

St Andrew's Hagbourne

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Community Choir Concert – Sunday 7th July
West Hagbourne Garden Open Day – Sunday 14th July
Sunday Summer Teas at St Andrew's from 21st July
Hagbourne Church Fete – Saturday 27th July
Hagbourne Produce Show – 8th September
Full details of all events in the magazine

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

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www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Monday	8pm online Compline
2 Tuesday	8pm online Compline
3 Wednesday <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	
10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
4 Thursday	8pm online Compline
5 Friday	8pm online Compline
6 Saturday	

7 +Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 and Baptism: St Andrew's H
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 12.30am Baptism: St John the Baptist SM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H
 7pm Youth Group: Benefice Office



*Those recently
Baptised and
Baptism visitors.*

8 Monday	8pm online Compline
9 Tuesday	8pm online Compline
10 Weds	8pm online Compline
11 Thursday	8pm online Compline
12 Friday	8pm online Compline
13 Saturday	

14 +Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 12.30pm Baptism: St Andrew's H
 2.30pm Baptism: St Andrew's H
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Youth group and
teenagers.*

15 Monday	8pm online Compline
16 Tuesday	8pm online Compline
17 Weds	8pm online Compline
18 Thursday	8pm online Compline
19 Friday	8pm online Compline
20 Saturday	

21 +Sunday EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am All Age Service for Festival of Science: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 3-5pm Start of Summer Teas: St Andrew's H
 3pm Environment Event: St Mary's U
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Our worship,
musicians,
organists and
choirs.*

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton
together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections

The Churn Festival of Science

Have you ever wondered about the relationship between Science and Religion? Is it possible to be both a committed Scientist and a faithful Christian? Is there a conflict between Religion and Science?

Well, the short answer to this last question is that there is no necessary conflict between Science and Religion.

Personally, I am committed to celebrating and developing the links between Science and the Church. As far as I am concerned, Science and Religion both have the potential to give glory to God – I say “potential”, because there is such a thing as Bad Science, just as there is such a thing as Bad Religion.

Later in July, we are putting on a local festival to celebrate Science and Religion. There are events for all the family, and to ensure that the events are as widely accessible as possible, all the events are free! No prior Scientific knowledge is required.

The festival starts on Sunday 21st July, with an All Age Celebration of Science Service at St Andrew's East Hagbourne at 10.30am. Our Curate, the Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith, will give a talk about his life as a Christian and as a Scientist, and there will be an opportunity to ask Mark questions. At 3pm in the afternoon on the same day, there will be family friendly event at St Mary's Upton, focusing on an environmental theme. This event will be looking at the plants and animals to be found in St Mary's churchyard. And at 6pm on the same day, the informal evening service at St Andrew's East Hagbourne will include a short talk given by myself on the history of the relationship between Science and Religion down the centuries, and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

As well as these two special Services at St Andrew's and the environmental activity in Upton Churchyard, there will be family-friendly Science activities during the day on Wednesday 24th July, Thursday, 25th July and Friday 26th July. The timing and location of these family-friendly Science activities will confirmed nearer the day - check our website for details. By describing them as family-friendly, let me assure you don't have to be part of a family group to come along. You will be very welcome just to come along by yourself, although children under 18 need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. You may wonder what we will be getting up to in these Science activities. Basically, we will do some fun experiments to test various scientific theories, and then talking about the results afterwards. There will be light refreshments. As mentioned before, there is no charge for these activities, although any donations towards expenses will be welcomed.

As well as Service and activities, we will be offering daily prayers for all Scientists, especially those who work in our local area.

Why are we holding this Festival of Science? It's because Science is one of the greatest of God's gifts to the human race, and we need to celebrate this gift and show our appreciation for all that Scientists do. I do hope you will be able to join us in our celebrations – it will be lovely to see you! *Father 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, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

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.

Church Calendar and Diary for July/August 2024 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:

22 Monday	<i>Mary Magdalene</i>	8pm online Compline
23 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
24 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
25 Thursday	<i>James the Apostle</i>	8pm online Compline
26 Friday		8pm online Compline
27 Saturday		

28 +Sunday NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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



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

29 Monday		8pm online Compline
30 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
31 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR AUGUST 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Thursday		8pm online Compline
2 Friday		8pm online Compline
3 Saturday		

4 +Sunday TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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



*Churchwardens,
fabric and
churchyards,
Church cleaners.*

5 Monday		8pm online Compline
6 Tuesday	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	8pm online Compline
7 Weds	10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
8 Thursday		8pm online Compline
9 Friday		8pm online Compline
10 Saturday		

11 +Sunday ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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



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

12 Monday		8pm online Compline
13 Tuesday		8pm online Compline

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Church Calendar and Diary for August 2024 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:

14 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
15 Thursday	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
16 Friday		8pm online Compline
17 Saturday		

18 +Sunday TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Type of Service *TBC: St Michael's B
10.30am Type of Service *TBC: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 – 5pm Summer Teas: St Andrew's H
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



PCC's all in leadership and our Operations Manager.

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

25 +Sunday THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Type of Service *TBC: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 – 5 Summer Teas: St Andrew's H
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Clergy and all who preach or lead.

26 Monday		8pm online Compline
27 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
28 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
29 Thursday		8pm online Compline
30 Friday		8pm online Compline
31 Saturday		

**TBC Type of Service to be confirmed.*

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

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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

Online Compline This is a short time of Evening Prayer online every weekday at 8pm – time to wind down from the day and relax. Join using the details from **www.churnchurches.co.uk**
If you go to What's On and click on Services you will find the online Compline details to log on.



Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 7th August 12 noon - 2pm

We meet in the garden of the Chantler family in Blewbury.
We welcome all babies and pre-school children with siblings,
parents, grandparents or carers.

Please bring a teddy bear, picnic and a rug to sit on. Soft drinks and ice-creams will be provided.
We'll hope to be outside but will find some shelter if its wet! Hosted by members of The Churn
Mothers' Union. For directions please contact Benefice Office on 850267

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! This Service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship. The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up.

Every Sunday at 10.30am using this link:

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

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

Thank You to everyone involved in the recent **Flower Festival** at St Andrew's – the Church looked beautiful, and the Festival added to the Open Gardens Event. The afternoon teas were very popular on both days. Thank you to everyone for their great efforts.

OxTrail Look out for Oxford's first sculpture trail in aid of Sobell House Hospice which runs from **6th July** for 8 weeks. Over 30 uniquely painted life-size Oxen in Oxford with mini herds throughout Oxfordshire. Sobell House charity shops will have displays in their windows.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Morwyn Green who died peacefully at the Meadows Care Home on 27th June, age 95.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Yvonne Townsend who has died recently at the age of 95. Yvonne and her late husband John lived for many years in East Hagbourne. Yvonne's Funeral Service took place at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford, on 26th June.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Max Biddell who has died recently at the age of 23. Max's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on Friday 28th of June.

Recent and upcoming Baptisms

2nd June **Beatrice Primrose Gunning** was baptised at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.

23rd June **Theodore Francis Johnson** was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

7th July **Jemma Alice Drewe** will be baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

14th, July **Archer-Ray Davis** will be baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

14th July **Alfred John Radford Howell** will be baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

Wedding

14th June **Guy Barkley-Smith** and **Jackie Maguire** were married at St Michael's, Blewbury.

Funerals

13th June at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Mary Allen** aged 97

28th June at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Max Biddell** aged 23

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



The East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail 2024

Thank you to everybody who entered the Scarecrow Trail this year and to everyone who contributed in some way and helped raise £675 for charity.



The overall winner was '**A Palace Guest**', hosted by the Sheppards of Blewbury Road. This Paddington scarecrow was the overwhelming favourite of all our voters. The winner of the Action Group award, and in second place, was **Mr Bean**, hosted by the Savage family of St Andrew's Crescent. Third place went to Elmo, hosted by the Lloyd family of The Croft.

Congratulations to them all.



There are many people to thank including The Community Shop and the Fleur de Lys for selling the maps, Linda Benton for providing the updated map, Joy Napper for her help with the advertising in The Parish Magazine, The Powell's Farm for the straw and the Rector and Churchwardens for permitting us to use the Church to provide teas. Also, a big thank you to the Action Group for all their support and practical help throughout including organising and running the Sunday teas and to Marian, Jane and Cathy for doing the teas on the final Saturday.

£337.50 has been sent to each of this year's chosen charities:

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue who do fantastic work in rescuing, caring and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned wild animals throughout Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

WaterAid, an international charity that helps transform lives around the world by helping with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. Thank you everyone for taking part. Chris & Sacha Powell



Free Concert by Hagbourne Community Choir

Sunday, 7th July 2024 4pm to 5pm
St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne
Doors Open: 3:30pm for Tea and Cakes!

The Programme will include a selection of songs and medleys from: Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys, Greatest Showman (A Million Dreams), You Raise Me Up, Best of Neil Diamond, Let the Rivers Run, Something Inside So Strong, Annie's Song, Wide Open Spaces, Angels.

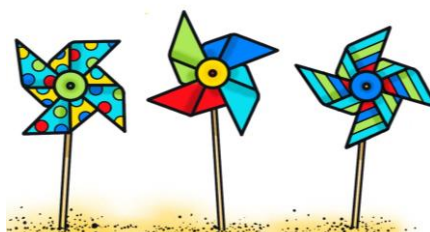
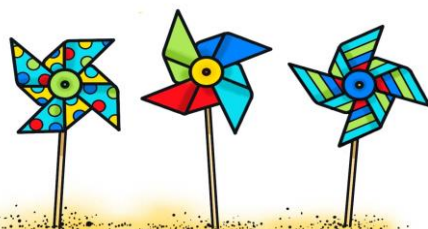
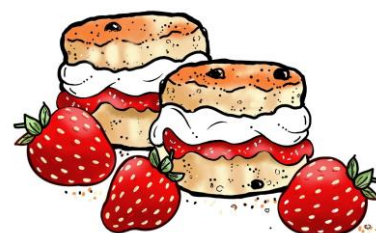
Donations for Tea and Cakes would be appreciated to support ongoing work at St Andrew's Church

HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 27th July 2024

St Andrew's Church

1pm – 4pm



Help Needed at the Fete If you feel you can help in any way, please let me know.

Lynne Carter would welcome lots of bottles for the bottle stall. They can be all sorts of sizes and shapes. Is there anyone who could organise a burger or hot dog stall? I am hoping that the lovely people who make and sell cakes for us are able to do so again this year. Treasures, hoopla prizes, tombola prizes, books, toys, plants all needed by the stallholders. Please see Jenny's item on page 10 regarding plants for the Fete. If you have items to contribute, please could you leave them in the back of the Church. Looking forward to hearing from you, Jill Garlick.



Tower Talk We held a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 4th June in the tower, the meeting was well attended. On Thursday 6th June a group of nine ringers rang the Bells for Peace at 6:30 in St Andrew's Tower. This was part of the D-day commemorations and all towers in the country had been asked to ring the bells on this day at about 6:30 in the evening.

The Branch Outing and BBQ takes place on **Saturday 6th 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

On **Sunday 7th July** we hope to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate Revd Dr Mark's first Communion Service as a fully ordained minister. This will be rung for the Morning Service and therefore will start at about 09:30.

The **Hagbourne Church Fete** is on **Saturday 27th July** in and around the Church. We are going to open the tower again this year so if you would like to see the bells please come along. Daniel, Jeff and others will be happy to explain about the bells and you will be able to see the actual bells in their frame. This is not possible in many towers, but we are lucky at St Andrew's because you can see them and get up close. This is safe if you follow instructions, and the team will NOT be ringing at the time.

The ringers are hosting one of the Summer Teas in the church on **18th August** so if you miss the tower being open at the fete come along to the teas where I am sure there will be a display for you to look at.

Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 18th July - John Napper, 20th August - Julie Culley

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

A mixed picture for butterflies 2023 saw stellar increases for some butterfly species and worrying declines in others, according to the recent report from the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (1).

Best year since 1976: 2023 was the best year for Chequered Skipper, Brimstone, Large Blue and especially the Red Admiral who now overwinters in the UK as our climate has become warmer.



RED ADMIRAL



SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Worst year on record: 2023 saw the lowest numbers for 48 years for the Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary and Small Tortoiseshell.

Why? Butterflies are useful environmental indicators, reflecting habitat and climate change. Change in habitats due to intensification of farming, changes in forestry, urban development, pollution and climate - all impact butterflies and other wildlife.

What we can do to help: plant flowering plants: Scabious, Verbena bonariensis, Alliums and Lavender to provide butterfly feasts; leave long grass patches, nettles, brambles, logs and leaves as shelter for butterfly

caterpillars. Maybe you saw Chris Packham's dream come true on the One Show on 18th June (2) when he saw the conservation success of the amazing Large Blue?!

And don't forget to take part in this year's **Big Butterfly Count (3) on Friday 12th July – Sunday 4th August**. Insects make up over 50% of species of terrestrial wildlife - we need to monitor them to measure the overall state of biodiversity.

1. [UK's Butterfly Winners and Losers of 2023 Revealed | Butterfly Conservation \(butterfly-conservation.org\)](https://www.butterfly-conservation.org/)
2. [BBC iPlayer - The One Show - 18/06/2024](https://www.bbc.com/iplayer/episode/20240618-the-one-show)
3. [Big Butterfly Count \(butterfly-conservation.org\)](https://www.butterfly-conservation.org/)



Plant Sale at the Fete on Saturday 27th July

Now is the time to dig up, divide and otherwise pot up plants for the stall at the Fete. Last minute is no good as they need to be established in the pot. Please name them, (if you haven't plant labels, staple the name on paper to a leaf. Use biro which is waterproof). You can bring them to Jenny Smith at her home (5 Higgs Close) before the event or to the Church on the day. **This is a popular stall so please help!**

Science Festival Sunday, 21st July – St Andrew's & St Mary's

The Festival starts with an **All Age Celebration of Science Service at St Andrew's at 10.30am**. Our Curate, the Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith, will give a talk about his life as a Christian and as a Scientist, and there will be an opportunity to ask Mark questions. **At 3pm in the afternoon** there will be a family friendly event at **St Mary's Upton**, focusing on an environmental theme, looking at plants and animals to be found in St Mary's churchyard. And at **6pm on the same day**, the informal evening service at **St Andrew's** will include a short talk by the Revd Jason on the history of the relationship between Science and Religion down the centuries, and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

CYGnets Youth Group A regular Sunday evening group in the Benefice Centre,

Blewbury, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month from 7-8.30pm, but this does vary depending on the activity. The Group is for all young people of secondary school age. Do let us know if you intend to come. For details email Elaine or Father Jason via the Benefice Office (office@churnchurches.co.uk) **Next Meeting will be on Sunday, 7th July, 7pm.**

Blewbury Brass Band needs your help and you don't need to play an

instrument!! Do you have a head for figures? We are currently looking for a band treasurer, if you have experience in book-keeping or accounts and would like to help our village band, please contact secretary@blewburybrassband.org

HAMS ... Stop press Did you forget to order a DVD or Blu ray copy of the HAMSFEST video? Ring 01235 815 943 by Saturday 6th July. Want to plan for the next production? The dress rehearsal will be on 22/23rd March 2025, followed by performances on Wednesday 26th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th March. Put the dates in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.

www.thehams.co.uk

email: info@thehams.co.uk

ROTAS July/August	7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity	21st July 8th Sunday after Trinity Festival of Science	4th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	18th August 12th Sunday after Trinity	General Notes:
Readers	Ezekiel 2.1-5 Sally Duncan 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Daniel Dawson	Jeremiah 23. 1-6 Andrew Kaye Ephesians 2. 11-22 Doug Amos	Exodus 16. 2-4,9-15 Colin Windsor Ephesians 4.1-16 Mo Windsor	Proverbs 9. 1-6 Margaret Antcliff Ephesians 5. 15-20 Jenny Smith	PLEASE NOTE: Bucks Fizz and Refreshments will be served after the 10.30am Service on the 7th of July to celebrate Revd Dr Mark taking his first Communion Service with us at St Andrew's. <i>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota.</i> Thank you. <i>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</i> <i>Now Jenny is the only person other than the Celebrant leading the intercessions. Would anyone else like to do this? I am sure Jenny would be happy to impart some advice -along with the Clergy</i>
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Myra Hardiman Jackie Mackenzie	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
Coffee	Shirley Goss/Gillian Harries SEE NOTE OPPOSITE.	Jill Garlick Helen Clayson	Shirley Goss Jeanette Machado	Marian Powell Sally Duncan	
Church Cleaning		Wendy Price Gillian Harries	Trevor and Shirley Goss	Helen Clayson Rachel Williams	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Jackie Mackenzie	Sally Duncan	Marian Powell	Coral Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Gillian Harries	Mary Goy	Jenny Smith	Felicity Topping	



Calling local Artists and Crafters There will be an Arts and Crafts Fair at **St Andrew's Church on Saturday, 26th October.** If you would like to have a stall/display or a demonstration, please contact Linda Benton on 01235 817891 Linda.Benton@live.co.uk

Didcot Farmers' Market takes place in the Orchard Centre, Didcot on the second Saturday of the month from 8.30 to 1.30pm, the next one will be on **13th July**. The market offers a wide range of fresh produce from local farmers, growers and crafters including fresh breads and cakes, honey, preserves, meat, fruit and vegetables and also bespoke gluten-free foods.



Summer Teas at St Andrew's



There will be teas served at St Andrew's church on Sunday afternoons during the summer from Sunday 21st July until Sunday 1st September, inclusive, from 3pm – 5pm. Please come and support us, the East Hagbourne Guides and Brownies are running the first tea on 21st July. There are still a couple of teas that are free so if you or your group would like to run one the sign up sheet is at the back of the Church. **Shirley Goss**



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

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

Volunteers & New Operating Committee Members Needed! Proudly volunteer-run, East Hagbourne Community Shop was founded 20 years ago to help keep our community Post Office open, offering convenient essentials, local goodies and a welcoming neighbourhood hub. All sales contribute to supporting our community. As long-time volunteers retire, we are seeking new members for our community. **To learn how you can help in an hour or two a month**, email easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393, or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

ALL WELCOME to our Annual General Meeting 17th July, 7:30pm at the Hagbourne Village Hall Hear the latest news about the Community Shop & Post Office and have a chat with the Operating Committee about the coming year over light beverages, wine and nibbles. Have your say, share your ideas, and learn how you can help support our Post Office as a Shop customer, volunteer or Committee member, and help keep our community going and growing!

SWEET SUMMERTIME!

Keep your cool with Magnums, Minis, Cornettos and other frozen treats, a cold drink or classic pick-and-mix sweets. Pop in for takeaway coffee or tea.

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, a range of local artists' cards and household essentials.

Check out our selection of locally authored and used books to while away a lazy summer's day.



SUMMER HOURS



Post Office: Mon to Sat 9am - 12:30pm + Mon & Thurs afternoons 1pm – 4:30pm

Shop Hours: Mon & Thu 9am – 5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 12:30pm

Business or Personal Banking at the PO Your trusted East Hagbourne Post Office can conveniently handle business or personal banking needs in addition to mailing services; or take payments for council tax or utilities, top up prepaid cards or mobiles.

Heritage Bakery (FORMERLY "MARCOPOLO") delivery each Saturday

Pre-order artisan breads, savouries or pastries by 4pm each Wednesday in the Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pick-up the following Saturday. Consult the product list in Shop or view the updated file online at easthagbourne.net. Or: take your chances and make your choice in the Shop on Saturday.

Extra Veg? If your allotment or garden is overflowing, we are happy to offer your excess to our customers for a modest sum, helping to reduce waste and to defray operating costs.

SAVE THE DATE: Hagbourne Village Produce Show, Sunday 8th September

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual Village Produce show, where we'll bring along the best of our local goods plus our crowd-pleasing pick n' mix candies and donate a prize basket for the raffle. Curious potential volunteers or new customers are welcome to stop by for a chat!

Open Gardens 2024 – A Fantastic Day!

Open Gardens on 9th June was a fantastic day, following herculean amounts of work and obsessive weather watching among the gardeners at Bottom Barn, Lime Tree Cottage, The Gables, Buckels, 5 Higgs Close, Kingfisher House and Yew Tree Cottage. Gardening work in the seven gardens opening in 2024 got off to an alarming start with three named storms in January followed by months of lack of sunshine, grey skies and persistent rain, making both gardeners and plants feel unusually cold. Thankfully as the day approached, the weather warmed in time for plants to flower, roses bloomed, all the gardens looked glorious, and gardeners felt slightly more relaxed!

Traffic on the day flowed smoothly through the village thanks to Crispin's high quality, high visibility car parking volunteers, with car parking at both ends of the village, thanks to Jane Drew's kind loan of her field on Manor Farm Lane. Delicious teas and cakes were served by Marion's wonderful Fieldside tea team and by St Andrew's, against the backdrop of the glorious floral abundance of the Flower Festival. Visitors to East Hagbourne consumed impressive quantities of tea and demolished all the wonderful cakes kindly donated by the talented village cake bakers. Darren and Ruth were also on hand to welcome visitors to the Fleur, the Village Shop opened and the Village Hall kindly loaned tables and chairs. At Higgs Close, Jenny Smith's beautiful plant sale attracted large numbers of buyers and she once again raised an impressive amount for WaterAid.

In total, over £2600 was raised for the National Open Gardens Scheme – a particularly impressive amount taking into account the closure of the A34 and a cooler day than we normally expect in early June. Money raised from this event goes to support some of the best-loved nursing and health charities in the UK including Macmillan and Marie Curie. The success of Open Gardens is due to the dedication of those who opened their gardens, to all those who cheerfully joined in to help contribute to making the day work so well, to the village's enthusiasm for the event and to all the people who visited the gardens on the day. **Huge and floriferous thanks to you all.**



Photographs of the gardens kindly taken by David Thompson, Hagbourne Photo Club

'Learn, Laugh, Live!' . . . with the **Didcot and District U3a** as we all enjoy Summer 2024, with more than **30 active Interest Groups** (gardening, walking, family history, learning a new language, ukulele, etc) offering plenty of opportunity for all newly retired or semi-retired individuals wishing to keep mind and body active to come along to the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30**. Speakers will include:

Tuesday, 16th July: Music with anecdotes of life playing music on horseback! Jon Woodhouse Ex Lifeguards Musician will explain and more! **20th August:** Where The Money Went - the cost of WWI - Roy Larkin.

For further information you can 'Google' u3asites.org.uk

TABLE TENNIS at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com

Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

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

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com

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

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB is one of the most special places to play in the whole county. We have an active and growing membership and in particular, our lady players have been making great progress in local leagues and friendlies, however, more players of any level are always needed. Whatever your bowls experience; from beginner to Commonwealth Champion (and anything in between), you'll find a warm welcome and many new friends at Hagbourne Bowls Club. For more info please contact our Ladies Captain, Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or sandybudd@sky.com

Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT) The Ladies Thirsty Thursday is up and running. We meet 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. Tell your friends, neighbours and acquaintances and we look forward to seeing you at the next gatherings which will be on **Thursdays 18th July and 15th August**.

Are you a patient at Didcot Health Centre? Want to get the latest news about the practice? You're invited to the Patient Participation Group annual Patient Update and AGM on 15th July at 7.30 pm, in Didcot Civic Hall. You'll hear practice news from Dr Stainthorpe, get results and insights from the recent Patient Survey and find out what the PPG is doing on your behalf. All registered Health Centre patients are invited. Book now to reserve your place – registration and further information from dhc.info@nhs.net

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



JAZZ IN THE HAGBOURNES

The First Jazz Festival at The Fleur



Over 240 local people enjoyed the very best of jazz at the Fleur, including the local and talented Fleur Stevenson quintet, the iconic and incredible Ronnie Scott Allstars, plus the hugely entertaining Dom Pipkin and the IKOS.

The music was sensational, the sun shone, Darren, Ruth and their staff pulled out all the stops and there was a standing ovation for the Allstars, who included the Ronnie Scott Director of Music as pianist.

This is a first for the Fleur, and we hope it will become an annual event, and also lead to other jazz opportunities and events in our community.

Please watch both the village and the Fleur's social media for further news.

Remember, also, to contact me if you have any interest in playing, singing or just listening.

Peter Hands

Peter.hands3@btinternet.com

HAGBOURNE PRODUCE SHOW

8th September 2024 - Hagbourne Village Hall

Staging 9am to 11am - Opens 2pm - Free entry

Lots of categories including arts and crafts and photos.

See Facebook page for full details of categories and entry details!



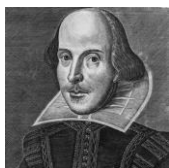
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An annual celebration of local produce open to all:
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<https://www.facebook.com/hagbourneproduceshow/>



FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS, SHAKESPEARE FANS: LEND ME YOUR EARS!

Do you love Shakespeare? Or would you like to get to know him better? Then **The Motley Crew** might be for you! We're a new local Shakespeare appreciation group that welcomes all levels of enthusiast from rookie to pro.

There's no formal membership or subscription, but there are lots of entertaining and informative events including 'Shakespeare for Beginners' sessions, talks on individual plays, group outings to Shakespeare productions, movie nights, play readings and even a verse speaking masterclass. In the autumn we're welcoming **Professor Emma Smith**, of Hertford College, Oxford, for a talk on Shakespeare's 'Romance Plays' *Pericles*, *The Winter's Tale*, *Cymbeline* and *The Tempest*. Emma is among the best-known names in contemporary Shakespeare scholarship: a world-leading authority on the First Folio, a regular guest on Melvyn Bragg's *In Our Time* on Radio 4, and the author or co-author of multiple studies of the Poet and his work, so her appearance is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for all local residents who are remotely interested in the Bard. Please email admin@themotleycrew.org.uk if you'd like to join our mailing list, and let us know if there's any particular topic or activity that interests you.

Autumn Concert at St Andrew's There will be an Autumn Concert on **12th October** at St Andrew's on the theme of "**Water**". We will be holding rehearsals before the concert on Fridays, 27th September, 4th October and 11th October. Please let us know if you would like to join the singing and if you have any ideas for content. The Church choir may sing "Somewhere over the rainbow". More details in September.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Footpaths It is great to be able to report on the completion, during the week of 17th June, of a major upgrade to footpath FP4 from Wilcher Close to the linear path past the allotments on Butts Piece. This is described in a separate article in this parish magazine. Our next target is a similar upgrade to footpath FP12 from the top of Parsonage Lane (the two streams) to Fieldside. We are mainly held up awaiting authorization to proceed from the county council but hope that work on this will be done by early autumn.

Emergency Plan Our previous Emergency Plan was from May 2018 and changes in the regional organization of such plans and the drama of the flooding in January this year made it imperative for the Parish Council to update the plan. Councillor Robin Jaboor coordinated the update and designed a new plan that meets current requirements from district and county councils. To access this plan, use the URL: <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/document-archive/> and click on the Emergency Plan entry. It is still a draft on which we would welcome comments and offers of help to provide assistance in emergency situations. This might for example, include being able to provide and use a chain saw or have vehicles that could remove road obstructions such as fallen trees.

20mph Speed limits The County Council has recently announced plans for extending 20mph limits in the village. This is a county wide scheme promoting 20mph speed limits. The proposal is to have a 20mph speed limit in Bishops Orchard, on New Road from just north of Rymans Crescent to Lower Cross and on all of Blewbury Road. The proposal is open for comments on the website https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/easthagbourne_20mph2024 only until 5th July. The survey form is, however, very simple to complete.

Housing development opposite school Deanfield still plan to complete the building and landscaping by early autumn. This includes a children's playground near to where the sales office is currently, green space where Deanfield's offices and car park are now, a levelling and tidying the area near the water pumping station, and another small green area in the middle of the site. There are 44 market houses and 30 affordable homes. For the market houses, 25 will shortly be occupied, four are under negotiation, and four not sold. The remaining 11 two-bedroom houses have been sold to Green Square Accord and will be managed as shared-ownership homes. Some of the affordable houses (22 rented and 8 shared ownership) are still being completed. These are managed by the Fairhive Homes Housing Association and are allocated through the South Oxfordshire housing register. Only eight of these are currently occupied.

Cemetery East Hagbourne Parish Council manage the new cemetery on Main Road in a joint committee with West Hagbourne Parish Council. Councillors Paul Dixon and Robin Jaboor are our representatives on this committee and our parish clerk, Laura Lloyd, is also the clerk for the cemetery committee. Thus, any enquiries on the use and maintenance of the new cemetery can be addressed to her. This includes both requests for burials or headstones and also concerns on grass cutting, flooding etc. Often the former is requested by the undertakers or the church. The older cemetery nearer the embankment is managed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and enquiries concerning this cemetery can be directed to office@churnchurches.co.uk.

Allotments The allotments on Butts Piece at the top of Harwood Road are managed by the Parish Council. Our clerk organizes the payments from allotment holders and councillor Paul Dixon is on the allotment committee and reports regularly at parish council meetings. Anybody who is interested in renting an allotment from the Parish Council should contact the clerk. There are normally a couple of plots that become available each year around the March/April timeframe. Butts Piece (including the allotments) is owned by the Hagbourne Parochial Charities that is a "Relief in Need" charity that is quite separate and independent of the parish council. Butts Piece is currently leased by this charity to the parish council until 2028.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will again be in The Fleur de Lys on Friday 26th July from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. However, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings The PC 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 18th 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



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VEGETATION, VERGES AND FOOTPATHS

After a very wet start to the year, the Parish has again seen rapid growth of both wanted and unwanted vegetation. The clerk is liaising regularly with the grass cutting contractor to ensure the cemetery, recreation ground and village areas on the agreed schedule are maintained. Residents also 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. Hollyhocks, hedges, weeds, lavender and other planting that encroaches upon the already narrow paths are of particular importance to keep in check. Thank you in advance for keeping the village both beautiful and safely accessible to as many people as possible.

Issues relating to public rights of way (overgrown paths, fallen trees, damaged bridges etc.) should be reported on the county council's Countryside Access Map

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

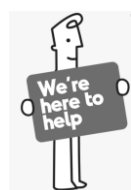
Unfortunately, rural roadside verges are the responsibility of the county council and concerns over giant hogweed, poor visibility etc. should in the first instance be reported on

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 26th JULY

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 26th July 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

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 and other nearby 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 - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



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

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road

Hagbourne Village Hall (next to the main entrance)

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

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



USEFUL INFORMATION 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: None received.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July 2024 at The Pavilion, Great Mead.

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation. Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net

FOOTPATH 4 RESURFACING AT BUTTS PIECE – PROJECT COMPLETE

The Parish Council is very pleased to confirm that the long-awaited resurfacing of Footpath 4 from Wilcher Close past the allotments and up to the linear path by Millennium Wood was completed over a 3-day period between 17th – 19th June. The project involved initially working with the County Council's Countryside Access Team to assess the path and appoint a contractor for the works. A generous grant was then secured from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), using funding from the South Oxfordshire District Council CIL Fund for up to £7,515, and the Parish Council also committed £2,000 from its existing CIL funds towards the project.

This footpath has been a cause for concern for some time, particularly during winter and the wetter months when sections of the path would become so muddy and uneven as to be unusable and unsafe for all but those in robust walking boots. The newly laid path now provides a pleasant route past the Butts Piece wooded area and will allow year-round access to Didcot and the wider footpath network from the centre of the village.

We hope all residents and visitors to the parish will enjoy this vastly improved route over the coming summer months and beyond.

Before:



After:



Completed with thanks to Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) and South Oxfordshire District Council for their generosity and to Oxfordshire County Council's Countryside Access Team for their support.



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.

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

		Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)														This journey starts at St Birinus School on school days only.	
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Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	▼	0755	0808	▼	1044	▼	1244	▼	1444	1619	▼		1854	▼			
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		No service on Sundays or Public Holidays															

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 18 for useful details on how to get to the various Oxford Hospitals via public transport.



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