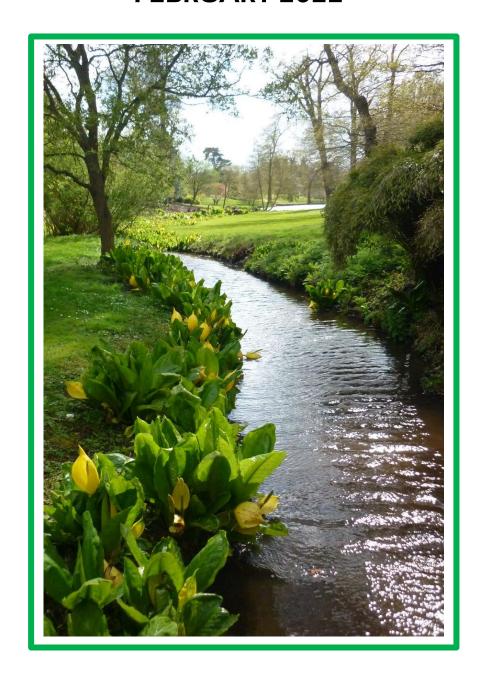
# St Andrew's Hagbourne

# **PARISH MAGAZINE**

**FEBRUARY 2022** 



# News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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www.easthagbourne.net

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# **CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

The Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury.

1 Tuesday 2 Wednesday 3 Thursday 4 Friday 5 Saturday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline 8pm Compline 8pm Compline 8pm Compline	Prayer Focus: Nottingham Fee Pilgrims Way Robinson Close South Street Watts Lane
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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** Thoughts on St Valentine's Day

I wonder what you think about St Valentine's Day? We know very little about the original St Valentine, other than that he was an early Christian martyred for his faith back in the 3rd century. In due course, Valentine's feast day, 14th February, became associated with the celebration of love and courtship. How did this happen? No one really knows. In England, the tradition of choosing and calling oneself a Valentine goes back at least as far as the 15th century. I wonder if you will be sending a Valentine card this year, or be expecting to receive one? Perhaps you will be planning on taking your loved one out for a special meal, or you will be giving them a special gift.

Or perhaps you're dreading Valentine's Day. I think it is important to recognise that Valentine's Day can be a difficult and painful time. It can bring back memories of a departed loved one, or bring back the pain associated with a broken relationship. And for some, it can heighten a sense of loneliness. I think it is good to remind ourselves that love and pain often go together. The more we love someone, the more we open ourselves to the possibility of being hurt. It is the way it is. Yes, when we love someone there will be times of pain and hurt. But there will also be times of great joy, and I think for most people most of the time, the joy of being in love far exceeds its challenges.

The Bible teaches us that God is Love, and that love is at the heart of the Christian life: love for God, and love for our neighbour. It also teaches us that love can be costly. For Jesus himself, the life of love led to him being crucified on the Cross. Many Christians have seen Jesus' death and resurrection as signs of the transforming power of God's love. God's gift of love in and through his son Jesus gives us forgiveness of our sins and the gift of new life.

Whatever your thoughts about Valentine's Day, I think it's a good opportunity to reflect on the importance of love in our lives. It is a time to give thanks for all who have loved us down the years, and a time to give thanks for those whom we have loved. Father Jason

**Confirmation Group** Father Jason will be leading a confirmation group in the Spring. Please contact Elaine in the office on office@churnchurches.co.uk or 01235 850267 if you are interested in joining. All ages included, we would love to welcome you to this group!

Parish Service at St Andrew's, 10.30am on 20th February – Thinking Day and Blessing of the Guides Colours - all welcome.

#### **February 2022 Calendar and Diary** *continued*

#### 27 +Sunday SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.30am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U 10.30am Online Benefice Eucharist Service 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

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#### **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: <a href="https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/services-this-week/sunday-service.php">https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/services-this-week/sunday-service.php</a> The link for the service is published in the weekly Churn, which can be downloaded from this page:

https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/resources/ Please see the Diary on page 2 of the magazine for Services to be held in church.

#### You can contact the clergy on:

Revd Jason 01235 850267 office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com

Elaine de Ridder (Operations Manager) is available from 9.00am to 2.30pm Monday

to Friday - 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or office@churnchurches.co.uk

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc... may be made by contacting the office via email

**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, 07837 009730. Full COVID precautions will be followed.

**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 February. ALL WELCOME.** 





**Churn Climate Change Action Group** The purpose of the Churn Climate Change Action Group is to encourage conversation and action within the communities served by the Churn Benefice to reduce the impact of Climate Change. Our churches and benefice office are hoping to set an

example by undertaking energy surveys and working towards the national scheme of Eco Church accreditation. If you would like to get involved with the CCCA, please contact Elaine in the Office and she will put you in touch with the group. New members always welcome!

# **Baptisms in the Benefice**

9th January **Kit Bear Houseman** was baptised at All Saints Aston Upthorpe 16th January **Matilda Joy Hawson** was baptised at St Michael's Aston Tirrold

#### **Funerals held in the Benefice**

31st December at St Michael's Blewbury	<b>Michel Harland</b>	aged 87
4th January at St Andrew's Hagbourne	<b>Margery Coster</b>	aged 95
21st January at St Michael's Blewbury	Frank Malone	aged 84
31st January at West Berkshire Crematorium	<b>Michael Affleck</b>	aged 97





# The Platinum Jubilee

The United Kingdom and Commonwealth will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June 2022. It was 70 years ago, on 6th Feb 1952 that Princess Elizabeth ascended the throne following the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

There is an interesting account written by the late Mrs Abbott of the celebrations held in Hagbourne in 1935 for the Silver Jubilee of King George V.

# Reminiscences of the 1935 Jubilee Celebrations in the Hagbournes

by the late Mrs I.C. Abbott

I have been asked to write a short description of how East and West Hagbourne celebrated Jubilee Day, 6th May 1935. In my diary I finished up by noting that it was a glorious day. It was the sun shone and most of the houses were decorated with bunting and flags. There were prizes for the best decorated ones.

The day started at 8am with the ringing of a three-hour peal on Hagbourne Church bells after which a radio commentary on the Service in St Paul's Cathedral was broadcast in the Church. We sent a bus to London to bring fifty children from the East End to the villages. They were met by our schoolchildren who took them home for lunch before they joined in the celebrations.

Our big barn was gaily decorated and, after children's sports were held in Brook Meadow, tea was served there. The meadow was a mass of buttercups which delighted the children from London and the next day a London daily newspaper carried a story headed "Thanksgiving among the buttercups" written by a reporter they had sent to cover the event. All the children under 16 years of age were given medals and cups.

There were also sports for the grown-ups. Maypole dancing and side shows to keep us amused. In the evening after the King's speech was broadcast, there was community singing and a huge bonfire, fireworks display and dance. The only absentee was our village policeman who was drafted to London to help on crowd control there.

On 9th May, a meal of spare rib, boiled mutton, trifle and jam tarts was held in the Village Hall for 31 pensioners and on 16th May the menfolk on the Jubilee Committee entertained the women helpers to tea. How we enjoyed it, especially when the men did the washing up afterwards! Mr Parsons, the Headmaster, who acted as secretary for the celebrations, was heard to exclaim that there seemed to be hundreds of plates to wash up!

Looking back, it is interesting to note the expenses for catering at that Jubilee. The bills showed the following prices:

120 loaves of bread 37/6d 70lbs slab cake 39/6d 9lbs mutton 11/6d milk 2/0d a gallon 5 packets of cigarettes 2/6d 60lbs butter £3.00 100 doz small cakes £3/15/00 48lbs sugar 10/11d coal for heating water 2/- cwt 2 doz bottles of beer 14/- 50 dozen buns 18/6d 23½ lbs spare rib 27/6d 30lbs cheese £1/0/1½d ¼lb tobacco 1/4d



#### **Christmas Tree Festival 2021**

What a Festival! Absolutely tree-mendous! And despite the best efforts of the dreaded big C, we managed to light both East and West Hagbourne and raise just over £5000 which will be shared by St Andrew's Church and Asylum Welcome. A fantastic effort and huge thanks to the very many people who contributed to this success – to those who helped organise the event, to those who joined in and dug deep into their pockets, to those who entertained and to those who cooked and cleaned and tidied. All helped to make the festival the success that it was. Thank You and see you at the other end of 2022! Helen, Chair of St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Committee.

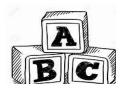


**Tower Talk** Last year we were able to ring in the New Year on Friday 31st December 2020, it was rung in by a solitary ringer on the tenor. This year, on 31st December there were 7 of us in the tower from 11:30 when we rang the bells for 20 minutes and then we held a short service that was led by Trevor and Shirley Goss and then Daniel rang the New Year in on the tenor bell.

We did have a few visitors come up the tower but they had sort permission prior to their visit due to covid. The tower was well ventilated, fortunately it was a very mild evening, and everyone wore masks. The ringing was followed by a toast with Prosecco. We finished at 12:15. Our practises are well attended especially by our young group of ringers who are making very good progress. Sadly, the Churn ringing outing has been postponed due to covid but hopefully will take place later on in the Spring.

**Birthdays:** none to my knowledge.

**Date for your new diary: Tuesday 22nd February:** Tower AGM Shirley Goss.



# Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group



**Hagbourne 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. Each session ends with singing with musical instruments. 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. If you have any questions please contact: <a href="mailto:hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com">hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com</a>

We hope to welcome you and your children too!

# Tribute to Margery (Marge) Coster 1926 – 2021

The following Eulogy was given at the Funeral Service by Marge's daughter, Jackie.

No words can really express the depth of our love for mum, she was our life giver, our lifelong supporter, through good times and bad, and her passing has left a huge hole in our lives.

Throughout her 95 years mum would have seen and dealt with things that some of us could not imagine. Her whole family moved for safety at the start of the 2nd World War from New Cross in London to Hagbourne because of the bombings close to their home. This meant she did not have the education she deserved but she certainly made the most of her many talents, even though she didn't always acknowledge them. Some of you may have enjoyed her delicious creative cakes or worn her specially designed knitwear.

Mum worked very hard throughout her life, at the COD in Didcot before having children, then cleaning for many people in the village whilst looking after the 4 of us, moving on to working in several retail stores in Didcot. She loved to tell the story about when the electronic tills broke down in the shop they would call her to the till as she was able to do the calculations using pencil and paper, old school. She ran the local post office in Hagbourne, both in the original building and what is now the Community Shop, doing this skilfully well past retirement age.

Mum's special friendship with Jean Madge spread over many decades. They loved their many adventures and holidays together. They would regularly be seen out and about together, laughing, having fun, no doubt up to mischief at times. They also learnt new things together, pottery and flower arranging to name a few. There are many lovely photos of the two of them together and many stories told. Sadly, Jean passed away just a few weeks before mum but both families can take comfort by them being re-united in spirit.

Mum was a real village stalwart having lived in the Manor Close since 1947. She always had plenty of stories to tell those that were interested, especially recounting Hagbourne history. She enjoyed the monthly lunch club, attended the last MacMillan coffee morning and loved to chat with the few villagers left of her generation. When dad passed away in 2013 mum became more and more independent and as she aged would regularly show her stubborn streak doing things she shouldn't really do. Frustrated though we were with her we still laughed about it.

Mum was generally fit and healthy, she survived breast and skin cancers and remained cheerful throughout. She rarely complained about anything (but she did moan about wearing these masks) and always loved to laugh. Myself and Laura, my late brother Jim's daughter, mum's personal shopper , both had phone calls with her on her last evening and she was laughing and joking which is how I will remember her.

She loved to watch Strictly, the James Martin Cooking show and Bake Off (she recently found the Food channel on TV to watch cooking programmes over again). She enjoyed being a member of the Knitwits group, their winning tree left in the church in her memory, and despite her failing eyesight continued knitting strips for blankets for the Knit for Peace charity until the night before she passed away. In all of the sympathy messages we have received she was always referred to as a very lovely lady, kind-hearted and caring, liked by all she met, which is a great comfort to all of us.

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#### **Tribute to Margery (Marge) Coster** – continued from page 7...

Sadly she was taken from us too soon but we have very many lovely memories to look back on. A very special mum, nan, great nan and great great nan. Although we will never have her loving hugs again she will remain in our hearts forever.

I would like to finish with this Poem -

We wish we could go back to the day
When angels came and took you away
We wanted to hold your hand so tight
Kiss you gently and say goodnight
And then just before you had to go
We would tell you how much we loved you so
We don't know how, we don't know why
We never got the chance to say goodbye. Love you Mum. Rest in Peace.

The family would like to thank all who attended the lovely Funeral Service for their Mum at St Andrew's Church on Tuesday, 4th January. It was lovely to see so many people there and we were sorry not to be able to speak to all of you. Thank you also for the many kind messages of sympathy and donations to Cancer Research. Jackie, Paul and Kevin.

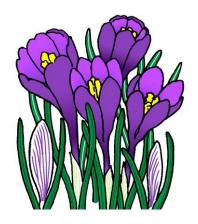
# COVID RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN EASED IN ENGLAND BUT THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S ADVICE IS TO REMAIN CAUTIOUS.

The reality in Oxfordshire is that Covid infections in the area have risen by 25 per cent in the last week and we are therefore leaving our risk assessment largely unchanged.

- 1. Social distancing to be observed at all times.
- 2. Good hand hygiene hand sanitiser will be provided.
- 3. If indoors, face coverings are strongly advised.
- 4. When Services or other events are held indoors, there must be good ventilation.
- 5. As the situation is changeable, Services might have to be cancelled at very short notice. If it is necessary to cancel a Service, we will email as many people as possible and put a note on the door.

The risk assessment is under constant review.

**CHURCH POSTCODES** can be difficult to find but you might need them in case you have to report a positive test: Aston Tirrold OX11 9DH, Aston Upthorpe OX11 9EQ, Blewbury OX11 9QH, Hagbourne OX11 9ND, North Moreton OX11 9AT, South Moreton OX11 9AF, Upton OX11 9JB



**Hagbourne Garden Club** On Thursday, **February 24th**, Hagbourne Garden Club welcomes back the ever popular Timothy Walker, who will be giving us a talk on **'How to be a 21st Century Gardener'.** 

The Pavilion will be open for refreshments from 7.00p.m. with our talk commencing at 7.30. Visitors are most welcome (£5). Covid government recommendations with be adhered to.

For further info telephone Sally on 01235 352275



# **East Hagbourne Community Shop**

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



# **Winter Operating Hours**



Post Office: Access your bank accounts, top up prepaid cards & mobiles or pay bills.

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 9am to 12:30pm Afternoons: Monday and Thursday 1pm - 5pm

**Shop:** Fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday! We stock a variety of fish fillets, fish fingers and cakes, as well as savoury pies in our freezer - now offering gluten-free or tasty vegan options as alongside the classics. Hours: Monday and Thursday: 9am - 5pm

> Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 9am - 4pm Saturday: 9am - 12:30pm.



**Be My Valentine** Whether luxury chocolate or guilty pleasure, take home a sweet treat for your special someone!

# Fairtrade Fortnight - Monday 21st February to Sunday 6th March

We're pleased to offer a range of Fairtrade stock and sustainable local goods throughout the year, including honey, marmalade and fudge, showcased during this Fortnight. Try something new and support our local producers during this special event!



Send Cheer to Friends Far and Near with our local artists' greeting cards. Fresh new designs from Lorraine Drewe and Sarah Pyne join local village scenes by Linda Benton, Steven Granger and John Aigner to brighten any day. We also stock special occasion cards, giftwrap and stamps.

Marcopolo Pick up Marcopolo's delicious pastries, fresh breads or savouries each Saturday from 9-12:30pm. To avoid disappointment, please **pre-order by 4pm on Wednesdays** in the Shop, or email to easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

# **Volunteers Welcome!**

#### Would you like to get more involved in the community?

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if for an hour or two per month. We welcome anyone aged 14 or older. Please help us keep our little shop open! Contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com



#### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21st February to 6th March**

The two weeks of Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 are a chance for us to come together to celebrate the people in developing countries who grow our food, but who are often underpaid and exploited.

Choosing Fairtrade is one important decision UK shoppers can make to stand with farmers and workers on the frontline of the climate crisis. Fairtrade works with farmers to strengthen environmental and climate protection, to provide resources, training and knowledge so they can face climate challenges right now. We might pay a few pennies more for a product, but this small amount can make a big difference to the communities of farmers.









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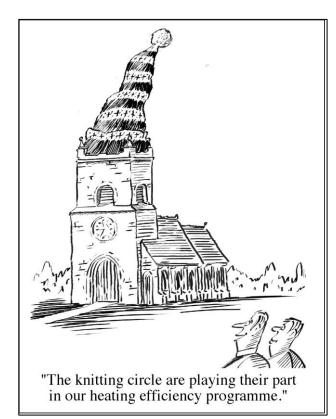
**CEREALS** 

**COFFEE** 

Now and all year long—Choose Fairtrade!



**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. For the safety of others, please wear a face covering.



# The Return of the LENT LUNCHES



It is hoped to start the popular Lent Lunches at St Andrew's this year, Covid allowing.

If all is well then, the lunches will start on Saturday, 5th March.

Watch this space for news in the March magazine.

#### **HUGS – LOOK AT US!!!!**

#### **Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability**



**PLANTING FOR OWLS!** Yes! Really! HUGS' SODC-funded Owl Project provides funds for trees, hedges and wildflowers - making the villages not just more owl friendly but encouraging more invertebrates, small mammals and pollinators too!



**CREATING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS** We're building links! Mixed native hedge planting including hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle and field maple in Butts Piece in East Hagbourne connects up with the Wilcher Close trees and the old hedge line. These linked areas are vital corridors. They create safe zones for all sorts of insects, plus bats, birds and mammals to travel within, roost on and hunt for food.

**WILDFLOWER PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS** We're planting more wildflowers at the grass triangle at the East Hagbourne end of the Sustrans line. Watch out for flowering this year, with more sources of nectar for day pollinators – butterflies, bees and wasps, not forgetting the nocturnal pollinators – bats and moths!

**TREES GALORE!** silver birch, horse chestnut and field maples are being planted in West Hagbourne by the Mitcham's of Yew Tree Farm. These amazing trees will fruit by 2040 as they start to Mature.

**HEDGES MATTER! PLANTING HEAVENLY HEDGE HABITATS!** Moor Lane planting will provide more much-needed habitats. Here's what we're planting and why we are planting it:

**Hawthorn:** food and shelter for small mammals and invertebrates, nest sites and food for birds and pollinators.

**Blackthorn:** bramble shelter for birds' nests and bumblebees love the flowers.

**Hazel:** yellow catkins ("Lamb's tails") for early pollen for bees, its nuts feed insects and small mammals (including super cute hazel dormice - rare and vulnerable to extinction).

**Spindle:** food for mice and birds and a food plant for magpie moths and spindle ermine moths, as well as the lovely holly blue butterfly.

**Dog Rose:** great protection for nests; winter food for birds and small mammals, summer nectar for insects and bees, and a foodplant for moths and butterflies.

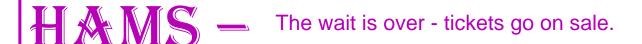
**Guelder Rose:** a true hedge beauty! Glorious flowers in summer and red berries in autumn, it feeds all kinds of birds including bullfinches.

Crab Apple: blackbirds, thrushes, crows, mice, voles and badgers just love this tree!

**Alder:** a food plant for moth caterpillars: Alder Kitten and Pebble Hook-tip. The lovely catkins are a source of early nectar and pollen for bees plus seeds feed the Siskin, Redpoll and Goldfinch.

**SO .... LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER! COME SOW WITH US!** Our pollinator friendly spring planting includes Agrimony, Hedge Bedstraw, Meadow Cranes-Bill, Cowslip, Red Campion and Tufted Vetch in West Hagbourne. Watch out for dates on our FB page: HUGS-Hagbournes-and-Upton-Group-for-Sustainability

email us at <a href="mailto:hugsustainability@gmail.com">hugsustainability@gmail.com</a>



BRIGHT. YOUNG.

THINGS.

During a lull in the Covid pandemic we decided that it was time to prepare for our next production and chose this play.

**Bright.Young.Things. by Georgia Christou** is a fast paced, humorous play about identity, parental pressure and the media, with six young people fighting it out to discover which of them is the brightest and best. Who will win and who will lose - and what does winning mean anyway?

Take a look at the poster later in this magazine for information about performance dates in March and details of how to book tickets.

Throughout the rehearsal period we have been acutely aware of the Covid risks and have taken sensible precautions including lateral flow testing before rehearsals, and the Village Hall has installed carbon dioxide monitors to check that there is adequate ventilation.

We have changed the layout in the hall to a central stage with the audience on all sides. The number of seats has been limited and spaced further apart than usual to get a better view of the action on stage. We are encouraged that the number of Omicron virus cases appears now to be on a faster downward trend, but we remain committed to ensuring safety for all. We will monitor the situation closely and if the situation worsens, then we might have to introduce prior negative lateral flow tests or mask-wearing when attending. Look for an update in the March Parish Magazine or on the website, <a href="https://www.thehams.co.uk">www.thehams.co.uk</a>.

You might prefer to choose to obtain tickets for the Wednesday Preview or Saturday Matinee, which usually have slightly smaller audiences.

**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? Whatever the reason we will be glad to meet you. 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 have started again in the New Year and look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 <a href="https://higarlick@gmail.com">higarlick@gmail.com</a> and Shirley Goss – 815608 <a href="https://snir.edu.nie.com">shirley.goss@btinternet.com</a>

**Didcot Farmers Market** The next Farmers Market will be setting up stalls in the Orchard Centre at Didcot on **Saturday, 12th February from 08:30 – 13:30**. Seasonal fruit, vegetables, fresh meat, fish and cheeses, bread, cakes, jams and preserves all from our local area.

**Didcot and District U3A** is now meeting again and 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 on **15th February** at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall for a talk called **The Hedgehog Man with Hugh Warwick** a hedgehog ecologist and expert. Visit TVNEvents to find the Didcot website.

#### Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Village Planning Applications** The Parish Council is always informed directly by email of any planning applications in the parish. These can either be regular planning applications or other applications that include listed building applications, requests for permitted development, and agricultural applications including conversion of farm buildings to dwellings.

These other applications are not normally broadcast to the general public although they are accessible on the SODC planning website. Also, even the Parish Council is not invited to comment on planning aspects of these other applications. The main issue with these is whether the application is legally valid and whether there is a problem with access so OCC Highways are invited to comment. In the last six months, there have been 20 applications six of which were other applications.

A representative of the Parish Council (usually myself) calls on the applicant, if any clarification is needed, and on any neighbours that are potentially affected by the development. One thing that we check is to make sure that the neighbour is aware of the plan. As the clerk mentions in our Parish page, this is particularly important now when the formal letters from SODC have been delayed by more than two weeks. We do this for all applications even in the other application cases. Of course, often the applicant will have already talked to the neighbours before submitting the plan.

It is very unusual for the Parish Council to post an objection to a planning application, and we have done so on only two out of these 20 cases. We normally do so only if we think the application is contrary to the SODC Local Plan or the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood plan. Of course, if we feel the application is particularly unsightly or very unneighbourly, we will lodge an objection.

Sometimes we discuss the issue with the applicant to see whether they might be willing to make, sometimes small, modifications to mitigate the problem. When we do not post an objection, we sometimes post comments to the case officer, and these will appear on the website. These comments are often using our local knowledge to alert the officers to any potential issue which we feel they could check before granting permission. I should add there have been occasions when the planning officer has rejected an application that we have not objected to, normally on some highly technical grounds.

When making an application or commenting on one, it is worth bearing in mind that the reason for the development is not normally a relevant planning concern. For example, a "granny flat" will sadly outlive granny and will be with us for many years so decisions on the plan should reflect that longevity rather than any current needs. Note that loss of view or the effect on the value of your property, are not grounds for objecting although overlooking and loss of light are. A list of valid reasons for objecting is included in the letter of planning notification sent out to neighbours by SODC.

I have tried to describe our current modus operandi. Do please let the clerk or me know if you feel we could improve the way we interact with this important and occasionally contentious business.

**Housing Development by the Village Hall** At Deanfield's meeting with Penny Silverwood on 11th January, a timetable was agreed that could lead to the commencement of building perhaps by late spring. Deanfield are keen to have an open meeting with the village before building starts and we are looking to organize something perhaps in the first week of April. We will announce the date, location, and format for the meeting around the end of February.

**Annual Parish Meeting** An agenda item for the Parish Council meeting on 10th February, is to decide whether to proceed with the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Thursday 31st March. Hopefully the situation by then will make such a decision viable.

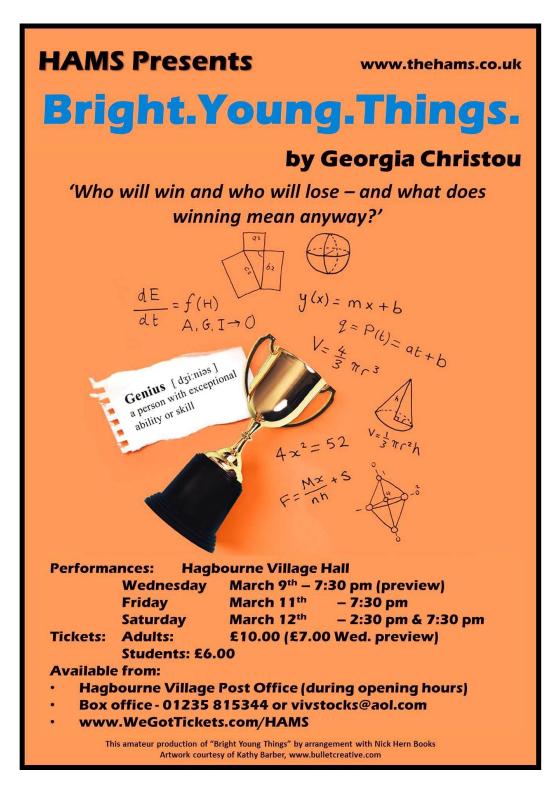
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**Parish meetings** Parish Council meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 10th February**.

I am planning to restart my face-to-face surgeries as soon as they are comfortable both for weather and COVID, but I am very happy to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (<a href="mailto:easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com">easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com</a>). 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





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#### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd Telephone: 07891 551 851

Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS**

It has come to the Parish Council's attention in recent weeks that the postal service disruption has led to a number of planning notification letters not reaching the intended recipients in reasonable timeframes.



The Parish Council receive notification of all planning applications in the parish via email and as a result, all residents on consultation lists are visited in person to discuss any concerns ahead of the Parish Council submitting their response. In the current situation this has been particularly beneficial to ensure that everyone is aware of the planning applications within the consultation timeframe.



The postal delays have been reported as a concern to the planning department, who have recommended that residents sign up to their planning alert email register using the link below:

https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/comment-on-planning-applications/sign-up-to-receive-planning-news-alerts/

This link allows you to subscribe to several alert categories including planning applications, waste service updates, tree works and licence applications within your postcode.



#### WINTER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

**Household Support Fund**. For help with food, energy, and water bills and other essential household costs. Details on how to apply are on the SODC website here

The Covid Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help details here



**Hagbourne Charities** — <a href="mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com">hagbourne.charities@gmail.com</a> or 07572 401769 **East and West Hagbourne Fund** — <a href="mailto:www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund">www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund</a>
Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

**Coronavirus Community Support Group** - <u>easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com</u> or 07568 395228



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



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#### **USEFUL WEBSITES**

<u>https://www.fixmystreet.com/</u> 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://one.network/ for checking roadworks in the area

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#### **East Hagbourne Parish Council Newsletter number 237** continued from page 15

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

**P21/S5161/HH** 79 New Road, East Hagbourne - Demolition of existing garage. Proposed rear and side extension and loft conversion.

**P21/S5202/LB** Lower Manor Farmhouse, Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Replacement windows to the rear elevation.

**P21/S5246/HH** 7 The Crescent, East Hagbourne - 2 storey side / rear extension, minor internal works. **P21/S5250/HH** 22 The Croft, East Hagbourne - proposed ground floor + first floor extensions (within existing footprint), erection of dormer, new windows and doors and alter head of windows, new rooflights and alterations.

**P21/S5375/LB** 19 Main Road, East Hagbourne - Internal & external alterations to the rear wing on the eastern side of the building under listed building consent.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th February 2022 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 <a href="https://www.easthagbourne.net">www.easthagbourne.net</a>

# Wednesday Church – a very special church

**Wednesday Church is a very special church** and it's for adults with learning difficulties. It was set up 11 years ago by some very determined ladies who had experience of working with this group of people within the church and realised how difficult it was for them to understand just what was going on. Wednesday Church was born, **it happens on the first Wednesday of every month at St Peter's Church, Newlands Avenue in Didcot. We are open from 10am and are waiting armed with tea and coffee and a very warm welcome.** 

Finding this church was key to us setting up Wednesday church, because uniquely it has wonderful wheelchair access, tea and coffee facilities in a relaxing space, and the church can be altered to accommodate the wheelchairs.

Our parishioners come from far and wide around the Didcot area, many of them under the care of caregivers who enable them to live almost independently in their own homes. Some still live at home with their parents and attend day centres. Initially when they attended Wednesday Church, they were quite a mixed bunch but very soon got to know each other and became a Wednesday Church family.

The coronavirus and lockdown were a huge blow to our little church and following guidelines from the government we had to close. A congregation lost not just Wednesday Church but many of the things they did as part of their week such as shopping and visiting day centres for activities.

Two years later, Wednesday Church is open again. We opened in December following the many guidelines set down, in time for Christmas celebrations. It was wonderful to see our friends again and many new ones have started coming.

A church service uniquely caters for our very special congregation. It starts with tea and coffee and biscuits and sometimes cake. This gives us the opportunity to talk to our friends and arrange activities for them that fits in with the Service to help them understand what we are going to be doing. The Service itself is written specifically for this group and the language used is much simplified and run at a slower pace. We have a PowerPoint presentation with lots of pictures and the words for our hymns are in a large font and easily read. We have someone who is able to 'sign' the hymns using Makaton to enable non speakers to sign along, and to aid understanding for those who cannot hear. The best part of our Service is that it is interactive and the congregation very much part of what is happening. Our prayers are simple following our mantra of 'sorry, thank you, and please.' As the congregation call out the things they are thankful for, the rest of the congregation follow that with a hearty "Amen".

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Wednesday Church is joyful, exciting, loving and faithful. Our congregation has much to teach us about love and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. They consider themselves a family that comes under the Wednesday Church umbrella, even though they may come from different caregivers or independent living facilities, when at church they're all one family and they care about each other.

Our service for February will be a Christingle Service. This reinforces the love of Jesus Christ for our world and that He is the light that brings us together in love. The Service may seem simplistic, but the message is clear. Jesus is our Lord and Saviour, and He loves us. Our congregation know this, and when you look into their faces you feel that you are seeing the reflection of Jesus himself. The faith shown by the people in our church is humbling, and we feel blessed that we can be a part of their world and their worship.

If you have a family member that you feel Wednesday Church would be appropriate to attend, please do bring them along. We often have members who are suffering from memory loss and need a slower pace. Please do come along if you think you can help, or just to see what is going on. You will leave feeling happy and uplifted by getting to know our wonderful congregation. Rosie Jackson-Kilham.

**Astronomy Notes** Not a bad start to the New Year, so far, we have had more clear nights than we have had over the last three months of 2021. Unfortunately, many of those nights were illuminated by the moon, so many faint objects were swamped out. But beggars can't be choosers. The mighty constellation of Orion now dominates the winter skies, followed by the brightest star of all (apart from the Sun), Sirius "The Dog Star". Found by following an imaginary line to the left, through the three stars of Orion's belt.

If you happen to be an early riser, or happen to be about before sunup, you will be able to spot to the east, an even brighter object, rising in the predawn sky. The planet Venus, beginning its next tour of duty as "The Morning Star". As I have had a few really late nights recently, I have been seeing some familiar stars of the summer beginning to make an appearance. So, take heart.



The Tadpole Nebula

Here we have an image I managed to collect from the January skies. Known as "The Tadpoles Nebula". The tadpoles are a small part of a huge star forming region, around 12,000 light years away. At its centre sits a cluster of very hot young stars, which are to the right of this image. Only about 4 million years old. In cosmic terms they are very young indeed. The leftovers from this stellar birth are being lit up by the intense radiation from these stars. The tadpole structures are composed of some clumps of gas and dust left over from the initial star formation and are very likely to give birth to more stars in the future. They point away from the new stars, due to the stellar wind and radiation pressure.

John Napper napperjohn@gmail.com www.flicker.com/photos/67647466@N08/

# The Fun Run Returns! — a date for your new diaries

The Fun Run Committee have begun planning in earnest for the now traditional Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk to take place on the bank holiday, **Monday**, **2nd May**, **2022**. We are conscious that with the ongoing pandemic (and new Covid variants), we may have to postpone or even cancel nearer the time, but we also know just how much the villages look forward to it, and how very much in need of funds our charities are. Our base at the Village Hall will probably have a different look: we will be carefully considering what Covid protocols we need to adopt. We will definitely need more marshalls, so please get in touch with Rob Pennington on 01235 814352 if you would like to help.

Watch out for more news here, on the village websites or on our Facebook page.

#### Our Local Bus Service – route 94

#### **Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus**

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Notes					Fri / Sch	Hol	M-Th/Sch	Fri / Sch		
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Didcot, Loyd Park					1438		1538			
Didcot, Parkway Station, stop R4	0840	1010	1140	1340	1445	1510	1545	1555	1715	1845
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1449	1514	1549	1559	1719	1849
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1454	1518	1554	1604	1724	1853
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0853	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1607	1727	1856
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	1	1	<b>↓</b>	<b>+</b>	1503	<b>1</b>	1603	1	1	1
Upton, Village Hall	1	↓	↓	<b>1</b>	1507	<b>1</b>	1607	<b>1</b>	1	1
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1514	1529	1614	1615	1735	1904
Upton, Village Hall	0907	1035	1205	1405	1	1535	1	1621	1741	1910
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	1	1536	+	1622	1742	1911
Chilton, Main Street	0916	1043	1213	1413	<b>\</b>	1544	1	1630	1750	1919
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0923	1050	1220		1	1551	1		1757	1926
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH					1523		1623			
South Moreton, The Crown PH					1529		1629			
North Moreton					1535		1635			
Didcot, Orchard Centre					1545		1645			
Didcot, Parkway Station					1549		1649			

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West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0646	0737	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1437	1607	1639	1812
Upton, Village Hall	0648	0741	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1439	1609	1641	1814
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0656	0749	0816	0945	1115	1245	1445	1445	1615	1647	1820
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	1	0758	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>+</b>
South Moreton, The Crown PH	1	0804	1	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	<b>+</b>
North Moreton	1	0810	<b>\</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	1	1	<b>+</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	1
Didcot, St Birinus School	1	0824	<b></b>	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	<b></b>	↓	<b>+</b>
Didcot Girls' School	1	0832	<b>↓</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>↓</b>	1	1	<b>+</b>	<b>\</b>	↓	<b>+</b>
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	<b>↓</b>	0824	0953	1123	1253	1453	1453	1623	1655	1828
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	<b>\</b>	0827	0956	1126	1256	1456	1456	1626	1658	1831
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	<b>↓</b>	0832	1001	1131	1301	1501	1501	1631	1703	1836
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716	0838	0836	1005	1135	1305	1505	1505	1635	1707	1840

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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	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
Chilton, Main Street	0913	1043	1213	1413	1543	1743
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Bus Station		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	8080	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0814	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0822	0953	1123	1253	1453	1623
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Didcot, Orchard Centre	0830	1001	1131	1301	1501	1631
Didcot, Parkway Station	0834	1005	1135	1305	1505	1635

# Thames Travel bus service to the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32

**Bus Service X32** goes from Wantage to Didcot then Oxford city centre and onto Brookes University and the JR. There are 2 buses in each direction each hour. To look up the times go to: <a href="http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/X32">http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/X32</a>

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

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# The Didcot Emergency Foodbank

The Didcot Emergency Food Bank is at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 OBS 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.

**Do you need help?** If you need to access the Foodbank, this can be done by referral from one of the agencies who are registered with them. You must already have a connection with the referrer or be known to them. The list of referrers includes schools, housing associations, social care departments and various voluntary organisations. Please contact one of these organisations and ask for a Foodbank referral. They will either issue you with a voucher or make an email referral. Citizens Advice Bureau can advise you about other help that might be available they can be phoned on 0300 3309 042.

**Can you help?** If you would like to make a financial donation, this can be done by visiting <u>online</u> <u>donation facility</u> and choosing "Foodbank" as your option. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made, or a cheque sent - please contact the Foodbank for details. If you would like to volunteer to help practically, please contact us for a chat.

**Contact details** You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187. You can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the contact form on the website. Thank you.



#### **MARCH 2022 PARISH MAGAZINE**

Please let us have copy for the March 2022 parish magazine by **16th February to magtemp5@gmail.com**Thank you.

Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2022**

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