

St Andrew's Hagbourne
PARISH MAGAZINE

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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 Making a Difference in the World

On the day I am writing this, the Church remembers Samuel and Henrietta Barnett. Samuel, with wife Henrietta, worked together as social reformers in late Victorian London. They worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the poor, especially in the East End. How did they do this? In lots of different ways. They established evening schools for adults. They encouraged the building of decent housing. They encouraged existing charities to co-ordinate their activities. They encouraged University students from wealthy and privileged backgrounds to come and live for a while alongside the poor, to better understand the challenges faced by the poor in their everyday lives.

Samuel died in 1913, and in his memory some friends set up Barnett House in Oxford. Barnett House is now the University of Oxford's Department of Social Policy and Intervention. The work of this Department seeks to improve social policy, social intervention and social reform. Note the word "improve". Many individuals, charities and Government departments are committed to caring for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society. But what's the best way of helping others? How can we improve the effectiveness of our interventions?

Both Samuel and Henrietta were motivated by their Christian faith. Jesus instructed his followers to love God, and to love their neighbour. This is exactly what Samuel and Henrietta did – they loved God and loved their neighbour, with all their soul and heart and mind.

I wonder how we might best support the poorest and most vulnerable in our own society? Here are a couple of suggestions. The first is something fairly simple: we could donate to our local foodbanks, or if we already donate, we could see if we could be more generous in our donations. The second suggestion is that we could try and find out more about the nature and causes of poverty in the UK, and to try and understand more about the policy issues. This is a huge and complex area, but I would recommend looking at the work of two particular charities: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and The Trussell Trust.

I wonder what Samuel and Henrietta Barnett would say to us today, as we try to tackle poverty and injustice in our own society?

Fr Jason

Online Church Services Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm. You can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check with the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week.

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email www.churnchurches.co.uk Dawn, the Office Administrator will be available via emails during her normal office hours.

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY 2020

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

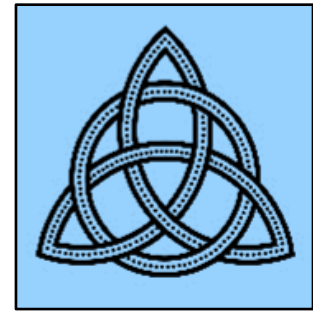
		Prayer Focus
1 Wednesday	4pm Worship with Children 8pm Compline	Little Langlands EH
2 Thursday	8pm Compline	Main Road EH
3 Friday	S. Thomas Apostle 8pm Compline	Those who doubt
4 Saturday		Manor Farm Lane EH
5 +Sunday	<u>THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Children & Sunday schools</i>
6 Monday	8pm Compline	New Road EH
7 Tuesday	8pm Compline	North Croft EH
8 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Pebble Drive EH
9 Thursday	8pm Compline	Rymans Crescent EH
10 Friday	8pm Compline	Saxons Way EH
11 Saturday	S. Benedict Abbot	Shoe Lane EH
12 +Sunday	<u>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Churchwardens, fabric & churchyards, cleaners</i>
13 Monday	8pm Compline	St Anne's Court EH
14 Tuesday	8pm Compline	St Hilda's Close EH
15 Wednesday	S. Swithun Bishop 8pm Compline	St Hugh's Rise EH
16 Thursday	S. Osmund 8pm Compline	Stonesfield EH
17 Friday	8pm Compline	The Crescent EH
18 Saturday		The Croft EH
19 +Sunday	<u>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Cygnets group & teenagers</i>
20 Monday	8pm Compline	Upper Cross Lane EH
21 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Viking Drive EH
22 Wednesday	S. Mary Magdalene 8pm Compline	Penitents
23 Thursday	8pm Compline	Wilcher Close EH
24 Friday	8pm Compline	Windsor Crescent EH
25 Saturday	S. James Apostle	Pilgrims
26 +Sunday	<u>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Our worship, musicians, organists & choirs.</i>
27 Monday	8pm Compline	Bakers Lane EH
28 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Bishop's Orchard EH
29 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Blewbury Road EH
30 Thursday	8pm Compline	Church Close EH
31 Friday	S. Ignatius of Loyola 8pm Compline	Coscote EH

Funerals in the Benefice

29th May at South Oxfordshire Crematorium	Joan Cox – Hagbourne	Aged 94
1st June at All Saints' North Moreton	Elsie Harrison	Aged 89
8th June at Oxford Crematorium	Pam Page - Blewbury	Aged 89

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE CHURCH IN OUR BENEFICE continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must remain closed for Services at present. However, St Andrew's will be open for private prayer from 1st July on Wednesdays from 10am to 12noon and on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm. Social Distancing should be observed and Stewards will be on duty.

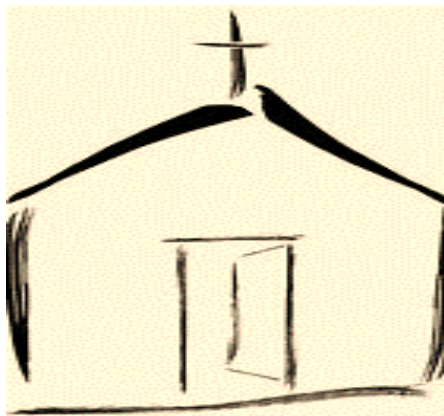


You can contact The Revds Jason, Louise and John by telephone or email. Dawn, the Benefice Administrator is working from home with full access to Benefice emails during her normal office hours.

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The Churn leaflet and Readings along with information about Benefice activities for the current week are distributed by email – please ask family, friends and neighbours to contact Dawn at: **office@churnchurches.co.uk** if they would like to receive them. For details of **online Sunday Services** and other online events please look at the website: **www.churnchurches.co.uk**

Hagbourne Church - We're unlocked!



St Andrew's Church will be open for private prayer starting Wednesday 1st July on **Wednesdays from 10am-12 noon and Saturdays from 2pm-4pm** Please observe social distancing.

Everyone welcome

Short daily reflection and prayer During weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. You can find these on the Churn website www.churnchurches.co.uk or if you would like to receive these please contact the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or email the Office office@churnchurches.co.uk



Tower Talk It does not look as though our bells will be rung again for a while yet, as, even though we have quite a good size ringing chamber, there is no way that we could ring all eight bells and follow social distancing. Everything seems to be on hold at the moment, there is no Kimber Memorial Meal at the Fleur this year and no Hagbourne Village Fete. Weddings are being put on hold or rearranged for later in the year or next year. Let's hope that things get back to some sort of normality soon or I will have forgotten how to ring! Some good news is that it is our Tower Keeper, John Napper's birthday on the 18th July so we would all like to wish him a very happy birthday and a big thank you for looking after our bells during this difficult time. Stay safe everyone and take care until we ring again. Shirley Goss

Memories of Lockdown by Jazzy Gover

Other than home-schooling for what felt quite a lot of weeks, I particularly remember preparing for my Confirmation with Revd Louise and 5 other girls via 'gotomeeting' which is an app like facetime where everyone is on a screen together. It was quite tricky at first for everyone to get used to logging in for the meetings, but I liked being at home and still being involved in the group chats. A few weeks later we had finished discussing and talking about the future and figuring out if we were ready to be confirmed. The next step was to be welcomed, but sadly we can't see people right now because of the virus. Instead, we used 'gotomeeting' and through that platform we got Welcomed by 75 households joining the Sunday Service from all their computers at home, including my grandparents in Essex. I'm also a bell ringer at St Andrew's and have missed practice on Tuesday nights, the ringing for the Sunday Service and Weddings and catching up with the other Ringers. I hope I remember what to do again when we're allowed back!
(Thank you for your memories Jazzy – The Editors)

Summer Prayer

What blessings we have living in this area of South Oxfordshire. Gardens have been looking particularly glorious and strolling along the lanes we can appreciate the beauty and richness of flowers, fruits and greenery. Confined to our homes, many have spent extra time tending plots, borders and sills. Simple attention, love and care show what can be achieved, working hand in hand with our Creator God.

Here is the final verse of Rudyard Kipling's poem,
"The Glory of the Garden".

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who
made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done
upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can
wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not
pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never
away!





East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:
www.easthagbourne.net
 and follow us on Facebook

Shop locally and safely with us!

At present the Shop and Post Office opening times are:

	Shop	Post Office (tel. 811815)
Monday	9 – 4	9 – 1
Tuesday	9 – 4	9 – 12:30
Wednesday	9 – 4	9 – 1
Thursday	9 – 4	9 – 1
Friday	9 – 4	9 – 1
Saturday	9 -12.30	9 – 12:30

These opening times may change so do keep checking the village website, the Shop Facebook page and posters in East and West Hagbourne.

Allotment and Garden Produce

After a bumper year of donations of rhubarb both to sell in the Shop and for Jean Millar to make a record number of crumbles we are looking forward to donations of fresh vegetables and fruit from the many generous gardeners in our villages who have productive gardens and allotments. We sell this low-food-mile produce for Shop funds and the extra income helps keep our Shop thriving. Please bring along any produce you can spare and give it to the volunteer on duty. ***Thank you to all donors – we really appreciate your support!***

Flour and Yeast

We have a good supply of plain and self-raising flour as well as dried yeast, and occasional stocks of strong wheat and wholemeal flour. Why not pick up our **free** recipes for soda bread using plain flour and beer bread (great for BBQs) using self-raising flour and perhaps try these for a change?

We are continuing to offer a delivery service for essential supplies. Before midday email your order to:

easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

and it will be delivered, usually later that day, and your payment by cash or by cheque (made payable to: East Hagbourne Community Shop Ltd.) collected.

Many Congratulations Cyril – 100 years old!

Cyril Goodenough, celebrated his 100th birthday on 31st May 2020.

Cyril was born in East Hagbourne, Berkshire (now Oxfordshire) on 31st May 1920. One of ten children he spent his early years in and around East Hagbourne and went to secondary school in Didcot. His grandson, Tom, was the Headteacher of the same school until April this year prior to taking up Headship at Park House Newbury this Autumn.

Cyril joined the Army two days before War was declared in 1939 and spent the next seven years in the RASC. He was stationed in London during the Blitz and later at Newbury Racecourse which had been developed into a marshalling yard for war material. He then took part in three D Day invasions in the Italian Campaign with assaults on Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. He finished the War in the Azores before joining Civvy Street in 1946.

In 2018 he wrote and published his memoirs of his experience in WW2. In later life he was a founding Director of Berkshire Builders Merchants in Newbury. The business was located where Sainsburys operates now. He was a very keen golfer and was Captain at Newbury and Crookham Golf Club. He retired from business in 1984 and has spent over 20 years living in Kintbury. He has remained active and can often be seen travelling around Kintbury on his electric "scooter".

Cyril has two children who live locally and several grandchildren and great grandchildren some as far away as New Zealand. He also has a step-family of children, and grandchildren from his marriage to Jane, who died in 2015. Cyril's Birthday Celebration was curtailed by the Coronavirus but that did not stop his family and countless friends joining him, one way or another, on his very special day. He was featured on the BBC TV local news programme on his Birthday driving his electric "scooter" through Kintbury with everyone cheering!



Teddy Bears Picnic

This annual occasion for families with young children, together with older brothers and sisters, is held at lunchtime on the first Wednesday of August in Blewbury.

This year the date would be **5th August**. At time of writing it is not possible to say if this type of social gathering will be permissible. A notice will go out towards the end of July through email groups and the Churn website. If you would like to be notified individually, Revd Louise is very happy to do this. Please send your contact details to Revd Louise Butler on 07837 009 730 or email revlouiseb@aol.com

Local Bus Services Our weekly **94/94s** Bus Service between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton and Blewbury is continuing running – many thanks to our bus drivers for keeping the service going. The **DVTG Community Bus Service** to Wallingford on a Friday is cancelled for the time being – we look forward to restoring this service as soon as it is possible to do so. Good wishes to all our customers and bus drivers at this difficult time.

Hagbourne Garden Club

Hello from Hagbourne Garden Club. We hope all our members and visitors are keeping well and enjoying the lockdown by working hard in their gardens! We would also, once again, like to thank everyone who donated plants to our Table Top sales and to the very many of you who bought the plants. We are delighted to advise you that half our proceeds will be donated to 'Style Acre' (final figure will be advised later).
Take care everyone and HAPPY GARDENING!



Marmalade Sales in the Community Shop

Thank you to the Community Shop and to everyone who buys the marmalade. I was surprised and delighted by the increase in sales at the beginning of lockdown. Good for Christian Aid but also good for me because it helped by giving me something positive I could do. I had the following email reply from Christian Aid in response to the latest donation sent at the end of April. Amazing how much the donation can do:

"Dear Mrs Harrison, Many thanks for your donation of £150.00 on 29th April towards the work of Christian Aid. It is through your support that we will be able to train 100 health care staff on infection prevention and disease control methods as well as ensure health care staff are equipped with personal protective equipment. We will also ensure that hand washing stations are available at the entrances to 10 health facilities. In addition, we will build additional hand washing stations throughout the camps and distribute hygiene kits that contain antiseptic liquid and soap to 50,000 people." Thank you all, Mary Harrison.

With Sympathy

Debbie Edmondson We send our heartfelt sympathies to David and to Hannah and Charles. We were all very sad to hear that Debbie had passed away on the 9th June. Many of us have known Debbie all her life as she grew up in West Hagbourne, a much loved member of the St Andrew's Church family, she had also been a member of the Church Choir. Our love and thoughts go out to her family and friends.

Philip Shipman We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Philip Shipman who passed away recently. Philip was a familiar face at St Andrew's as he would come and play the church organ at St Andrew's for Weddings, Funerals and Services when the regular organists were not available. We will miss his musical talent.

Stanley Buckel We send our heartfelt sympathies to Jim and Nick and to all the family and friends of Stan Buckel who passed away on the 31st May, aged 91 years. Now reunited with his beloved wife June, Stan was a much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Stan was the last of the Buckel family to be born at "Buckels" in Main Street, East Hagbourne when it was a bakery and shop. There will be a Memorial Service at St Peter's Church Didcot later in the year.

John Townsend We send our heartfelt sympathies to Yvonne and to all the family and friends of John Townsend who passed away on the 17th June. We have all missed seeing John and Yvonne around East Hagbourne since their move last year. John, who had lived here all his life, had served the East Hagbourne community in many ways, particularly sharing his expertise in drainage and flooding matters with the Parish Council.

Lockdown Reflections (From a rapidly aging mother)

If you had asked me a year ago what I would be doing on my maternity leave, my natural response would have been looking after and enjoying my new baby and looking forward to spending a little more time with my older children and extended family. The thought that we would have been in a lockdown situation with everything shut and no visiting allowed would have been laughable. Yet here we are.

Like many parents, new roles which I never thought I would have to do, have been added to the pile to be juggled – home learning, hairdresser, never ending entertainer to name a few. The days are filled from the moment the children are up until late at night when the bare minimum of jobs have been done. I take my hat off to those trying to work as well.

The rosy idea of how the home learning would work before day 1 has mostly been thrown out of the window weeks ago and the focus has shifted on how to get through the day with minimal moaning and maximising work. Some days we succeed and some days we do not..... We have managed a routine of sorts which we persevere with, but it is hard – he is at home learning without his friends. Naturally, he wants to play, especially as his siblings are playing and ultimately, I am not his teacher but his mother. However, on a plus side, I have learnt quite a few things that I had forgotten from school and am rapidly becoming proficient at the mystery that is phonics! Cutting my son's hair proved another challenge. Two YouTube videos watched, and I was ready to have a try – after much complaining, "OW"s and cries of "your pulling my hair" I handed him the tablet and proceeded. I felt I did a reasonable job – after all I had not cut huge random chunks out and he looked respectable. However, my son quickly named me the "worstest hairdresser" to anyone who would listen. One blessing was that he quickly picked up learning to ride his bike early on in lockdown. We have been able to explore parts of the village and surrounding areas that we have never seen before and enjoy the natural beauty around us in the gorgeous weather.

My pre-schooler has been trying to learn her letters, numbers and to write her name. She has also enjoyed joining in with her brother's work, which often results in having to make 2 of everything. She also likes watching the BBC Bitesize videos with her brother and sometimes picks up more than he does. We have had some very interesting conversations on what happened to Henry VIII's wives! We have now cottoned onto her request for a walk – it's secret code for "Mummy, I am going to walk a very very little way, demand to go into the buggy because I am tired and have a sneaky nap".

And so, to the baby – or not such of a baby now as she has grown up fast whilst I have been occupied in home learning. Suddenly she is a little girl – on the day she was 9 months she took her first unaided steps and she has not looked back. I now need eyes in the back on my head seeing what she is up to as she takes herself off to explore, find mischief or what she can destroy - from climbing the stairs as soon as she hears the click of the stair gate opening, to dashing to the downstairs bathroom the instant the door creaks, to "help" or more usually hinder. To climbing on anything, and then standing up and dancing gleefully, to stealing x-box controllers and tv remote controls and putting everything in her mouth. She is also trying desperately hard to say "Alexa" – currently she comes running into a room and starts shouting "Lexa" at the screen. She knows that is where she sees her grandparents daily and perhaps more importantly to her, she can watch "Peppa Pig".

The long list of jobs that need doing round the house and garden now that we have "time" has long since been discarded. In its place our jar of hopes and wishes for "when the virus is gone". The now multi use lounge hastily gets changed from school and playroom, to church, to beaver hut, to calls with family and to dojo for karate. The fact that the washing just about makes it to the machine and to the line before being abandoned until its worn again, that only essential cleaning is done, the weeds need removing all fade into insignificance as I have been given a gift – time to spend with my children that I never expected and may never get again, and for that I am blessed. (Thank you "rapidly aging mother" for your lovely lockdown reflections – The Editors)

HAMS Spam

A Dramatic Pause

Spring and Summer are usually fallow seasons for HAMS, so the lockdown has not affected us too much, but we miss getting together more than usual, probably because we know that it is not possible anyway.

Like everybody else, we live in hope of an end to the pandemic, but in addition we are anxious to start a new HAMS production, whenever that might happen.

Watch this space for news over the coming months.



HAMS Fan Quiz

In the meantime, here's a little quiz about HAMS productions over the last 10 years. Beware, even a true HAMS fan might not ace them all.

- 1) What was the very first line uttered in a HAMS show?
 - a. Once upon a time
 - b. To begin at the beginning
 - c. We first moved to the village in the summer
- 2) In which country did Grandma live at the start of *The Witches*?
 - a. England
 - b. Peru
 - c. Norway
- 3) What was unusual about the role of Laurie Lee in our *Cider With Rosie*?
 - a. It was played by different actors at each performance.
 - b. It had a Scottish accent
 - c. It was spoken completely in rhyme
- 4) What was unusual about the sound effects in our *Vintage Hitchcock* "radio" play?
 - a. They were recorded on wax cylinders
 - b. They were performed live
 - c. They did not use coconut shells
- 5) What were the surnames of the two families portrayed in *Our Town*?
 - a. Gibbs and Webb
 - b. Hershey and Stimson
 - c. Huntley and Palmer

(answers upside-down below).

If you enjoyed this little quiz, then we'll be sure to post another one soon.

Stay well!

See @HAMSdrama on Facebook
or www.thehams.co.uk
email: info@thehams.co.uk

Quiz Answers: 1,b – 2,c – 3,a – 4,b – 5,a

Astronomy Notes



M57 "The Ring Nebula".

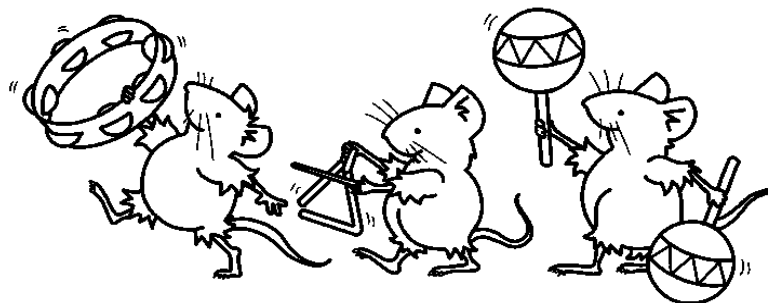
One of the amateur astronomer's favourite objects in the summer sky, a beautiful tiny ring floating in amongst the rich star fields of the Milky Way. A prime example of a "planetary nebula", so called, because back in the early days (nights) of the telescopes, these objects looked very much like planets. Through today's telescopes, and imaging techniques, the true nature of these objects have been revealed.

They are formed when a shell of ionized gas is expelled into the surrounding interstellar medium by a star in the last stages of its evolution before becoming a white dwarf. This image was taken from the Starfields Observatory in East Hagbourne back in April, using various filters etc.

John Napper – 01235 818853 napperjohn@gmail.com www.flicker.com/photos/67647466@N08/

Online Children's Worship Once a month the Benefice has been holding online worship for children. The Pram Service has been re-modelled to include children of primary school age. These short Services are led by the Revd Louise.

The July session – on the ZOOM platform will take place on **Wednesday 1st July at 4pm**. It will be **PARTY TIME** to celebrate and say THANK YOU for all our blessings! Get ready with party hats, cakes and balloons. We meet and greet at 4pm start our short Service with songs, games, story and prayers at 4.10pm and say our goodbyes at 4.30pm. Suitable for pre-school and primary age children. The Revd Louise will send the link to ZOOM by email. If you want to join this group please send your contact details to the Revd Louise Butler on 07837009730 or email revlouiseb@aol.com



Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

Although we have some small measure of a return to the new normality, life continues in slow-mo, both for personal life and in local politics. Thus there is not a lot new to report on since last month.

Mactaggart and Mickel development by the Village Hall

The consultation period for the main plan P19/S0357/RM (Amendment 3) should have ended by now. The Parish Council and several villagers have made comments and Mactaggart and Mickel have already responded positively to some of the suggestions. The next step will be the resubmission of the discharge plan P19/S0334/DIS. This is actually a very important plan, and I would encourage you to study it carefully and possibly submit comments even if you did not submit any to the main P19/S0357/RM plan. These are conditions imposed on the original outline plan that have been inherited in the recently passed plan, P20/S0084/FUL. There are 26 conditions many of which must be discharged before building will be allowed to commence. Included in the conditions are drainage, access, safety, visual appearance, and biodiversity. You can find these in the file "Decision Notice.pdf" in "The Decision" bullet of Downloads on the SODC planning website for plan P20/S0084/FUL.

Local Plans

We have just heard from Oxford County Council that it has reached a funding agreement with Homes England for £218 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) dedicated to providing access to the Didcot Garden Town area.

This will enable:

1. Widening the A4130 from A34 Milton Interchange towards Didcot from single to dual carriageway;
2. A new bridge over the A4130, Great Western Railway Line and Milton Road into the former Didcot A Power Station site;
3. A new Didcot to Culham bridge between the A4130 and A415; and
4. A Clifton Hampden bypass.

OCC have already submitted the screening option plan P20/S1691/CM for these works. This is a necessary step before detailed plans can be submitted for the construction of this new road system.

Community Support

The Post Office and Village community shop are providing a wonderful service for villagers and other local people with the Post Office now open six mornings per week. There is now a screen on the cash desk and there is still a one customer at a time policy so shopping or post office business is really safe. The outside shop on Saturday mornings from 9.00am with a wide range of bread and pastry products continues to be very popular.

Another well used initiative has been the take-away service from the Fleur de Lys pub where food is available on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday and drinks including fresh beer in plastic containers is available every day except Monday and Tuesday. To get a weekly update on menus and opening hours, you can email Darren on takeaway.fleurdelys@gmail.com. If the forecasts are correct then we may even have our local pub open for business from 4th July!

Anybody who has emergency need for financial support can contact Hagbourne Parish Charities through the support group or directly by emailing hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or calling 07572 401769. Another source of financial support is the The East and West Hagbourne Village Fund (<https://easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund>) who have money to assist villagers quickly in times of need, and can be contacted through Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892.

Parish meetings

Parish Council meetings are still taking place but are now online, using the Zoom platform. As always, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and can get the details of how to do so from the Parish Clerk. The next Parish Council meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th July.

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Comments from the Parish Council Chairman *continued from previous page*

I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). I will also hold a zoom surgery from 10.00 – 11.00 on Wednesday 15th July. The link for this will be 848 3806 1983 with password 205605 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84838061983?pwd=NG5Qze9heERTRzBBZk1Lt2VvVVZ4Zz09> in your web browser. Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus, anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council. Iain Duff

East Hagbourne Parish Council Newsletter: For the July newsletter please see page 14 of this magazine.

West Hagbourne Parish Council Newsletter appears on www.westhagbourne.org and shows lots of pictures of the very creative St George's Day dragons.



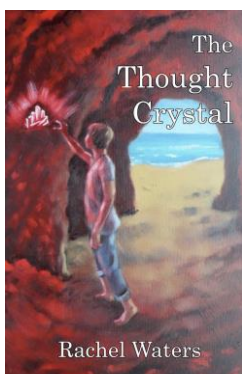
Citizens Advice can help you through Financial Difficulties

If you are facing financial problems in the wake of the coronavirus Citizens Advice can help find a way forward.

Citizens Advice research has revealed that currently over 13 million people are unable to pay, or expect to be unable to pay, at least one of their household bills. These bills are higher than usual in any case because the population is spending more time at home during the lockdown. For 11 million of these people, a missed bill could have drastic consequences: eviction, the bailiffs, or disconnection.

It is vital that you do not give way to despair, feel isolated with your problems and consider that you have to solve them all by yourself. For instance, Citizens Advice can help maximise your income with a benefit check if your working hours have dropped or if you are made redundant. We can help you decide on the best way to manage your debts in your individual situation.

Get in touch with us by telephone on Adviceline (0300 330 9042). There is also a lot of useful information on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> where you can also chat online.



Congratulations Rachel Congratulations to Rachel Waters on the publication of her children's book **The Thought Crystal**, a book for children from 8 to 12 years which tells the story of the adventures of twins Tabitha and Theo who share a telepathic ability, and, finding an unusual crystal in a cave, are drawn into a world of thought sharers, where amazing adventures unfold. Rachel's book is available at the Hagbourne Community Shop for £5. Rachel works at Hagbourne Primary School, currently as a TA, usually in the After School Club.



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CORONAVIRUS: The Parish Council's main role in the current situation continues to be liaising with other statutory bodies, doing whatever they advise and broadcasting their communications to the village. The Coronavirus Support group is still very active and happy to help, so please do get in touch.
easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



Lockdown Reminders:

The children's playground at Great Mead, along with the Pavilion, remain closed, but the recreation ground is available for daily exercise subject to social distancing. The cemetery and allotments also remain open in line with government recommendations. We are so lucky to live in such picturesque surroundings. As the government eases the lockdown restrictions, please continue to enjoy the village but be conscious of the social distancing requirements along footpaths and ensure that litter and dog waste are disposed of in the appropriate bins to keep the village tidy.



Parish Council Chairman's Surgery: Please contact the clerk (using the details at the top of the newsletter) if you have anything you would like to discuss with Iain Duff in lieu of a face-to-face Chairman's surgery. He is very happy to communicate by phone or online about any village matters and will hold a Zoom surgery from **10.00 – 11.00 on Wednesday 15 July**. The link for this will be **848 3806 1983**, password **205605**.



The Croft to Bakers Lane Footpath: This month, we feel it is important to provide an update on our efforts to resolve the tree issue on the footpath between The Croft and Bakers Lane. As many of you will be aware, there is a tree which has been leaning progressively lower over the path. The Parish Council have been in contact with Oxfordshire County Council about this over the last 18 months to discuss a course of action. Unfortunately, despite confirming it is a falling risk, nothing has yet been done about this. This is a priority and we have increased our efforts in line with a new FixMyStreet report to ensure this is dealt with as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have added comments and photos to this report. Please report any issues in the Parish using **<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>** as this provides evidence to support our continued efforts with these matters.



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

Planning applications received since the last meeting: P19/S0357/RM— Amendment No. 3 – Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for 74 units pursuant to outline planning permission P17/S2469/O at land adjacent to the Village Hall, East Hagbourne. (Amended 24 July 2019, 13 September 2019 and 20 May 2020).

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 16th July 2020. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform, please contact the clerk for a link to join the meeting.

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**

The Poets Trail - Save the date: 27th September 2020

We hope to be able to go ahead with the walk and teas or an event inside St Andrew's, on Sunday 27th September depending on the situation at the time. It is very difficult to plan at this time but will give an update nearer the time.

In the meantime, we are making good progress on the illustrated anthology of poetry by local people on the Four Seasons theme. We expect to have it in print later this year.

Linda Benton 01235 817891



Online Services during the coronavirus pandemic "I think one of the big effects is there's a renewal of the sense that we all belong to Christ... I've been deeply moved by the Services I've participated in; they've reached out in a way that surprised me and that is, I think, a sign of the work of the Spirit... We're finding this all over the country. There are so many clergy streaming from really basic facilities, finding huge numbers of people online with them, and making a huge impact." – *Archbishop Justin Welby*

A Free National Phonenumber from the Church of England offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from The Church of England.

The service is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** and is aimed at those who have never used the internet or do not have access to the internet.



Lost in translation

Last year, when we were able to go on holiday, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practice his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and rubbed his eyes.

In a worried tone he whispered, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

Online Book of Remembrance opened at St Paul's



St Paul's Cathedral has launched **Remember Me**, an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all faiths, beliefs or none are invited to contribute to **Remember Me**. HRH The Prince of Wales, who recorded a video message, said: "This virtual book of remembrance is here not just to recall our loss and sorrow, but also to be thankful for everything good that those we have loved brought into our lives."

Family, friends and carers of those who have died can submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person via the www.rememberme2020.uk website. **Remember Me** will be open for entries for as long as needed.

The National Garden Scheme – Open Gardens

After many weeks of lockdown many of the gardens are now open. But there are many people who are not able to get out and visit and they have particularly enjoyed the Virtual Garden Visits. The Library of nearly 200 garden videos will be constantly available and the Help Support the Nurses Campaign continues to the end of the year, so if you view a Virtual Garden Visit, please consider a donation.

The Virtual Garden Visits are very refreshing to watch and contain lots of ideas for our own gardens – visit:

www.ngs.org.uk

AUGUST 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to see the Parish Magazine on our temporary home. We apologise to our advertisers that it is not possible to include the advertisements at present but will resume our usual format as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please let us have any copy for the August parish magazine by 20th July to magtemp5@gmail.com

Thank you. Keep safe and well. Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

