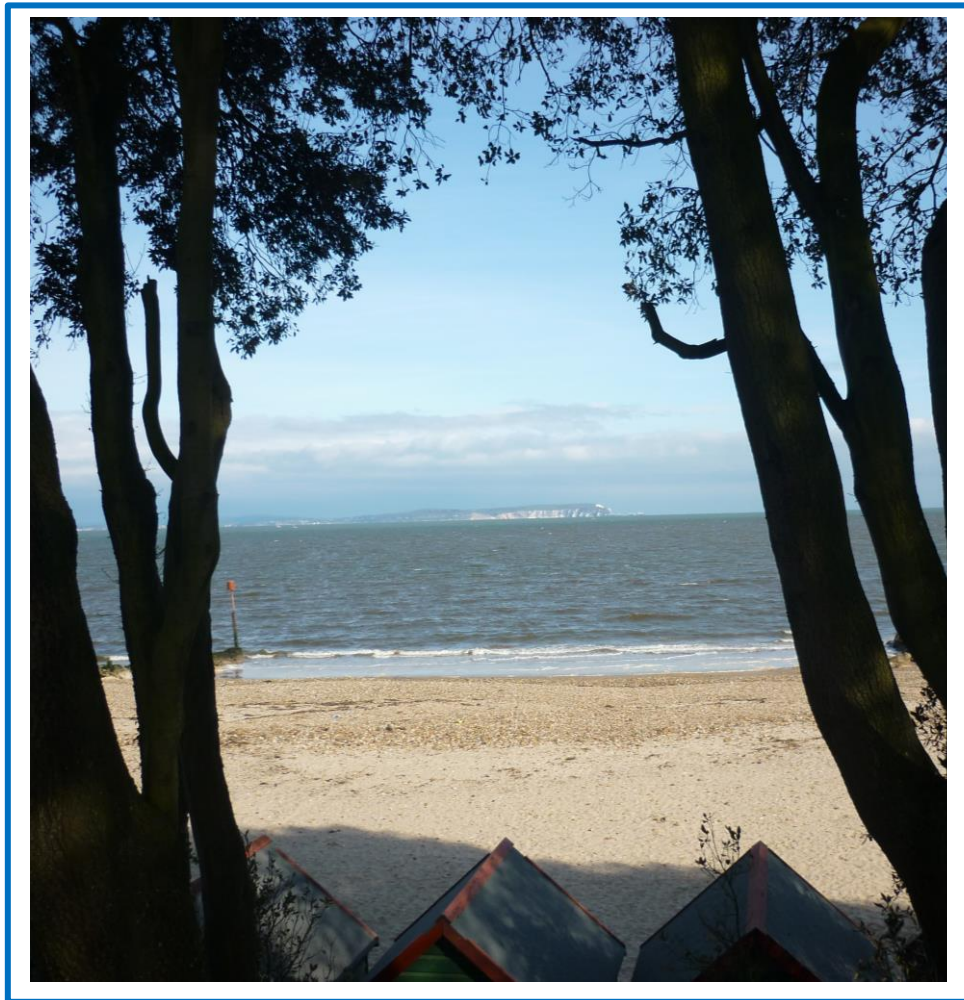


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**SUMMER TEAS at ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS from 16th July - 3pm to 5pm**  
**Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious cake.**

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

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**[www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)**

# CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2023

The Prayer Intentions in July are for all who live in East Hagbourne.  
The Prayer Intentions in August are for all who live in the Astons and Upton.

## JULY 2023

1 Saturday

### **2 +Sunday THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B  
9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H  
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
4pm Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



**Prayer Focus:**

*Children and  
Sunday Clubs.*

3 Monday

4 Tuesday

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

6 Thursday

7 Friday

8 Saturday

*Thomas the Apostle*

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

### **9 +Sunday THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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



*Those recently  
Baptised and  
Baptism visitors.*

10 Monday

11 Tuesday

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

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

14 Friday

15 Saturday

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

### **16 +Sunday THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's H  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*CYGnets youth  
group and  
teenagers.*

17 Monday

18 Tuesday

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

20 Thursday

21 Friday

22 Saturday *Mary Magdalene*

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

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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 Upton, North Moreton and South Moreton.



## Rector's Reflections

### The Gift and Responsibility of Liberty

The summer is finally here - a time for holidays and outdoor parties. It is also a good time to celebrate the democratic values which mean so much to us all. On 4th July, the USA will be celebrating Independence Day, and 10 days later, the French will be celebrating Bastille Day with their customary flair.

Both of these events are an opportunity to celebrate national identity, but they are also a re-affirmation of the importance of the liberty of the individual. The American and French Revolutions of the 18th Century were, at least in part, the result of a desire to ensure individual freedoms against infringement by a largely unaccountable State. The main reason that England did not have a Revolution in the 18th century was that it had already had its Revolution back in the previous century, when it had established the constitutional principle that the State must respect the liberty of the individual citizen.

Of course, society will always impose some limits on the liberty of the individual, but within the democratic tradition, it is generally believed that such limits should be very much the exception rather than the rule, and that any limits that are imposed should be kept to the minimum.

The gift of liberty has been celebrated in the Christian tradition, and it has been felt to be important that Christian leaders develop and protect the liberty of those under their rule. There have been arguments over what this "liberty" means in practice, but the principle has been clear.

But the Christian faith has also been clear that the gift of liberty must not be misused. We are given freedom in order to care for others, rather than to oppress them. An early Christian called St Paul wrote the following words to Christians in Galatia: "you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' "

Liberty is such a precious gift. Many people around the world yearn to enjoy the liberties which we enjoy in our country. But how are we using our precious gift of liberty? Are we using it for the benefit of all, or do we just use it for our own selfish ends?  
*- Father Jason*

## Welcoming The Revd Mark – our new Curate

**The Revd Mark Rhodes-Smith's Ordination** will be on Saturday 1st July at 10am at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford. It will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchCathedralOxford>. **Revd Mark would be grateful for our continued prayers in the coming weeks!** We look forward to welcoming Revd Mark and his wife Imogen on Saturday afternoon, 1st July in Blewbury (see page 11 for event at St Michael's) as well as on **Sunday, 2nd July at the 10.30 service in St Andrew's, Hagbourne**. Revd Mark will be starting work among us at the end of July.



## The Churn Mothers' Union Annual Teddy Bears Picnic

**Wednesday 2nd August** at 12noon – 2pm in the garden of Penny Brassell, Lynchets, Bessels Way, Blewbury. Please bring a rug/chair and a picnic plus teddy bear. We welcome all children and any mums, dads, friends, grandparents and carers.  
Soft drinks and ice-creams will be provided.

**CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY 2023 continued . . .**

**23 +Sunday THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3 – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's



*Our worship,  
musicians,  
organists and  
choirs.*

24 Monday

8pm Compline

25 Tuesday *James the Apostle*

8pm Compline

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

8pm Compline

27 Thursday

8pm Compline

28 Friday

8pm Compline

29 Saturday

**30 +Sunday THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



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

31 Monday

8pm Compline

**AUGUST 2023**

1 Tuesday

8pm Compline

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

8pm Compline

3 Thursday

8pm Compline

4 Friday

8pm Compline

5 Saturday

**6 +Sunday TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B  
9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H  
10.30am Morning Prayer: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's H  
4pm Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*Churchwardens,  
fabric, churchyard,  
Church cleaners.*

7 Monday

8pm Compline

8 Tuesday

8pm Compline

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

8pm Compline

10 Thursday

8pm Compline

11 Friday

8pm Compline

12 Saturday

**13 +Sunday THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*Families, children's  
outreach, Family  
Services and  
Mothers' Union.*

14 Monday

8pm Compline

15 Tuesday *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8pm Compline

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

8pm Compline

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

8pm Compline

18 Friday

8pm Compline

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## CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR AUGUST 2023 continued . . .

19 Saturday

### **20 +Sunday THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
10.30am Morning Prayer: St Michael's B  
10.30am Parish Service: St Andrew's H  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 5pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*PCCs, all in leadership and our Benefice Operations Manager.*

21 Monday

8pm Compline

22 Tuesday

8pm Compline

23 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

24 Thursday *Bartholomew the Apostle*

8pm Compline

25 Friday

8pm Compline

26 Saturday

### **27 +Sunday THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15 Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm – 4pm Summer Teas at St Andrew's  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*Clergy and all who preach or lead.*

28 Monday

8pm Compline

29 Tuesday

8pm Compline

30 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

31 Thursday

8pm Compline

**8pm Compline** A short service of night prayer every weekday night at 8pm is online.

The links and codes for these are on the Benefice website at [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk) under the services tab. Phone access is also available.

### **Message from The Revd Louise** following her Birthday/Retirement weekend:

"I am overwhelmed by your very generous gift to me and the beautiful Grace rose, as I move from Licensed Ministry to 'Permission to Officiate'. Thank you all so much. After a rest and some time away, I look forward to returning to minister among you in September.

**Online Services** The Benefice Online Services will continue on Sundays at 10.30am. Login after 10.00am to chat before if wished. We are doing a trial to see if a permanent link will work for everyone. Depending on how well this works, we hope to continue using this link.

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

**Home phone:** 0330 221 0088. **Access Code:** 975-579-069

**New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>. Access code above

### **You can contact the Churn Benefice clergy and staff on:**

**Revd Jason St John Nicolle** 01235 850267 [rector@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:rector@churnchurches.co.uk)

**Revd John Clarke** 01235 510073 [jphclarke@gmail.com](mailto:jphclarke@gmail.com)

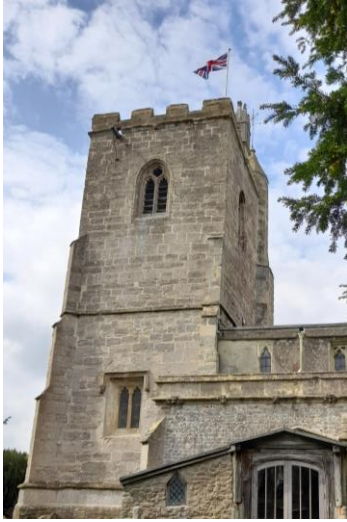
**Churn Website:** [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)

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

**Monday to Friday - 01235 850267, during office hours,**

**or [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)**

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



**Tower Talk** We held a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 6th June in the tower, the meeting was well attended.

The Church Fete was held on Saturday 10th June starting at 1pm and was held in and around St Andrew's Church. We opened the tower to visitors for a small fee. This proved to be very popular and over 100 visitors went up to the ringing chamber and then up to see the bells that were all down for safety reasons. A very big thank you to Daniel, Rob and Jeff who did a great job welcoming visitors and telling them about our lovely ring of eight bells.

On Sunday 11th June about eight of us turned up to ring for Evensong at 5.20 as we needed to get the bells up. We arrived in very warm sunny weather. We raised the bells and were happily ringing when there was an almighty crash overhead!

At first, we thought that a clapper had flown out of one of the bells but as we looked out of one of the two windows in the tower, we noticed that it had started to rain. We decided to carry on ringing, but the lightning and the thunder were getting louder and louder and the rain by now was torrential. The view from the tower was incredible if a bit scary, we had not experienced anything like it before. One of our young ringers was worried about getting her hair wet but really, I think we were all going to get drenched! When we had finished ringing, we tentatively went down the steps but were greeted by a torrent of water running down the church path. The church porch was flooded as was the church so no shelter there. A mad dash down the flooded path and road to the cars and then home. Needless to say, I looked like a drowned rat by the time I got home!

The bells were rung on Saturday 24th June for the Wedding of Jack Luke and Holly Wells. We wish them every happiness in the future.

The Branch Outing and BBQ takes place on Saturday 15th July, I am sure some of the team will enjoy visiting other towers in the area and then joining other ringers in the branch for a BBQ in the early evening.

**Birthdays:** 18th July: John Napper, 13th August: Jazzy Gover, 20th August: Julie Culley, 28th August: Lynn Crawford.

**Anniversary:** 2nd July: Congratulations to John and Mary Napper on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Shirley Goss.

**DON'T FORGET ... FREE CONCERT WITH THE HAGBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR  
Sunday 2nd July at St Andrew's Church, 4 to 5pm. Doors open 3.30pm for tea and cake!**

The programme will include a selection of songs and medleys from Les Misérables, Jersey Boys, Best of Neil Diamond, Greatest Showman (A Million Dreams), You Raise Me Up, California Dreamin' Something Inside So Strong, Afternoon on a Hill.

Donations for tea and cakes would be appreciated to support St Andrew's Church.

**Baptisms in the Benefice:**

4th June **Millie Gillian O'Brien** was baptised at All Saints' North Moreton.  
18th June **Joshua Stanley Drewe** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

**Weddings in the Benefice:**

17th June **Matthew Ebbs and Charlotte Thacker** were married at St Michael's Blewbury.  
24th June **Jack Luke and Holly Wells** were married at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

**Funerals in the Benefice:**

13th June at St Andrew's Hagbourne **David Carter** aged 82  
30th June at St Michael's Churchyard Blewbury **Jackie Gardner** aged 88

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



**Churchwarden's Chatter. . .** Jane and I were both so pleased with the Fete! Were you? What a great variety of stalls, lots of lovely people and fantastic weather. Personally, I love having the Fete in and around St Andrew's. When it gets hot, there is a lovely cool building to go in and enjoy great refreshments. As well as refreshments there are plenty of seats to sit on and chat to old and new friends. Of course, there is always the added bonus of the fact that we raised over £3000 to help maintain this lovely Church.

**Thank you one and all for making a great village fete so successful.**

On the Sunday after the Fete, we had that loud and scary storm! The rainwater poured into the Church and flooded down most of the aisles, but thankfully no real damage was done. It just required mopping up and sweeping out. Our thanks go to a passing Italian who spent quite some time sweeping water out of the porch. He told me that he had been unable to help his family and friends when there were floods in Italy a little while ago and this was his way of helping us instead.

Fortunately, the Church was back to normal in time for the Funeral on Tuesday and the Baptism of Jane's grandson on the following Sunday. There was also a Wedding on Saturday, 24th June, our first one this year. Our next event in Church is the **Free Concert by Hagbourne Community Choir** Sunday 2nd July 2023 from 4pm to 5pm Doors open at 3.30pm for Tea and Cakes!

This will be swiftly followed by **Summer Teas** starting Sunday 16th July from 3pm - 5pm organised by Shirley Goss. So as you can see, Jane and I are kept quite busy but we always manage to get lots of help as well from you all.

*Jane and Jill*

**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.**

**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 Benefice Centre, 01235 850267.

<b>St Andrew's ROTAS for JULY/AUGUST 2023</b>					<b>General Notes</b>
<b>Year A</b>	<b>2nd July Trinity 4</b>	<b>16th July Trinity 6</b>	<b>6th August Transfiguration</b>	<b>20th August Trinity 11</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	Genesis 22, 1-14 Margaret Antcliff  Romans 6 12 to end Helen Clayson	Genesis 25, 19 to end Jeff Powell  Romans 8 1-11 Justine Shepperson	Daniel 7, 9-10, 13-14 Andrew Kaye  2 Peter 1 16-19 Margaret Antcliff	Genesis 45, 1-15 Jenny Smith  Romans 11, 1-2a, 29-32 Jenny Loder	<p><i>Thank you to all those who have provided the rota information for these two months.</i></p> <p><i>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota.</i></p> <p><i>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</i></p> <p><b>Watch out for the PET SERVICE coming in September.</b></p>
<b>Intercessions</b>	Celebrant	Celebrant	Graham Goy	Celebrant	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Trevor Goss Myra Hardiman	Jackie Mackenzie Jane Blond	Chris Price Wendy Price	Robin Harries Sally Duncan	
<b>Coffee</b>	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	Jill Garlick Janet Corderoy	Marian Powell Mary Goy	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Ellen Bollick	Frances Belcher Helen Stutley	Jenny Smith Myra Hardiman	Jill Garlick Sylvia Maynard	
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	Marian Powell	Alison Davis	Sally Duncan	Joy Napper	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	Myra Hardiman	Shirley Goss	Jenny Smith	Frances Belcher	

# The East Hagbourne Scarecrows 2005-2023



**Thank you to everyone who has entered the Scarecrow Trail over the years from 2005 when Liz and Rob Rendell typed and printed the maps and donated the cup.** There are many people to thank – Linda Benton who drew the map and has updated it when necessary. The Powells for the straw. The Rector and Churchwardens for permitting us to use St Andrew's Church to provide teas. . Janet Corderoy who from 2006 until 2019 printed the maps, to the parish magazine for including the entry form and publicising the event. The Community Shop and the Fleur-de-Lys for selling maps. The Benefice Centre who printed the maps since 2021. My apologies to anyone else I have omitted to mention.

This is a team effort by the Action Group which has also evolved through time with people leaving and others joining. You have all helped to raise funds for The Friends of St Anne's Hospital in Liuli, Tanzania providing among other things materials for installing basic plumbing for washing and toilets, help for staff training and other basics. The Trail gives pleasure to children and adults, it is lovely to hear children's voices as they hunt and decide which is their favourite. In 2019 the Action Group introduced a special cup to award to the Fieldsiders for their wonderful Wizard of Oz contribution - all the residents making scarecrows to tell the story. The Wright Family have made a scarecrow every time, Mary Napper and Linda Benton have only missed once in the thirteen years.



I have enjoyed meeting all you participants with your imaginative, and creative entries and always glad when new people join in. Winners have come from New Road, Fieldside and beyond the Church building. This year a new entrant from Harwood Road came third. The very first winners in 2005 were The Allen Family with Major Scare and this year The Wratten Family with **A Close Shave Gromit** was voted the favourite scarecrow. Second place in the voting was **Andy's Toys** by the Brewer Family and in third place was **Paddington** by Sharon Chewings. We are pleased to announce that this year just over £800 was achieved.

**Thank you everyone for taking part,** Mary Harrison.



## Summer Teas at St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne



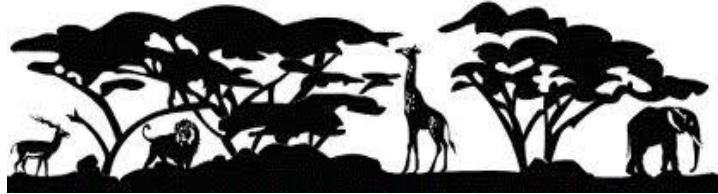
**There will be teas served at St Andrew's Church on Sunday afternoons during the Summer from Sunday 16th July until Sunday 3rd September.**



Come along between 3pm and 5pm and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious cake and enjoy good company. A good stop for a rest on Sunday afternoon walks.

**Please see page 11 for information on how to host one of the teas. Last year the teas were run by various groups in the Church and Village and were very popular.**





# East Hagbourne Safari Supper

## Saturday, 23rd September 2023

The 5th Safari Supper is in aid of Friends of St Andrew's and Mission10forty, a Humanitarian Aid charity (<https://mission10forty.org/en/hjaelp-i-ukraine/>). If you haven't replied as yet due to uncertainty or lack of information, please read on. The price of the 3-course dinner including pre-dinner drinks and coffee and mints is £25 per person. Here is our proposed itinerary for the evening:

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

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

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

	Discount to total cost	ie. Cost for single host	ie. Cost for couple hosting
Canapés	£5	£20	£45
Main Course	£10	£15	£40
Dessert Course	£8	£17	£42

**What do I do next? Fill in the slip below with your payment and return by Friday 31st July to either:**

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

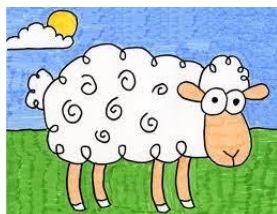
Payment details: BACS: Account: Hagbourne Action Group, No. 77940362, Sort Code 30-98-97, Reference: Surname  
 Cheque to: 'Hagbourne Action Group' and returned with your slip.



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

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

# HAMS – Welcome to the new steering group



Good morning Elsie, I didn't see you at the recent HAMS AGM, where were you?

Hello there Enid, I couldn't go because my cousin brought over her youngest lamb to see us for the first time. She was very lively, a real handful but very cuddly. They're so adorable at that age.



I suppose that's a good reason, but you missed a very enjoyable evening. The AGM was quite short, and thankfully we weren't bored with lots of financial figures that no-one ever remembers!

Did anything else happen, Enid?

Soozy Smith resigned from the steering group to pursue her other interests in art and was thanked for her contributions in the past. She said, in true Terminator style, "I'll be back", and then the new steering group was elected, consisting of the remaining group members who are joined by Lesley Woodward.

I did hear that the hall was transformed into a movie theatre and the video of Babe was projected onto an enormous screen which covered the stage.

It was fantastic, the close-ups of the actions really showed the drama, love, and tenderness of many of the scenes. The cast of course had spent most of the performances offstage, so they were seeing themselves for the first time. It was a great evening, Elsie.

I'm beginning to wish I could have been there, Enid.

You should get a copy of the DVD or a Blu-ray, then you would see what I mean. Telephone 01235 815 943 or send an email to: [proctor1a@aol.com](mailto:proctor1a@aol.com) to find out the details.

I'll do that, Enid; I must dash, bye for now.

Goodbye Elsie, I expect we'll hear after the Summer break what HAMS have in mind for next year.

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



**Back by popular demand!**

**FLOWER DEMONSTRATION BY ANNA STEVEN**, who is a Denman College tutor with 25 years' experience as well as a guide and gallery lecturer at the Ashmolean Museum!

**St Michael's Church Blewbury, Saturday 8th July 2023**

Tea/coffee from 10.30am. Demonstration 11-12 noon **Theme:** Simple and sustainable flower arranging. **Q and A, raffle, and sale.** £10 donation to cover cost of refreshments, flowers, and demonstration.

**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](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)  
Anthony 01235 511920 [aannanjoness@gmail.com](mailto:aannanjoness@gmail.com)

## Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group

**The Baby and Toddler Group meets in St Andrew's Church on Fridays in term-time from 9.45 to 11.15am.** For children from birth to 5 years with their parent/grandparent/carer. £2.00 per family session – includes a healthy snack for children and hot drinks for adults. The group is a long-established friendly parent run group. We have a variety of toys including ride-ons, slide, dolls, toy cars, Duplo, baby toys, mats and bouncers. On occasions a craft activity is also offered. Our current children really enjoy their weekly play together (for some it is their only interaction with other children) and they look forward to Friday mornings and meeting their friends.

**Please contact: [hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com](mailto:hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com)**

## Wednesday Church Garden Party

**St Peter's, Newlands Avenue, Wednesday, 5th July, 10am - 12 noon.**

**We are praying for plenty of sunshine on Wednesday, 5th July, when we shall be meeting at St Peter's, Newlands Avenue, in Didcot, for our Wednesday Church Summer Garden Party in the garden behind St Peter's.** If it does rain, we can go into the Church! Our team includes people from most of the Churches in Didcot, Baptists, Methodists, King's Church, C of E and so on. Wednesday Church provides a place for adults with special needs to meet and worship together. The Garden Party is very like a fete with a variety of stalls and activities. The Hagbourne Bellringers are lending us their Hook-a-Duck kit and St Peter's will lend us their tombola board. Rosie is bringing a Candy Floss machine, which will be fun. There will be a Hoop-la and all sorts of other activities with simple prizes to be won. We ask people to contribute 50p each when they arrive but after that everything is free. The team in the kitchen will provide refreshments. As usual, we shall have a short service at about 11 o'clock, with a Bible story, and songs and prayers. It is usually a very happy occasion. If you would like to come along and join us, between 10am and 12 noon, you would be most welcome. Have you ever made a candy floss before? Well, then, come along and have a go! Jenny Loder

## 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 2nd July. ALL WELCOME.**



**Westminster Abbey Bellringers** will be ringing a full peal on Blewbury Bells on **Saturday, 1st July.** This is to celebrate the conclusion of the new window in St Michael's Church. The peal will commence from 1pm and finish around 4pm. These are the most accomplished ringers in the UK so it will be special to hear. Everyone welcome to join the celebrations at 4pm at St Michael's when there will be an opportunity to meet our new Curate, The Revd Mark Rhodes-Smith. There will be a blessing of the peal board followed by tea for all involved. Please let Elaine at the Benefice Centre, 850267 know if you will be attending to help with the catering.

## 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](mailto:office@didcotbaptist.org.uk)**

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages.

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

# THE VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

...with cream teas!

**Sunday 10th September 2023**

**Hagbourne Village Hall 2pm**



**FLOWERS, POT PLANTS,  
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS,  
FRUIT & VEGETABLES, CRAFT PROJECTS,  
BAKING, CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES (up to age 16):  
Vegetable Animal, Garden on a Plate**

(Full details available soon from the Shop, [easthagbourne.net](http://easthagbourne.net),  
and the Hagbourne Produce Show Facebook page)

**ENTRY:** Entrants must be resident in the Hagbournes, children (& their families)  
attending Hagbourne School, members of Hagbourne Garden Club,  
anyone who gardens an allotment in the Hagbourne Parish.

Staging from 9-11am. Show open 2pm-4pm. Tea & cream teas (cards or cash). Raffle.

Free entry. Entry forms will be available to download from our facebook page, from the  
East Hagbourne website and on the day.



<https://www.facebook.com/hagbourneproduceshow>

**With grateful thanks to our sponsors:  
THE FLEUR DE LYS and THE VILLAGE SHOP**



**Summer Teas at St Andrew's** There will be teas served at St Andrew's church on **Sunday afternoons** during the summer from **Sunday 16th July until Sunday 3rd September**, inclusive, from **3:00 – 5:00**. Last year the teas were run by various groups in the church and the village to raise funds for their projects. This year we are hoping that once again groups in church and the village may like to run one of the teas during the summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the church or you can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com) I can provide an information sheet re running the teas and all you have to provide is the milk and cakes. You could use this opportunity to advertise your group or to sell produce and the money made can be retained by your group. We would just ask for a small donation for the use of the church and the tea, coffee and sugar. These were very popular in the past so we hope you will support us again this year. Shirley Goss.



# East Hagbourne Community Shop

**Find us on the East Hagbourne village website:  
[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)**

For 20 years, the East Hagbourne Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new Committee members and Volunteers to keep the Shop going!

**To learn how you can help in 1 or 2 hours a month:** email Alice at [alice.w.smith@gmail.com](mailto:alice.w.smith@gmail.com) or [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com), or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

## **THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We shared details about the Shops current sales figures (back to pre-pandemic levels) and financial standing (currently tracking a small loss reflecting escalating inflationary pressures); met some new neighbours and chatted with both longtime and new volunteers about ideas for improving and promoting the Shop. Our warmest thanks go to Mark Granger for his creativity, energy and diligence throughout his years of service to the Shop community.

## **\*\* NEW SUMMER HOURS\*\***

**PO Hours: Mon to Sat 9am – 12:30pm + Monday afternoon 1:15pm to 4:45pm**

**Shop Hours: Monday 9am – 5pm; Tues to Fri: 9am – 4pm; Saturday: 9am – 12:30pm**



**SWEET SUMMERTIME!** Keep your cool with Magnums, Cornettos and other frozen treats, a cold drink, or classic pick-and-mix sweets. Weekly homemade cakes on Thursdays make any day a celebration! What's for dinner? Choose from our high-quality frozen fish, pies or pizza to keep it easy-breezy. We also stock milk, local eggs, local honey and marmalade, a range of household essentials. Check out our selection of locally authored and gently used books to while away a lazy summer's day.

**Shop Hours: Mon 9am–5pm; Tues to Fri 9am–4pm; Sat 9am-12.30**



## **MARCOPOLO BAKERY DELIVERY EACH SATURDAY 9am – 12:30pm**

**Pre-order your Marcopolo artisan breads, savouries or pastries by 4pm each**

**Wednesday** in the Shop or by email to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) for pick-up the following Saturday. Consult the product list in Shop or view the updated 2023 file online at [easthagbourne.net](http://easthagbourne.net). Or: take your chances, and make your choice in the Shop on Saturday.

**EXTRA VEG?** If your allotment or garden is overflowing, please consider donating your excess to the Shop, where we sell this high-quality, low impact produce for a modest sum, helping to reduce waste and to defray operating costs.



## East Hagbourne Community Shop Celebrating 20 Years

**As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, we've collected stories from past and present volunteers and the wider community about what Shop means to them, and why keeping the Shop going is important to all of us.** East Hagbourne Community Shop is entirely run by volunteers – and we need your help if we are going to survive! If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in just an hour or two each month, email Alice at [alice.w.smith@gmail.com](mailto:alice.w.smith@gmail.com) or stop into the Shop for a chat!

### **From Eileen Mahoney, Volunteer & Operating Committee member since 2020, and back-up assistant sub-postmistress for East Hagbourne PO:**

Alex and I moved into Bishops Orchard in August 2019, and threw ourselves into demolition and renovation. By the time we paused for breath, Covid was on us, and we had barely met a soul! Relieved to find the Village Shop down the road still open, I stopped in for necessities and had a lovely chat with Alice Smith about the village and the Shop. Before I knew it, I was at the till each week covering for isolating volunteers; then picking up Shop Communications; then Steve mentioned needing some backup for himself and Margaret at the PO...it's been a journey ☺

Getting involved in a community non-profit is a wonderful way to meet others and put hard-earned skills to use for good purpose. Not everyone has much time to spare, but just an hour or two a month makes such a difference – truly, many hands make light work.

Volunteering with the Shop to help preserve the village PO, champion our local groups and help make the Shop a friendly neighbourhood hub has given me the opportunity to experience the warmth and kindness of so many people across our community. As a newcomer to the village and an American transplant to boot, it's been a way for me to put down roots in my new home.

If you're new to the area, or just interested in putting your expertise to work for the community, drop in for a chat. I'm in the Shop most Tuesday mornings, or in the PO every other Friday, looking forward to meeting you!

### **Upton Village Fete 2nd September starting at 12 noon**

The Fete, held in Upton Recreation ground, will start earlier than usual at 12noon. There will be a barbeque for your lunch and lots of tea and cakes, soft drinks, and a licensed bar. Live music, gymnasts and a dog show will keep you entertained plus a children's area, all the usual stalls and a classic car display plus some new features this year.

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

**Contacts:** Men: HUFC John Symonds 07831 714076 [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)  
Youth: DCFC Peter Blackman 07771 667271 [peter.blackman@abbott.com](mailto:peter.blackman@abbott.com)

### **Our Pavilion and Recreation Ground needs your help.**

We urgently need volunteers to keep our Pavilion at Great Mead running, to handle bookings, maintenance, safety inspections, and to act as keyholders.

We particularly need help with accounts following the retirement of our Treasurer after many years service.

If you can help in any way, please contact us via [easthagbournepavilion@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbournepavilion@gmail.com) or through the Parish Clerk.

## HUGS July/August News

### Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

**Only some like it hot** The Met Office has forecast a 5% chance that this summer will be cool and a 45% chance that it will be hot. June has already been hot, and May saw the highest sea-surface temperatures around the UK ever recorded since 1850. We know more heatwaves are possible because they're already happening. Last year's heatwave of over 40C was record-breaking for the UK. This heat is dangerous to human life (over 65s in particular) as we don't get to recover from daytime heat when the night-time temperature stays above 20C.

We've also had extremes of drought last summer and long spells of frost over a cold winter. If you love your garden, it's been a tough year. And it's been even tougher for the wildlife in our gardens and beyond. If you want a better balance of life in your garden and work for yourself, read Alys Fowler's [article](#) and consider no digging, forgetting fertiliser, listening to what your weeds tell you about your soil and make your own compost.



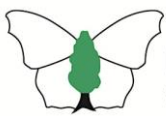
*Softer landscaping with plenty of shade.*

Having sorted out your garden, any extra help for wildlife would also be great. Leave out water for the wildlife in your garden.

And if you have nesting birds in your trees, hedges or the eaves of your house, let them be.

Avoid hedge cutting between April and September, leave any necessary tree work till autumn and delay building and DIY projects if they risk disturbing nesting birds. Continue to leave wilder areas in your garden so that insect and other life has a chance to survive too.

And as for being ready for the next heatwave, we know the UK government is woefully behind where it should be on both leading the reduction of carbon emissions and planning for climate adaptation. But we can still prepare ourselves for more extreme heat. Trees and vegetation reduce air and surface temperatures by as much as 25C. They do this via shading and evapotranspiration. So, if our houses become too hot to be in, during the next heatwaves, hopefully are gardens are full of shade and cool in comparison, because they are full of plants. If these plants are native to the UK (trees, shrubs, hedging and wildflowers) they will better support biodiversity too.



Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

**Butterfly  
Conservation**

**A Guided Walk to look for Butterflies  
in East Hagbourne - Wednesday 5th July  
with The Upper Thames Branch of Butterfly Conservation**

Join us for a trip to the **Sustrans Track at East Hagbourne**: This is a repeat of the fascinating evening walks, exploring what butterflies get up to outside normal 'transect' hours; However, Karen Saxl has now handed over the baton to a new leader. Our route follows the disused railway track which offers expansive views over the surrounding countryside and supports an interesting flora and fauna. We will amble along the track, checking wildflowers and sun traps for 'nectaring' and basking butterflies before they go to roost. *Target species*: Marbled White, Small Blue and other butterflies of the wider countryside.

**Accessibility** - level and firm surfaces. A short length of roadside bank to get to the track. Meet at the **Village Hall, 7pm**, East Hagbourne. [For full details click here.](#)

Booking would help us manage numbers: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-guided-walk-to-see-butterflies-at-east-hagbourne-tickets-569093884127>

## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Wilding v Tidiness** One of the main issues that I hear about in my surgeries and in general discussion in the village concerns the balance between wilding and tidiness. This is indeed a debate happening at national as well as local levels. Over the last couple of months the Parish Council has had many letters supporting a wide range of opinions on this.

On the one hand, there is the campaign to support biodiversity through encouraging growth of wild flowers to encourage and support the animal population of East Hagbourne, particularly insects such as bees. One aspect of this has been the recent "No mow May initiative". There is a regular article in the Parish Magazine by HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability) that addresses these issues.

On the other hand, there are those who feel that this leads to a very untidy village and recall the days of the best kept village competition and our appearance in the finals of England in Bloom in 2009. They feel that wilding makes the village very untidy and can sometimes block footpaths and compromise safety. It would be ideal if we could accommodate the interests of all residents through a well-managed approach to achieving a balance between wilding and tidiness.

At its meeting on Thursday 22nd June, the Parish Council decided to try to move forward to achieve this balance. It was felt important to establish clearly what the current situation is and what is the role of the Parish Council in this. Thus, a detailed map of the village will be circulated to all households where the responsibilities for the upkeep of public areas in the village will be clearly defined. This will include current grass-cutting regimes for verges and public spaces. There will also be a short survey to help plan an open meeting on this topic that is tentatively scheduled for 8th September.

**Housing development by the Village Hall** Thames Water did not connect the mains water supply during the school midterm but have extended their current supply to the site through a temporary holding tank to enable the first residents to arrive starting from mid-July. Thames Water plan to install the full system in August during the school holidays since the work will involve traffic light control and perhaps some road closure.

**Communications** Some councillors use their personal email addresses for parish council business while others have set up a separate account for this. The local association of parish councils (OALC) recommend having separate and identifiable accounts for this and so the parish council at the June meeting decided to set up addresses of the form: name.surname@easthagbourne.net. These will be broadcast fully when it has been implemented.

The parish clerk sometimes sends a broadcast on the village Facebook pages. Since there are many villagers who do not use Facebook, these broadcasts are also sent by email to an address list held in the mailchimp system. If you wish to be so notified, an easy to complete form is available on the village web site or by going directly to <https://mailchi.mp/9791c642ed24/ehpc>. Please note that your email will not be shared with any other people or used for purposes other than sending communications from the Parish Council. Normally, you should expect no more than about one message each week.

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





**CONTACT DETAILS:**

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd  
Telephone: 07891 551 851

Email: [easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)



**VEGETATION AND FOOTPATHS**

Grass cutting and verges are a current issue on the Parish Council's priority list, with planned public consultation on the matter in the coming months. The village is lush and green after the recent sunshine and showers and concerns over accessibility throughout the village have been raised. The recent cut of the verges through the village has hopefully alleviated some of these concerns.

However, residents do have a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' is not obstructed by vegetation from their property, so please ensure you trim or tie back planting on your property boundaries regularly, particularly if they are alongside a public footpath. Thank you in advance for keeping the village both beautiful and safely accessible to as many people as possible.



**RECREATION GROUND – DESIGNATED TRIAL AREAS OF LONGER GRASS**

There are currently two designated areas along the western boundary of the recreation ground that have been left uncut, to ascertain whether they could be more biodiverse in the future without impacting the recreational use of the site. The intention is to cut these again in late summer. There are notices on site to make recreation ground visitors aware of the trial. Please email the clerk if you have any feedback.



**CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – Friday 14th July**

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



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

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

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

**Hagbourne Charities** – [hagbourne.charities@gmail.com](mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com) or 07572 401769

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

[hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com](mailto:hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com)

**Coronavirus Community Support Group** - [easthagbourneccovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneccovid19@gmail.com) or 07568 395228



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

**Outside the Village Shop** at 114 New Road

**Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)

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

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



**USEFUL INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

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

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

*Planning applications received since the last newsletter:*

**P23/S0821/HH** 38 New Road, East Hagbourne - New access and driveway

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

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

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at [www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)

## Our Local Bus Service – route 94

## Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Notes	Sch	94	94	94	94	Hol	Sch	94	94
Bus Number	94S					94	94S		
Didcot, St Birinus School							1530		
Didcot Girls' School							1538		
Didcot, Parkway Station, R4 ⇌		0838	1010	1140	1340	1510	1545	1710	1830
Didcot, Orchard Centre		0842	1014	1144	1344	1514	1549	1714	1834
Didcot, Sandringham Road		0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1553	1719	1838
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0730	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1556	1722	1841
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	0736	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1602	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0738	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1603	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	0741	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1605	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0746	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1610	1730	1849
Upton, Village Hall	↓	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	↓	1734	1853
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	↓	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	↓	1736	1855
Chilton, Main Street	↓	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	↓	1742	1901
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	↓	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	↓	1748	
Aston Upton, The Chequers PH	0755						1619		
South Moreton, The Crown PH	0801						1625		
North Moreton	0805						1629		
Didcot, Orchard Centre	↓						1639		
Didcot, Parkway Station ⇌	↓						1643		
Didcot, St Birinus School	0816								
Didcot Girls' School	0824								

Notes:  
Sch - school days only.  
Hol - school holidays only.

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Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

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Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus			0925	1055	1225	1425		1555	1750
Chilton, Main Street	0643	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431		1601	1756
Didcot, Sandringham Road	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1553	↓	↓
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1556	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0649	0807	0937	1107	1237	1437	1603	1607	1802
Upton, Village Hall	0651	0809	0939	1109	1239	1439	1605	1609	1804
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0657	0816	0944	1114	1244	1444	1610	1614	1809
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	0823	0951	1121	1251	1451	↓	1621	1816
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	0826	0954	1124	1254	1454	↓	1624	1819
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	0831	0959	1129	1259	1459	1639	1629	1824
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0716	0835	1003	1133	1303	1503	1643	1633	1828

Notes:  
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### Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Didcot Parkway Station, R4 ⇌	0840	1010	1140	1340	1510	1710
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	1733
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
Chilton, Main Street	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	1741
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Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	0925	1055	1225	1425	1555	
Chilton, Main Street	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0813	0944	1114	1244	1444	1614
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0820	0951	1121	1251	1451	1621
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0823	0954	1124	1254	1454	1624
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0828	0959	1129	1259	1459	1629
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0832	1003	1133	1303	1503	1633

## 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: <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/X32>

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

We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 [hjgarlick@gmail.com](mailto:hjgarlick@gmail.com)

and Shirley Goss – 815608 [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com)



## SEPTEMBER 2023 - PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the September 2023 parish magazine, by  
**Saturday, 19th August to magtemp5@gmail.com**  
Thank you, Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

### ADVERTISEMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2023

#### Brass Band

**BLEWBURY BRASS BAND** Rehearsals are held in the Band Room, Bohams Road, Blewbury, 7.30 - 9pm every Wednesday. All ages/levels welcome. Instruments supplied. Very friendly group. **Band Room available for Hire** £8 per hour (min.2hrs). Large practice room. Toilet but no kitchen or storage facilities. Suit pop groups, theatrical rehearsals, group meetings, etc. **Enquiries - secretary@blewburybrassband.org**

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