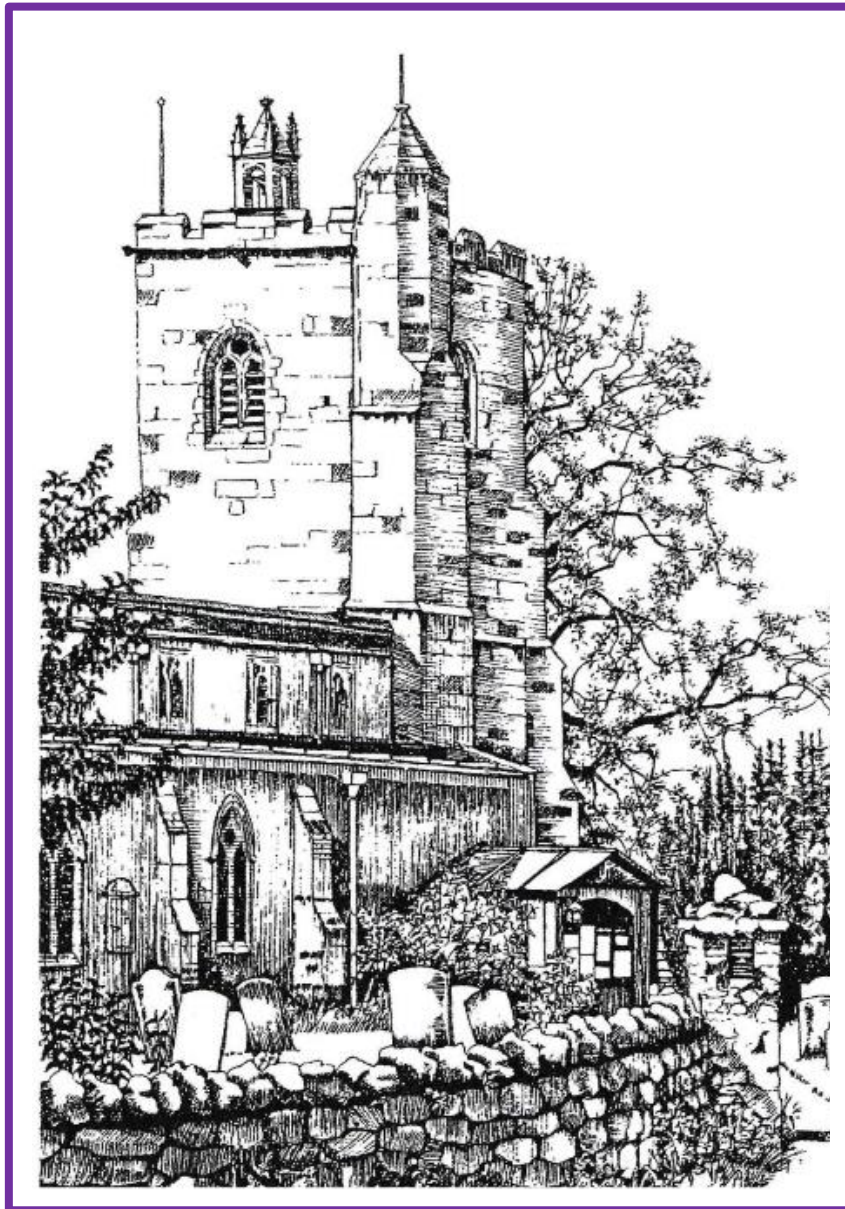


St Andrew's Hagbourne

PARISH MAGAZINE

FEBRUARY 2024



LENT LUNCHESES AT ST ANDREW'S start on Saturday 17th February. Come along for a hot soup lunch between 12.30 and 2pm. See p.5

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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

1 Thursday

2 Friday

3 Saturday 3pm Choral Concert: St Andrew's H

4 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B

9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU

9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H

10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM

10.30am Online Benefice Service

6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

5 Monday

6 Tuesday

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

8 Thursday

9 Friday

10 Saturday

11 +Sunday SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Eucharist for Candlemas: St John the Baptist SM

10.30am Online Benefice Service

12.30pm Baptism: St Andrew's H

4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM

6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

12 Monday

13 Tuesday

14 Weds

Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Benefice Ash Wednesday Service: St Mary's Upton

15 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline

16 Friday

8pm online Compline

17 Saturday 12.30-2pm Lent Lunches: St Andrew's H

18 +Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT

10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Service: St Andrew's H

10.30am Online Benefice Service

4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM

6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

19 Monday

8pm online Compline

20 Tuesday 3 – 4.30pm Lent Group: Art and Prayer in our Churches: All Saints' North Moreton

8pm online Compline

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

8pm online Compline

Prayer Focus:

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline



PCC's all in leadership and our Benefice operations Manager.

8pm online Compline

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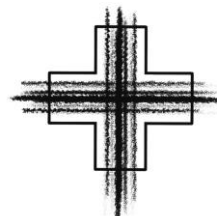


Clergy & all who preach or lead.

8pm online Compline

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Treasurers and church finances.

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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 Upton, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections A Lenten Possibility

I wonder if you have any plans for Lent? Lent will soon be upon us. It's official start is, of course, Ash Wednesday, and this year Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February. Down the centuries, Christians have observed the season of Lent in many different ways. Some Christians give something up for Lent, for example chocolate or alcohol. Some read a book which will help them to grow in their spiritual lives. These are only examples - there are many ways of observing Lent, to suit different contexts and different personalities.

This year, I'm going to offer something new. I'm arranging a series of visits to our church buildings which will focus on one specific question: how do our church buildings help people to pray? In what ways are they "spiritual" buildings?

It's not just about the buildings as such: it's also about their contents. All of our churches contain works of art from different centuries, and these works of art are usually there because it is hoped that they will help people to draw closer to God. We will explore how different works of art fulfil their spiritual purpose. It's a fascinating subject. Some works of art will connect with us, and others won't; some seem to bring us closer to God, while others seem to have no spiritual resonance at all. Why might this be?

The visits will take place on Tuesday afternoons, beginning on Tuesday 20th February. They start at 3pm, and finish by 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Everyone is most welcome. The churches will be visited in the following order: North Moreton (20th February); Aston Tirrold (27th February); Blewbury (5th March); Hagbourne (12th March); and Upton (19th March). Each church visit is complete in itself, so it is absolutely fine to attend only one of the sessions.

I should also add that these visits will make no assumptions at all about where people are in terms of their personal beliefs. They are intended to be of interest to anyone, but especially to anyone with an interest in art or architecture. They offer another Lenten possibility – and if you're looking for something different this year, you might well find them of interest. *-Father Jason*



ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS FOR 2024

A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS on our Church buildings, art and how they can help focus our prayers (see Father Jason's piece above)

3 to 4.30 pm on Tuesdays 20th February: North Moreton, 27th February: Aston Tirrold, 5th March: Blewbury, 12th March: Hagbourne 19th March: Upton.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS – an Ecumenical Lent Group

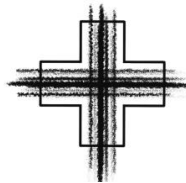
Please feel welcome to join us for 'A Journey Through the Psalms' at 10:30 am to 12noon on Fridays 23rd Feb & 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd March. Meeting at the home of Jenny Loder. Contact Elaine in the office to book a place and for directions.

Calendar and Diary for February 2024 continued . . .

22 Thursday 8pm online Compline
23 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: 'A Journey through the Psalms' (see page 3)
8pm online Compline
24 Saturday 12.30-2pm Lent Lunches: St Andrew's H

25 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Village Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Sidesmen, those who help with hospitality and catering. Flower arrangers.

26 Monday 8pm online Compline
27 Tuesday 3 – 4.30pm Lent Group: Art and Prayer in our Churches: St Michael's Aston Tirrold
8pm online Compline
28 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
29 Thursday 8pm online Compline

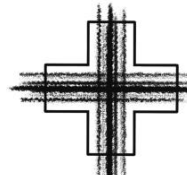
MARCH 2024

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Pastoral care and visiting.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE 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 – rector@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



The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U),
St Michael's Blewbury (B), All Saints Aston Uphorpe (AU),
St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT),
St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM),
All Saints' North Moreton (NM)



Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church

There will be hot soup lunches served at St Andrew's Church on Saturdays between 12:30 – 2:00pm during Lent from the 17th February – 23rd March (inclusive).

The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. If there is anyone who would like to run one or more of the Lent Lunches there will be a sign-up sheet in church or you can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail shirley.goss@btinternet.com

You are welcome to run a lunch in aid of a charity of your choice, but we would ask for a small donation to the church. I can provide an information sheet re: running the lunch. These are popular especially in the cold weather so please come and support us.

Please note that the last of the Lent Lunches, Saturday 23rd March, will be in aid of Sobell House. More information next month.

PS. If we do not get people to sign up to run a lunch then it will not happen, but I will keep you informed. Thank you. Shirley Goss

Congratulations to The Revd Canon Jason on his appointment as an Honorary Canon at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. Father Jason was one of ten recipients of awards for distinguished service to the Church at a Service at Christchurch Cathedral on the 27th of January. The awards recognise the dedication of lay and ordained people to the Diocese of Oxford and the wider Church across a variety of areas of ministry and mission. Please see <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/awards-celebrate-distinguished-service-to-the-church.php>

Benefice Online Service Please help spread the word about our regular online service! This service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship. The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. Our online congregation is regularly the second-largest congregation in the Benefice! Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link:

Computer, tablet, smartphone <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>
New user <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Thank you from Helen and Douglas House To everyone at St Andrew's Church. Thank you so very much for raising such an incredible donation for Helen and Douglas House during your Christmas Tree Festival. Your generous donation can fund our Siblings Weekend Camp, giving children a break away from caring for their brother or sister and a chance to meet others who know what they are going through. We couldn't do what we do without wonderful supporters like you. With warmest wishes, Andrea, Community Fundraising Manager.

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 4th February. ALL WELCOME.



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 office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

Short Reflection and daily prayer During weekdays, Fr Jason writes a short reflection and prayer. If you would like to receive this, please contact the Benefice Office. (p.4)

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 afterwards and a chat.

This is a popular Service - all welcome.

February 2024 Rotas	4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	18th February First Sunday of Lent	<u>General Notes:</u>
Readers	Old Testament Proverbs 8 vv1,22-31 Jenny Smith New Testament Colossians 1.vv.15-20 Shirley Goss	Old Testament Genesis 9 vv 8-17 Jeff Powell New Testament 1 Peter 3 vv18 to end Justine Shepperson	Lent Lunches start on Saturday, 17th February. Please see the item on page 5 Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.
Sidesmen	Chris Price Wendy Price	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
Coffee	Marian Powell Jeff Powell	Shirley Goss Sally Duncan	Date for your Diary: Flower Festival at St Andrew's 8th & 9th June.
Church Cleaning	Christine Wood Alice Smith	Richard Powell Marian Powell	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Marian Powell		
Flowers High Altar	Gillian Harries		

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Edna Napper who passed away peacefully on the 13th of January at the age of 102. Edna has been a resident at the Rush Court Care Home, Wallingford, for some years. Edna's Funeral Service takes place at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on the 1st of February.

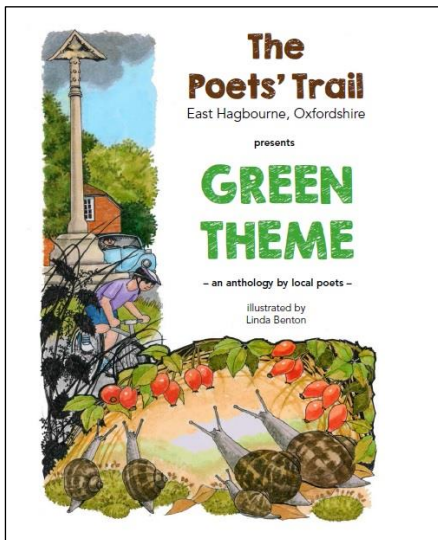
With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of William 'Bill' Warner who passed away peacefully on the 22nd of December at the age of 97. Bill's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on the 25th of January followed by Burial at Hagbourne Cemetery.

Funerals in the Benefice

- 9th January at St Michael's Blewbury **Brie Murray** aged 85
- 13th January at St John the Baptist South Moreton **Michael Bennett** aged 90
- 18th January at All Saints' North Moreton **George Shaw** aged 87
- 25th January at St Andrew's Hagbourne **William Warner** aged 97

May they rest in peace and rise in glory





**Launch of The Poets' Trail
GREEN THEME anthology by local poets,
illustrated by Linda Benton
and Heather Comina's book - Generation 8.**

Conversation and information
on Saturday, 24th February, 2.30 to 5pm
Hagbourne Village Hall.

Readings from 3pm.
Drop in. Refreshments will be available.

Choral Concert at St Andrew's – Saturday 3rd February at 3pm

Oxford-based vocal octet **AMICI DELLA VOCE** will be singing **RELAXING CHORAL CLASSICS** including music by Bob Chilcott, Ola Gjeilo, former Classic FM composer Patrick Hawes, Vaughan Williams, Holst and more. Directed by David Crown. FREE entry, donations would be welcome so that a donation can be made to the Church.

Come along to St Andrew's for a relaxing afternoon.



Clubs and Groups – Sign up for ClubFest Now



Tabletops are being rapidly taken up for THE event of the Spring; Hagbourne ClubFest. ClubFest is an afternoon in the Village Hall where anybody can pop in and learn about all the amazing activities happening in the Hagbournes.

Why not take a tabletop (for FREE!) so you can encourage villagers old and new to join in with your Club or Group? More details and sign-up form can be found at www.easthagbourne.net/clubfest-details or just scan the QR here.

Saturday 16th March, 2 until 5pm

Please sign up by March 6th.

To find out more, email douga_msn@live.com





HAMS PRESENTS

HAMSFEST



An Evening of Merriment

Hagbourne Village Hall

Evenings: 7:30 – Doors/Bar opens 6:45

Friday 8th March 2024

Saturday 9th March 2024

Most sensational

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Tickets available from:

- **Hagbourne Village Shop**
- **Box office: 01235 814140**
- **www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS**

Adults - £10 Children/Students - £7

www.thehams.co.uk

Hagbourne Garden Club Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 22nd February** in the East Hagbourne Pavilion. The talk will be on **Creating Movement whilst Frozen Still** by Ben Pope. A seasonal talk looking at the Winter Garden and how to achieve movement during the cold winter months. Doors will be open at 7pm for refreshments. The talk will start at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person.
For further information call Sally on 01235 352275

**Please save the date:
Monday 6th May 2024**



Run ... Walk ... Support ... Eat Cake!

Whether or not you relish covering 4 ½ miles of glorious South Oxfordshire countryside by foot on your bank holiday, please do join us for one of the biggest events in our village calendar and help us raise money for good causes.

The East and West Hagbourne Village Fund

Every year the Fun Run raises money for cancer charities and the Village Fund. This fund is for individuals or organisations in the parishes of East and West Hagbourne in need of support. In the past we have been able to give grants to causes as diverse as the defibrillators, the village hall extension, an educational course, posters for a local campaign, and family support for medical treatment. So, if you are an individual or part of a local group looking for support, please do get in touch by sending an email to: habournevillagefund@gmail.com

2024 SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE ANNUAL SCARECROW TRAIL will take place from Saturday 25th May until Sunday 9th June. Full details will follow in the March magazine.

EAST HAGBOURNE OPEN GARDENS will take place on Sunday 9th June, details to follow in the March magazine.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST ANDREW'S Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of June.

HAMS production of HAMS FEST on Fri/Sat 8th/9th March

Tickets for HAMS FEST are now on sale, priced £10 Adults/£7 Students, at:

- Hagbourne Community Shop
- Box Office: 01235 814140
- www.wegotickets.com/HAMS or use the QR link



See advert in this edition for details. www.thehams.co.uk

[email:info@thehams.co.uk](mailto:info@thehams.co.uk)



Tower Talk We rang the bells at St Andrew's on 31st December at 11:30 and rang in the New Year at Midnight. There were seven ringers in the tower and there were a few visitors. We had a small service at 11:50 and then the tenor was tolled at midnight and although there were only seven of us, we were able to 'Fire' the bells which means the bells are all struck at the same time!

This was followed by a glass of Prosecco, we were then joined by a couple of revellers from the village, it was so lovely to celebrate the New Year again in the tower.

There was no ringing practice on the first Tuesday in January, but we are now back to our normal practices and Sunday ringing.

On Saturday 7th January four Hagbourne ringers joined the Churn Ringing Outing that was organised by Rob Nickless from North Moreton. We had a really good day's ringing with a lovely soup lunch at North Moreton Village Hall, thanks to Rob's wife Jo. St Andrew's hosted the tea and cake in the afternoon following a ring on our bells by the group. Some of the group also met up in the evening at The Red Lion in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell for a meal. A really nice day out but the weather was **very** cold!

On Wednesday 31st Jeff Powell organised an HSCR Memorial meal at the Fleur for all members who could attend.

Birthdays: 8th February – George Ker

Dates for the diary: Tuesday 27th February – Tower AGM Shirley Goss.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

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

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages. **There is very high demand on the Foodbank at the moment.** You can leave items in the supermarkets in Didcot, at Blewbury Post Office or make a money donation via the Foodbank. **Contact details if you need to use the Foodbank or you would like to make a donation:** You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the [contact form](#) on the website. **All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**



ARCh – Oxfordshire's Award-Winning Reading Charity for Children



ARCh volunteer reading helpers work one to one with selected children in a primary school, close to their home or workplace, providing personalised support to boost confidence, build self-esteem and turn around negative attitudes to reading. ARCh sessions involve sharing books, games and conversation and are fun for both children and volunteers!

We are now looking for more people in the Didcot area to join us in making a real difference to children's lives.

All ARCh reading helpers are vetted (including enhanced DBS) and receive initial and ongoing training and support as well as resources tailored to each child. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in increased demand for our service and we have adapted our way of working to ensure everyone remains as safe as possible.

If you would like to get involved as a reading helper or supporter please email info@archoxfordshire.org.uk
Please support us – you can donate via <https://localgiving.org/donation/arch>

Registered Charity number 1146276 Company number 7962217





East Hagbourne Community Shop

For 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 the Volunteer on duty.

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

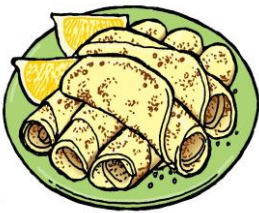
Winter Operating Hours

Post Office: Access your bank accounts, top up prepaid cards & mobiles or pay bills
Morning: Monday to Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.
Afternoon: Monday & Thursday 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

Shop: HAMSFEET tickets for 8th/9th March on Sale Now!

Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am to 5pm, Tue/Wed/Fri 9am to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.

Fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday! We conveniently stock pantry and household essentials, locally made treats, artisan cards and more!



Pre-order Marcopolo savouries pastries and artisan breads by 4pm Wednesdays in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pickup on Saturdays.

Pancake Day, Tuesday 13th February Stock up on flour, fresh milk, local eggs, lemon juice, sugar, butter, golden syrup or honey to celebrate and enjoy!

Be My Valentine Whether luxury chocolate or guilty pleasure, take home a sweet treat for your special someone. And if chocolate doesn't tickle you, try some homemade marmalade or a little local honey for your honey!



Relax with the Family this Half Term For tasty, healthy and fuss-free dinner options, browse our variety of fresh-frozen fish fillets, fish fingers and cakes, pizzas and savoury pies, including gluten-free or tasty vegan options. Take a bag of pick-and-mix sweets along on your adventures or settle in with a new or pre-loved book for a different kind of escape! And don't forget to order your Marcopolo pastries for relaxed family weekends – pre-order by **4pm on Wednesday** in shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com; or just pick up fresh-baked on Saturdays.

Interested in Volunteering? Visit us at Hagbourne Clubfest 16th March!

Would you like to get more involved in the community? Learn how you can help to keep our community shop a valuable service and friendly hub for our community. We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if for an hour or two per month, to help in the shop, to promote us in the community or help with events. We welcome anyone aged 14 or older. **Visit us at Hagbourne Clubfest, 2 – 5pm, 16th March at the Village Hall, Or, contact Alice Smith on 01235 813393 or email smith@hagbourne.plus.com**

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 – 815608 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

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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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow		↓	↓	0905		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1725		↓	↓
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Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610	1756	1845	1948	↓
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Didcot St Birinus School															
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This journey operates during school holidays only.

This journey operates on school days only.

Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway.

Saturdays

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Didcot Orchard Centre	0739	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714	1814	1914	
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	▼	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918	
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0745	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	1921	
Blewbury The Blueberry	▼	0928	▼	1128	▼	1328	▼	1528	▼	1728	▼	1928	
West Hagbourne Moor Lane	0751	↓	1027	↓	1227	↓	1427	↓	1627	↓	1827	↓	
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0752	↓	1028	↓	1228	↓	1428	↓	1628	↓	1828	↓	
Upton Village Hall	0754	0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1533	1630	1733	1830	1933	
Blewbury The Blueberry	0759	0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1538	1635	1738	1835	1938	
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	0808	↓	1044	↓	1244	↓	1444	↓	1644	↓	1844	↓	
South Moreton The Crown	0814	↓	1050	↓	1250	↓	1450	↓	1650	↓	1850	↓	
North Moreton Bus Shelter	0818	↓	1054	↓	1254	↓	1454	↓	1654	↓	1854	↓	
East Hagbourne War Memorial	↓	0845	0945	↓	1145	↓	1345	↓	1545	↓	1745	↓	1945
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	↓	0848	0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	1548	↓	1748	↓	1948
Didcot Orchard Centre	0826	0854	0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1554	1702	1754	1902	1954
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	0831	0859	0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1559	1707	1759	1907	1959

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

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

This X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - still every half hour. It then goes to GWP and down Wantage Road, past the Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and JR. **The service from Didcot to Wantage is now the X35 and we also have a service to Newbury, the X34. These all start from the Orchard Centre in Didcot.**

To look up timetables for all these services please visit:

www.oxfordbus.co.uk.

There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.

HUGS February News

Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Nature needs you!

Despite the heat of 2022 and now the saturated soils and flooding from Storm Henk in January, our villages and Oxfordshire as a whole, seem to have been fairly sheltered from the effects of climate change so far. This is compared to Scotland (which bears the brunt of many more severe storms) or Dorset (where sea level rise is affecting communities and wildfires devastate land). The UK has felt few of the most extreme effects of climate change compared to elsewhere in the world. Just look back at last year's news of heat domes, cyclones, wildfires, and drought.

However, the change to climate has more insidious effects that we're less aware of. And the news for biodiversity is not so bright either. UK's wildlife is some of the most studied in the world. Because of this we know that Britain has lost more of its natural biodiversity than almost anywhere else in Western Europe and most of the G7 nations. The likely reason is that the UK was home to the industrial and then agricultural revolution (that has vastly altered landscapes for nearly three quarters of a century now). The climate crisis and land use changes are now accelerating this demise of nature. Have you noticed how few hedgehogs now visit our gardens? How many frogs are left locally? When did you last see fish in our local streams? How many swifts visited last summer?

We need to address both crises, climate, and biodiversity, to make a difference. Despite the government's lack of commitment, backtracking and failure to meet their own targets, we all need to do what we can to support nature. Alongside the vital reduction in carbon emissions, we need to restore and protect biodiversity so ecosystems can effectively absorb carbon.

On a landscape scale this may include restoring and replanting hedges around fields and waterways. Hedges offer many environmental services, including reducing flooding. Tree planting, rewilding and flower rich margins and meadows would also make a significant difference.

Within a village, making more space for nature; whether on roadside verges, recreation ground or hidden corners. In gardens, longer lawns with dandelions and daisies for pollinators, wild areas, no chemicals, adding a pond, feeding the birds, checking your garden is accessible to hedgehogs. All of these things can be a lifeline for the nature on our doorstep. See our [nature page](#) for more ideas on how to help.

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 is one of the most special places to play in the whole county. 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; from beginner to Commonwealth Champion (and anything in between), 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

Wednesday Church – 1st Wednesday of the month at St Peter’s Church, Newlands Avenue, Didcot. An opportunity for worship together for adults with learning disabilities and memory problems and their family and carers.

There are crafts, drinks, music, friends, and worship. People from special communities like day centres are very welcome as well as individuals who live with parents and carers. We have helpers from all Churches in Didcot – Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and Kings Church. We meet at St Peter’s because it has wheelchair friendly access, a kitchen so that we can serve drinks and biscuits and movable pews so that we can make space for wheelchair dancing. Some people just want to work on handicrafts and have a cup of tea with our congregation and chat to our volunteers and helpers. Our congregation are a real Wednesday Church Fellowship who care about each other and enjoy being together. We welcome helpers who would like to come and lead Services.

**For more information about joining us please ring:
Jenny on 01235 510199 or Janice on 01491 836661**

Village Hall News

At the Village Hall AGM in November it was decided to raise the rates for both regular users as well as casual users i.e. those who book for a party or one-off event. Each of the regular users have been individually advised of their new rates, whilst the rates for casual users are now:

	Large Hall	Small Hall	Both Halls	Minimum charge	Late Charge (later than 11 pm)	Meeting Room (Min charge £14)	Both Halls and Meeting Room
Hagbourne residents	£12.00	£10.00	£16.00	£25.00	£10 (£12 w/ends)	£7.00	£22 per hour
Non-Hagbourne residents	£13.00	£11.00	£17.00	£25.00	£10 (£12 w/ends)	£8.00	

The ongoing management of the hall was discussed at length, and it was noted most of those present would probably want to retire from the committee in the next 3 to 5 years, and no one in the village has yet come forward to take up the reigns. The Village Hall is a charity, managed by an increasingly small group of volunteers. If there are no new people willing to join the committee, the charity will be forced to cease existence AND THE HALL WILL HAVE TO BE SHUT. The committee only meets about 3 to 4 times a year, so the commitment to join this team is not large. The day-to-day business of the hall is ably managed by Linda Benton and Geoff Leaver, to whom we are indebted for their hard work.

Richard Elliott, Chairman

An Action Group Event In Association With Hagbourne Village Hall

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MAIN ROAD TO COSCOTE – 4th FEBRUARY CLOSURE AND POTHOLES UPDATE

Main Road at the Coscote bend will be closed for one day on Sunday 4th February from 9.00am. The contractors have not confirmed a finish time but the works are due for completion the same day.



The county council have confirmed the road has been assessed and identified as suitable for dragon patching. The location has been added to their programme list and remedial repairs will be carried out when the team is next in the area. This will be followed up to try and get the works carried out as soon as possible. New reports can still be added via www.fixmystreet.com



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

There are a number of small-scale projects the Parish Council is keen to pursue along the footpath network in the coming months. It would be great to hear from anyone who is willing to volunteer a few hours to help make these happen. Anybody who would like to help the Community Speedwatch effort would also be very welcome – many hands make light work!

Please contact the clerk if you can help.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY

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



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Winter Warm Spaces are available at Didcot Library and the Didcot Wave, see further info [here](#) for opening times and other nearby venues

Oxfordshire Age UK's online Winter Hub is accessible [here](#) with advice on Oxfordshire County Council's Resident Support Scheme and other useful guidance

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

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for information

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 [here](#)

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

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group -

easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



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

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)

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

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



USEFUL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

Continued on page 16 for planning applications . . .

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Flooding in the village On the evening of 4th January, in common with much of Oxfordshire, we experienced some severe flooding, as bad as most people can remember. Our sympathies are with those who suffered from flooding in their homes. The main issue with this flooding was that heavy rain falling on already saturated land caused water to rise from below so the normal defence of sandbags did not offer full protection. At least three houses that had never been flooded before were flooded.

Can we take actions to do better next time? The storm drains struggled to cope and some on Blewbury Road in particular were quite overwhelmed. This emphasizes the need to ensure OCC do more regular drain maintenance. More positive news was that the drainage system in the new estate by the village hall worked in its first real test and there were no major blockages in the drainage system with the flood waters draining quickly on the Friday morning. There were problems with the transmission of warning messages to villages from the County Council and the Environment Agency which have been flagged to the relevant bodies. We thus were unable to follow the cascade system in our Emergency Plan to spread the warnings. Let us hope there are not too many more storms with heavy rain as our water table and ground saturation levels are both still very high.

Emergency Plan It was clear from discussing with residents after the flooding that few people were aware that we do have an Emergency Plan. It is on our website at [URL:https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Emergency-Plan-Issue-3-Updated-Contact-Details.pdf](https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Emergency-Plan-Issue-3-Updated-Contact-Details.pdf)

Although most of the plan, dated May 2018, is still valid there are broken links and there could be more emphasis on flooding. Councillor Robin Jaboor (robin.jaboor@easthagbourne.net) together with the Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) will be updating the plan, and I would encourage you to send comments on the current plan to them so that they can address these in their update. We also have some web pages on flooding viz <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/flooding/> and comments on these also would be welcome.

Village Website The links in the above paragraph are for documents and pages on the village website (<https://easthagbourne.net>). As the text heading this website page says: "This website provides information about social events, latest news and community projects in the village. Also included are Parish Council details and meetings, a local directory and some history of East Hagbourne." If you have questions, suggestions, or wish to make changes or additions to this site, then contact Councillor Cordelia Gover (cordelia.gover@easthagbourne.net) who manages the website.

Housing development by the Village Hall There has only been one new resident so far in January, although one more at the end of the month will bring the total to 16. The Housing Association, Fairhive Homes, who will manage the rented and shared ownership homes, is taking possession of six properties (three for rent and three shared ownership) at the end of January and the first occupants will arrive this month. The allocation for these houses will be done by South Oxfordshire Housing.

Parish Surgeries Following a lively surgery in January, the next will again be in the Fleur on Friday 9th February from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. However, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings Parish Council meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th February. 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

Continued from page 15 . . . Planning applications received since the last Parish Council newsletter:

P24/S0057/HH 28 New Road, East Hagbourne - Rear extension, loft conversion and garden building

P23/S3517/HH 6 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Demolish single storey to the front elevation, add a 1st floor to the side, on the existing single storey and add a double storey to the rear of the property

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 8th February 2024 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

Christians Against Poverty - CAP

Please help spread the word about **Christians Against Poverty** who are a well-established, professional national charity, who have been offering debt help since 1996. Locally, the Didcot and Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre have been open since January 2015 - **offering free, professional debt help and personal support in the community (and most frequently from home)**. Please see website at www.capdebthelp.org

Clients who wish to use our service will need to visit **New Enquiries Team on 0800 328 0006**. They will then be booked into an appointment with our local debt coaches, and we will visit them at home, where we will explain our service in more detail and support them in beginning their journey to becoming debt free.



YOUTH CAFE For those in **School Years 7-13** (Secondary School / Sixth Form) to chill, chat, and eat cake!
Open **3.15 pm - 4.45 pm** at Didcot Baptist Church,
43 Wantage Road, OX11 0BS, on: **Thursdays 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th February** Feel free to drop in for all / part of the Youth Cafe.

Didcot and District U3A Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 20th February** with a talk **How to be a Gardener in the 21st Century** with speaker Timothy Walker, a popular speaker who has given various interesting talks at the **Hagbourne Garden Club**. U3a Thames Valley network offer a wide range of talks, study days and quizzes.
Visit the website to discover more and join in: www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

The Knitwit Group Many thanks to all those who have made knitted 6" squares and to those who have sewn them together. We have been sending large, knitted blankets – 6' x 4' to Knit for Peace for some years now – and recently we have sent 18 over the Autumn and Winter together with adult size jumpers, hats and mitts. We hope that you enjoyed our Bee Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Knit for Peace is a charity which matches knitters with good causes. The charity relies on volunteers to knit items of clothing, blankets, and toys. The items are then sent to the organisation's headquarters where more volunteers forward items on to people in need. Knit for Peace believe that knitting (and crochet) is good for people.

As well as being fun and therapeutic, knitting brings people together and gives a way of helping others in need, providing benefits both to the knitter and the recipient. Based on their experience of developing Knit for Peace over the last few years, they have learned that knitting is extremely important as an activity that can be carried out right into extreme old age and helps improve long-term health, both mental and physical. Joy Napper – magtemp5@gmail.com

Subscriptions for the Parish Magazine Many thanks to those who have paid their subscriptions for the 2024 parish magazine. We would be grateful for any donations towards the production of the magazine and suggest maybe a donation of £6 for the year if you receive it online, or £12 for the year if you are receiving a printed copy.

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MARCH 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the March 2024 parish magazine by

Monday 19th February

Thank you, the parish magazine committee

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