

St Andrew's Hagbourne
PARISH MAGAZINE

JANUARY 2025



A Happy New Year to all our readers
Christingle at St Andrew's – 10.30am, 19th January
Epiphany Carols – 6pm, 26th January

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

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

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JANUARY 2025

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne & South & North Moreton.

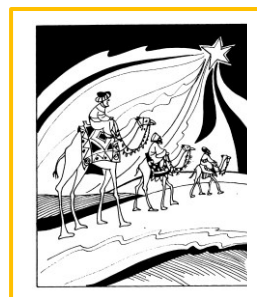
Prayer Focus:

1 Wednesday No 10am Communion today
 2 Thursday
 3 Friday
 4 Saturday

No online Compline
 No online Compline
 No online Compline

5 +Sunday EPIPHANY

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 online Benefice Service
 5pm Free Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



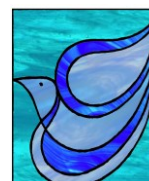
*Giving thanks for
 all the volunteers
 in our Churches.*

6 Monday
 9 Tuesday
 10 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 11 Thursday
 12 Friday
 13 Saturday

8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline

12 +Sunday BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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



*Those recently
 baptised and
 baptism visitors.*

13 Monday
 14 Tuesday
 15 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 16 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 17 Friday
 18 Saturday

8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline
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 8pm online Compline

19 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Christingle Service: St Andrew's H
 10.30am online Benefice Service
 3pm "Three Kings" Service: St Mary's U
 4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Youth group and
 teenagers.*

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The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

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

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 A Special Gift

Have you ever received a really unusual gift? I have received several unusual gifts over the years, and I have one of them sitting on my desk in front of me as I write these reflections. The item in question is about the size and shape of a pack of frozen peas. It is wrapped in clear plastic, so its contents can be clearly seen.

There is a simple sticker on the front, which reads: "Omani Frankincense Hojari". Yes, it is a packet of frankincense, all the way from Oman. It was given to me a gift by a couple from one of our local congregations, who went on holiday to Oman a few years ago. I certainly rank this as one of the more usual gifts I have received, and I treasure it.

Why do I treasure it? In part, because it is a sign of love. The presents we give and receive are so often an expression of love. As people often say about gifts, "it is the thought that counts".

But there is another, and deeper, reason why I treasure the gift of frankincense. It brings me back to one of my favourite Bible stories: the story of the Magi or Wise Men, and their journey to Jesus. This story is traditionally read in Church on the Feast of the Epiphany, which is celebrated on or near 6th January.

There are many different aspects to the story of the Magi, but the one I wish to write about today is the story of the gifts given to the baby Jesus. As you will remember, three gifts were given: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Down the centuries, much has been written about why these particular gifts were chosen. Frankincense is connected with the offering of prayer to God: in many religions, incense is burnt as part of worship, and the aroma and smoke is seen to symbolise our prayers going up to God.

So, when I see the packet of frankincense resting on my desk, I am reminded of the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, and in particular of the offering up of prayers to God. I don't think God minds the words we use in our prayers, and He quite understands that sometimes we're not quite sure how to pray about something which lies on our heart or mind. But I think God really appreciates our efforts, however imperfect. I wonder what He might like us to pray about, as we enter the start of a New Year?

Fr Jason.

Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to Church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, over Christmas or at other times, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.



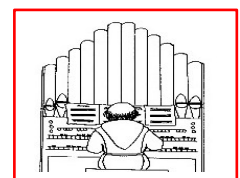
Epiphany Carol Service
St Andrew's - 6pm Sunday 26th January
Come along and enjoy the familiar Epiphany Carols

Free Organ recitals St Andrew's Church

Every first Sunday of the month at 5pm for thirty minutes

Next Recital: Sunday 5th January

Please do join us to hear our lovely organ played by our organ playing friends.



20 Monday		8pm online Compline
21 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
22 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
23 Thursday		8pm online Compline
24 Friday		online Compline
25 Saturday		

26 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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



*Our worship,
musicians, organists
and choirs.*

27 Monday		online Compline
28 Tuesday		online Compline
29 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	online Compline
30 Thursday		online Compline
31 Friday		online Compline

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 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

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

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

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

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. If you haven't joined us recently, please note that your "GoToMeeting" software will need an update. The process is very straight forward but will take a little bit of extra time. **Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link:**

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

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

Weekday evening **Compline** at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via <https://meet.goto.com/312446493>

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

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

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

Baptism in the Benefice

24th December **Hailey Margaret Jackson** was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.
May God's Blessing of peace and joy be with her and protect her all of her days.

Funeral in the Benefice

12th December at All Saints', North Moreton **John Harrison** aged 71
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.





Christingle Service at St Andrew's Sunday, 19th January at 10.30am

The word 'Christingle' actually means 'Christ Light' and celebrates the light of Jesus coming into the world. The orange is round, like the world; the candle gives us light in the dark, like the love of God; the red ribbon goes round the 'world', as a symbol of Christ's blood, given for everyone; the four sticks point in all directions, and symbolise that God is over all: North, South, East and West; and the fruit and nuts remind us of God's blessings.

All welcome to this Service

The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle Service to the Church of England in 1968, and it has since become a popular event in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country. Visit: www.childrensociety.org.uk



Tower Talk The Christmas Tree Festival was a great success this year with over 100 decorated trees appearing throughout East and West Hagbourne. There were also 30 trees in church including a Memory Tree. The theme was 'Christmas Movies' but the ringers did not sponsor a tree this year due to high demand and it is always good for some new organisation to come and join the festival. The weather was awful for the first couple of days of the festival with rain and gale force winds, but people did still turn out which was lovely. Congratulations to Didcot and Wallingford Young Pianists for winning the most popular tree, again.

Our practices have been taking place as usual on a Tuesday evening and have been well attended. We have rung the bells for 2 morning services a month and also for 2 Evening Services a month. The bells were rung for the Christmas Services, and we rang the bells as usual from 11:30 on New Year's Eve. **Birthdays** – Mary Goy on 27th January.



The Bellringers would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very prosperous and happy New Year



Churchwardens chatter . . .

So, here we are at the start of another year! We hope it will be a good one for you. A lot has happened in 2024, and we are planning to have some exciting events for 2025. But first let me thank everyone who helps us with all these happenings. They are always made so much more enjoyable with all your assistance. The main fundraising events are of course, the Fete, the clothing sale and the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you all for making these such fantastic occasions.

This year we are hoping to hold the **Fete**. The expected date is June 14th, and also a **Car Boot Sale on 14th September**. We are thinking of organising a BBQ as well perhaps followed by a quiz and this might be in May. So once again we will have a lot to look forward to. Also, we will be continuing with a **monthly organ recital** on the first Sunday of the month at 5pm and will be last for around 30 minutes. Please do join us to hear our lovely organ played by our organ playing friends. And, also on the first Sunday of each month we hope to encourage young people to attend our **Sunday Club** which is held during the Service in the morning. That is from 10.30 to about 11.30

We are very grateful to the Friends of St Andrew for supporting us so generously which is enabling us to have the stone wall repaired and also the stonework of the church.

Once again, thank you all for your support and feel free to contact us, Jill and Jane, if you have any queries. *Jill and Jane.*



St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

**A big THANK YOU to everyone
who participated in any way in
order to make our Tree Festival
so successful this year.**

Congratulations to The Hagbourne and Wallingford Young Pianists whose colourful tree was voted the favourite. Second in the voting came **Hagbourne Pre-School** and in third place, **Hagbourne (St Andrew's) Scout Group**.

A Huge Thank You to all the tree sitters, cake makers, raffle ticket sellers and buyers, planners, entertainers and audiences, sponsors, publicity people, tree angels, washers up, everyone who bought and decorated a tree for their garden in East and West Hagbourne – they looked beautiful . . . it was lovely to walk through the villages to see the trees all lit up. **So many people to thank. . .**



**The Hagbourne and Wallingford
Young Pianists winning tree**

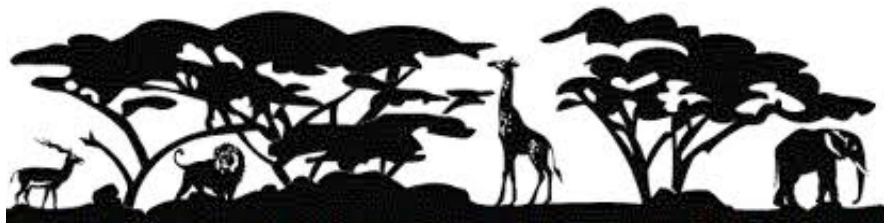
We will soon be able to announce the funds raised for our 2024 Charities: The Didcot Emergency Foodbank, First Steps Baby Bank and St Andrew's Church. It looks so far that we have raised a very good amount.

Just one big job left to do now. We are looking for volunteers to remove all the trees and restore the church to it's former glory. **Friday 3rd January** is the big day, starting at about 10am. If you can help out at any time you will be most welcome.

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.

**SAVE THIS DATE:
Saturday 10th May
2025 for the next
SAFARI SUPPER**



Hagbourne Garden Club will be meeting on **Thursday, 23rd January** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The speaker this month is the ever popular **Timothy Walker** and his topic will be: **The Subtle Art and Exact Science of Pruning**. Armed with the 10 principles of pruning given in this talk you will never fear pruning again. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person. Plenty of parking at the Pavilion. For information call Sally on 01235 352275

Top tips for a wildlife happy garden! Many thanks to Vicky – our HUGS wildlife gardener of the year in 2021 – for these great winter tips to create ideal homes and look after the wildlife in your garden.

Keep their homes warm! Leaves on your flower beds provide habitat for small insects. More insects in your garden in spring and summer means more food for the birds – and more birds! Make sure not to leave leaves on the plant crowns where they can cause rot. Curled up leaves are also ideal homes for hibernating ladybirds and leaves also protect the soil from frost and rain. A win-win result for everyone!



Picture: Vicky Hunt

Create a blackbird heaven! Vicky keeps her apple windfalls on a tray in the garden outside in a cool spot and puts them out gradually over the winter, attracting large numbers of blackbirds – and the occasional fox!

Bee nice - Mahonia – an early food source. Vicky is an ardent fan of Mahonia - a trouble free plant on any soil with lovely flowers, tolerant of windy areas (even Upton!) and an early bloomer – a valuable early source of nectar for bees as well as providing berries later in the year for birds.

Mindful tidying - plus 5 star hotels for wildlife! Vicky says she removes slimy leaves from plants but leaves the drier perennials for insects and for food for birds until the spring when plants start growing strongly again. Cotoneasters, pyracantha, ivy, hawthorn – all provide 5 star homes in her garden for birds and small animals.

Tree time! Bird beacons! Vicky's garden is full of trees which provide perfect homes for birds. Any tree over 2m is a real beacon for them. Hazel is great for birds and insects and is easy to cut back, says Vicky.

And finally ponds! - the best thing since Vicky has multiple small ponds in her garden. Even a small pond is a valuable source of water, food and habitat – a real haven for wildlife - just make sure small creatures can get out – leave some overhanging plants or some stones they can climb up on, to get out of the water.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY WILDLIFE WINTER!
hugsustainability.org

Hagbourne Community Choir is a thriving choir which meets every Tuesday evening in term-time in the Pavilion on Great Mead in East Hagbourne. We rehearse from 7:15 to 8:45 with a break in the middle for a glass of wine and a chat.

We're a very friendly and sociable group and every rehearsal always involves laughter as well as singing! We sing in four parts from sheet music, but music reading is not necessary and many of our members don't read the music other than following the ups and downs of the little dots. We sing a light pop repertoire and in January will be working on Coldplay's Viva la Vida, Heart and Soul and a medley of Beatles songs.

New members are welcome on all parts but particularly on soprano and bass. We perform two or three times a year, usually in Hagbourne Church, so if you would like a fun and relaxing activity on a Tuesday evening, please get in touch! Your first rehearsal is free, to see whether you like us, and after that it's £7 per week, paid at the start of each term.

Singing is proven to be excellent for mental health and you are guaranteed to leave rehearsals with a song in your heart and a spring in your step!

Contact conductor Louise Rapple Moore on lourap@gmail.com or just come along to a rehearsal.

HAMS – Jhamboree News

Since October the cast of **Jhamboree** have been working very hard honing their ideas for sketches. Rehearsals have been punctuated with so much laughter that we feel we should apologise for having disturbed the quiet and concentrated atmosphere of the Bridge Group in the adjacent meeting room.

As a result, the format of the evening is coming together very well, the marketing team (??) is working on the design of posters, tickets and programmes in readiness for tickets going on sale at the beginning of February. Watch out for details in next month's Parish Magazine.

Now that the Christmas Festivities are over, the New Year heralds an intense period of learning words, lines, entrances and exits as it slowly dawns on the cast that there's not much time before dress rehearsals and the actual opening of the show.

In case you have forgotten, the performances will be held in Hagbourne Village Hall on 26th March, 28th March and 29th March.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

www.thehams.co.uk

email: info@thehams.co.uk

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



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 5th January. ALL WELCOME.

ROTAS	5th January Epiphany	19th January Christingle at 10.30am	2nd February	General Notes:
Readers	Isaiah 60, 1-6 Shirley Goss Ephesians 3 1-12 Trevor Goss	Readers: Sally Duncan and Myra Hardiman Special readings for Christingle.	Malachi 3, 1-5 Jenny Smith Hewbrews 2 14-end Margaret Antcliff	There will be a special Service of Epiphany Carols on the evening of 26th January at 6pm. <i>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.</i> <i>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</i> Happy New Year to all on our Rotas.
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Myra Hardiman Jane Blond	Richard Powell Marian Powell	
Coffee	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Myra Hardiman Gillian Harries	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	
Church Cleaning	Cleaning after Tree Festival	Myra Hardiman Jenny Smith	Helen Clayson Rachel Williams	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Alison Davis	Alison Davis	Marian Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Lynne Carter	Lynne Carter	Gillian Harries	



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 & chat with a Volunteer on duty.

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

East Hagbourne Community Shop and Post Office wish you a peaceful 2025!

HERITAGE BAKERY PRE-ORDERS RESUME 8th Jan for delivery 11th January

Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. See available products and allergen details in Shop or at www.easthagbourne.net Pre-order to avoid disappointment, those bacon rolls go fast!



CAKE DAY RESUMES 9th January Mid-week pick-me-up or a weekend treat, stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes every Thursday—but hurry, they don't last long! And don't forget dinner from our freezer –Calnan's mince, high quality fish, homemade pies, chips or pizza.

JANUARY OPERATING HOURS

POST OFFICE CLOSED: 1st– 5th January RE-OPENS: 6th January

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

January Hours: Mornings Mon + Wed to Sat 9-12.30pm CLOSED Tues & afternoons.

Temporary Operating Hours

6 Jan – 31 Jan 2025:

Mornings only



DATE	*POST OFFICE*	SHOP
Monday	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	CLOSED	9am – 4 pm
Wednesday	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 4 pm
Thursday	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 4:30pm
Friday	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 4 pm
Saturday	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 12:30pm

2024 - 2025 Christmas & New Year's Week Operating Hours

DATE	POST OFFICE HOURS	SHOP HOURS
Tue 24 th Dec	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
25 th - 26 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED – Bank Holiday
27 th - 28 th Dec	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
Mon 30 th Dec	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
Tue 31 st Dec	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
Wed 1 st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED – Bank Holiday
Thu 2 nd Jan	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
Fri 3 rd Jan	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm*
Sat 4 th Jan	CLOSED	9am – 12:30pm
Mon 6 th Jan	9am – 12:30pm	9am – 4pm Return to regular hours

*Denotes special opening hours. >>>NOTE: PO Closed 24 Dec – 5th Jan, reopening 6th Jan <<<

SHOP Re-Open Mornings Only 2nd – 4th January, 9am - 12:30pm

Hot drinks available for takeaway! Freshly frozen fish & savoury pies, Calnan's sausages, local free-range eggs, honey, marmalade & artists' cards, plus crisps, snacks and pick n' mix.sweets.

SHOP: January Hours: Mon & Thu 9–4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9–4pm; Sat 9–12:30pm

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Firstly, let me wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Flooding Perhaps the strongest memories of last year were the unprecedented flooding in the village, making some roads impassable and flooding many homes, some of which had never suffered in this way before. It was truly the worst year in anyone's memory with storms from Henk near the beginning of the year to the recent Darragh causing havoc in the county. Perhaps this is compensation for the number of years we have witnessed storms in the north from our cosy armchairs. The only silver lining has been that it has really awakened our local authorities, particularly the County Council, to revise and strengthen both the warning system and the response so, although we may continue to have bad storms, we may be better prepared to deal with them. When the Parish Council receives a warning from SODC or OCC, it now posts these on Facebook and sends them to the Mailchimp email list and also to a flood group in the village set up after storm Henk. Some information on how messages are cascaded can be found in our revised Emergency Plan on the village website.

The ground saturation and increase in water table levels has also led to much distress in the East and West Hagbourne Cemetery, with occasions when a lot of surface water has remained for some time after storms with particularly heavy rainfall. The geological strata has prevented the water draining away so the two councils are consulting with drainage engineers to find a solution. It will not be easy and not cheap but we are determined to find a resolution to this to avoid such a problem in the future.

Budgets At this point, it is worth saying that in addition to the large Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund of over 1/4 million pounds, which I have highlighted in previous magazine articles, East Hagbourne Parish Council also has a regular budget whose main income is the precept which is around £30,000 a year from the council taxes. So, while CIL money can be used fairly widely on almost any infrastructure project, we like to think of this being used to make significant changes to the village, recent examples being the construction of usable more all-weather footpaths internal to the village. I discussed other proposals last month and we will be continuing to engage with you on this during the year. However, our basic budget is very healthy and can be seen in the minutes of council meetings, so we do have funds to support remedial work that might not qualify for CIL expenditure or, if it did, would not be an imaginative way to use our perhaps once in a lifetime windfall.

Housing development opposite School A paragraph on this development has been in most parish magazines since 2020 and the building works and subsequent occupation of houses has been a major feature of the village for some time. There are now only four out of the 74 properties unoccupied and all residents have received a Welcome Pack from the Parish Council to encourage them to participate and enjoy the many facets of our village life. There is already an active community presence with a local WhatsApp group and several residents are involved in village activities. Occasionally I am asked the name of the development. There are four roads, St Andrews Crescent, Hacca Close, Roundhouse Row and Bellcote Row that will shortly be adopted by OCC but no formal name although some use the old Mactaggart and Mickel name of St Andrews Park.

New District Councillor At the recent District Council by election on December 5th, Crispin Topping was elected to join Anne Marie Simpson as our second South Oxfordshire District Councillor. Congratulations, Crispin, we look forward to working with you and benefitting from the promises made in your election material!

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 17th January from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the Community Room of the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th January. 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. Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council.

Iain Duff



**East
Hagbourne
Parish
Council**

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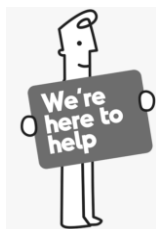


The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help in our community, or engaged with us on parish matters during the past year.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 17th January from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbourne-covid19@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 LINKS

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

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

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

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

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

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P24/S3942/HH 19 Main Road, East Hagbourne - Construction of a new outdoor below-ground swimming pool and associated single storey detached pool house.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January 2025 at The Pavilion, Great Mead

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

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

Jazz Jam Sessions at the Fleur – next one is on 22nd January

The Jazz Jam was well and truly launched at The Fleur on 13th November, with a strong House Band and a good number of jazz musicians and singers. The standard was very high, and everyone enjoyed a new experience, including a final number of 'Route 66', sung with gusto by the audience.

My thanks to Ruth and Darren for agreeing to stage the Jam, which was new territory for them. Also, my thanks to all those who supported the Jam. Musicians generally thrive when supported by an enthusiastic audience! So, we are able to announce that **The Fleur will host Jazz Jam sessions on 22nd January, 12th February and 12th March**. There seems to be an interest in the village for this kind of event and so I am trying to organise a concert in the Church in support of the Friends of St Andrew's, more of this later. Peter Hands Peter.hands3@btinternet.com

Happy New Year from the magazine committee

We hope that as many people as possible in East and West Hagbourne are seeing and enjoying the parish magazine which is online on both of the East and West Hagbourne Parish Council websites. Thank you to the Parish Councils for enabling this. We are also emailing copies of the magazine to individuals on request and are also printing some magazines for those without a computer and those who find it easier to have a printed copy. Let us know if you would like to be on our email list or would appreciate a printed copy. (magtemp5@gmail.com). Magazines are available in Church for £1 each.

We would be grateful for any donations towards the production of the magazine and suggest a donation of £6 for the year if you receive it individually online, or £12 for the year for a printed copy.

It is possible to pay donations or subscriptions by Bank Transfer using the following details:

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Many thanks to all the contributors who send in their varied and interesting articles month by month and many thanks also to our **advertisers** who continue to support the magazine.
The Parish Magazine Committee.

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

Thank you to all those who gave so generously to the Advent Hamper Collection in St Andrew's for **Homeless Oxfordshire** – the largest not-for-profit provider of accommodation and services for those experiencing homelessness throughout Oxfordshire. The Action Group.

Wordsearch - The story of 'Silent Night'

This much-loved carol comes from Austria, where it was first sung as *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht* on Christmas Eve, 1818. It was written by Father Joseph Mohr, a young priest at St Nicholas parish church, in the village of Oberndorf bei Salzburg. As Christmas 1818 approached, he asked the local schoolmaster, Franz Xaver Gruber, to compose a melody for his carol. Gruber was organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf, and so was happy to oblige. On Christmas Eve they presented the carol to the church during the midnight mass. The carol went on to become loved world-wide; and the version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best-selling single of all time.

Silent	Night
Loved	Carol
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Sung	Stille
Nacht	Heilige
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Mohr	Young
Priest	Organist
Midnight	Mass
Melody	Single
Bing	Version
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Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a local charity dedicated to saving injured, sick and orphaned UK wildlife. They have been given notice to leave their current rented premises. So, they need to raise funds to buy land and build Oxfordshire's first wildlife hospital. **They help 1000s of patients each year within Oxfordshire and Berkshire, so finding a new home for the charity is vital for local wildlife.**



They have been fundraising desperately since November 2023 and still have a long way to go, here is a link to their fundraiser if you would like to take a

look: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-appeal-save-oxfordshire-wildlife-rescue?qid=0ff7edeccafd8cd7188d0302e22e10a2>

24 Hr Wildlife Helpline. 07549 322464

Email. oxfordshirewildliferescue@gmail.com

Didcot and District U3a There are over **30 active Interest Groups** offering plenty of opportunity for all newly retired or semi-retired individuals. Come along to the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30pm.** The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 21st January** with a talk by **The Oxford Museum Service coming from the Resource Centre with curios to talk about SCHOOLDAYS FROM THE PAST.** For further information you can 'Google' www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

Didcot Emergency Foodbank The Didcot Emergency Foodbank 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.

First Steps Baby Bank First Steps Baby Bank is a non-profit organisation, providing essential baby items, free of charge to families in need in Didcot and the surrounding villages, including East and West Hagbourne. The Baby Bank relies solely on funding and donations from the local community in order to provide support. Donations can be in the form of new and pre loved items alongside financial contributions.

The Baby Bank was started by Gemma and Leanne, both mums themselves, who had heard of other baby banks across the country and discovered how much of a positive impact one would be for families in our area.

In order for families to access the Baby Bank, they require a referral from a professional person working alongside them, a list of these can be found on the website. They accept one off referrals as well as ongoing support. There are many reasons for referral and families from all backgrounds are helped regardless of their situation. The Baby Bank currently supports children up to the age of 2 years old, including expectant mums. To find out how to donate, to refer a family in need or to access support please visit their website <http://www.firststepsbabybank.co.uk>

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times. You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15** is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

Wednesday Sewing Class Places available in The Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Hagbourne Village Hall. Places available for the Spring term which starts on **15th January 2025**. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT) The Ladies Thirsty Thursday meets on the third Thursday of each month in The Fleur from 7.30pm for a friendly drink (or two) and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us, and spread the word. and we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering which will be on **Thursday 16th January**.

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

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

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

The bus company's website shows that the 94/94A normal bus timetable will start again on 6th January. If there are any changes to this, we will update in the February parish magazine.

Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)																	This journey starts at St Birinus S on school days only.			
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No service on Sundays or Public Holidays																				

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: www.oxfordbus.co.uk
There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.

Thames Travel bus service to the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32 The 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 South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR. **Please see page 14 for useful details on how to get to the various Oxford Hospitals via public transport.**



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