

St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

JUNE 2024



SUMMER EVENTS

Flower Festival at St Andrew's – 8th to 9th June
Scarecrow Trail East Hagbourne – 25th May to 9th June
East Hagbourne Open Gardens – Sunday 9th June
Music Sunday, 10.30am 16th June – St Andrew's
West Hagbourne Garden Open Day – Sunday 14th July
St Andrew's Church Fete – Saturday 27th July

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

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

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JUNE 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Saturday

2 +Sunday FIRST 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 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



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

3 Monday

4 Tuesday

5 Weds

6 Thursday

7 Friday

8 Saturday

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

Flower Festival: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

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9 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15 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
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H
Flower Festival: St Andrew's H



Pastoral care and visiting.

10 Monday

11 Tuesday

12 Weds

13 Thursday

14 Friday

15 Saturday

Barnabas the Apostle

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

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8pm online Compline

16 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Music Sunday Service: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



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

17 Monday

18 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

8pm online 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 Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections

What's not to like? Do you enjoy attending a flower festival? There's a lovely tradition of churches hosting flower festivals. Such festivals are always full of interest. First, there is the beauty of the flower arrangements themselves – the different shapes and designs, the colours and the textures. And then there's the added interest of seeing how each individual flower arranger has interpreted the theme of the festival. And of course there's also the interest of going around the church itself, with its unique history and heritage. And in many cases, there's also the opportunity for a cup of tea and slice of cake. There's so much to be said for a traditional flower festival.

You will be pleased to know that you won't have to travel far to visit a traditional flower festival this month. One will be taking place at St Andrew's East Hagbourne over the weekend of Saturday 8th June and Sunday 9th June. Do come along! There will be other flower festivals taking place in the area, of course, and I am sure any of these will also be well worth a visit.

Some people would say that holding a flower festival in a church is a rather old-fashioned thing to do. Yes, it is old-fashioned, but old-fashioned things can still retain their interest and relevance. And old-fashioned things can still give people an opportunity to connect with God. God likes to draw people together, and a flower festival is a wonderful celebration of community life. God has given each one of us gifts, and the opportunity to use our gifts creatively in order to create unique works of art. Each and every flower arrangement is a celebration of the creative gifts which come from God, who is the source of all beauty. And each and every flower is itself a celebration of God the Creator, who has planned such a wonderful world and allowed it to come into existence over billions of years. And this wonderful world, with its great diversity of life, is still evolving. God's work in Creation has started but it has not yet come to fulfilment. It is a work in progress. A flower festival is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the beauty and diversity which has been achieved so far, and an encouragement to wonder at the beauty which is yet to be.

I do hope you will get the chance to visit a flower festival this Summer. After all, what's not to like?

-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.

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

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.

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.

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| 19 Weds | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | 8pm online Compline |
| 20 Thursday | 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B | 8pm online Compline |
| 21 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 22 Saturday | | |

23 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Ordination Service: Dorchester Abbey
10.30am Online Benefice Service
No Morning Service: St Michael's B
12.30pm Baptisms: St Andrew's H
4pm Pimms and Hymns: St Michael's B
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Outreach and parish magazines.

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| 24 Monday | <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i> | 8pm online Compline |
| 25 Tuesday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 26 Weds | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | 8pm online Compline |
| 27 Thursday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 28 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 29 Saturday | <i>Peter and Paul Apostles</i> | |

30 +Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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



Children, our village schools and Sunday Clubs.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

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

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

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



Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the

word about our regular online Church Service! 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>



The Revd Mark to be ordained as priest

The Service will be on **Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am at Dorchester Abbey**, High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames, OX10 7HH and everyone is invited!

There is plenty of parking at Dorchester. Follow signs to car parks as you arrive and please avoid parking on the roads. We wish Revd Mark well on his special day.

Churchwardens Chatter Events in May have included a School Service, the Annual Meeting and a Glad Rags Sale. The trees in the churchyard have had some welcome surgery applied and all is looking good. We are still awaiting permission for the stone repair work to be started. Fingers crossed it will be soon.

The **BIG Church Spring Clean** is on Saturday 1st June at 10am

The Flower Festival is looming up large on the horizon – **8th and 9th June**. We need lots of people to volunteer to create a floral display on the theme of the **Church Year** – this includes Christmas, Easter, Lent, Weddings, Baptism Funerals, Carol Concerts, Pet Service, Harvest Festival etc . . . so there should be a good variety of displays.

Please help if you can, you don't have to be a great arranger - just have a go. Even I will try!!! It will be great to hear from you, Thank you to all who are preparing the flower arrangements. **We**

will be working on the arrangements on Friday 7th and on Saturday 8th, up to 10am.

We look forward to seeing the various ideas to represent the Church Year at St Andrew's

We have **The Fete** coming up, make a note of the date **27th July**. We need volunteers to man the stalls or help in any way at all. Please contact us if you can help. Jane and Jill



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 June. ALL WELCOME.

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. *Coming to one session doesn't mean you have to come to all and you don't have to go to church to come along. Friends welcome.* Do let us know if you intend to come as we are now quite a small group.

For details email Elaine or Father Jason via the Benefice Office (office@churnchurches.co.uk)

Next Meeting will be on Sunday, 2nd June, 7pm

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Daphne Jones who died recently, aged 90. Daphne's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on 2nd May followed by Committal at Hagbourne Cemetery.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Sandra Luker who died recently, aged 80. Sandra's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on 23rd May.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Mary Allen who died peacefully at home, York Farm, West Hagbourne, on 16th May, aged 97 years.

Wedding in the Benefice

25th May **Joseph Wilson** and **Gülgün Mammadli** were married at St Michael's, Blewbury.

Funerals in the Benefice

2nd May at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Daphne Ann Jones** aged 90

14th May at St Michael's Blewbury **Nicholas Longhurst** aged 77

23rd May at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Sandra Luker** aged 80

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2024



**CUP FOR THE
WINNING
SCARECROW**

Theme:

**"Your Favourite
TV Character"**

**Scarecrow Trail...
...for everyone to
follow
and vote for your
favourite
Scarecrow...**

Saturday 25th May until Sunday 9th June

Buy your maps for £1 from The Community Shop and The Fleur in order to follow and vote for your favourite scarecrow.

The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing teas in Church during the afternoons of Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June when maps will be for sale.

Profits will be shared between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid

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 **3 to 5pm**. 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. 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.

Flower Festival

St Andrew's Church

8th to 9th June - 10am to 5pm



Flower
Arrangements
on the theme
of the
Church Year
at St Andrew's



Afternoon Teas from 2pm to 5pm
on Saturday and Sunday



Music Sunday



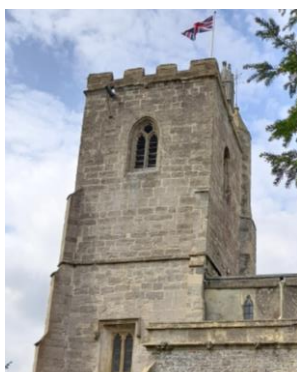
*A celebration of
the Nation's favourite hymns*

Promoted & supported by the Royal School of Church Music

St Andrew's Church - Sunday 16th June 10.30am

Keep the date free and join us to celebrate & sing some of the Nation's favourite hymns.

This is a Benefice wide event.



Tower Talk We would like to thank our Tower Keeper, John Napper for putting the flag up on the tower for St George's Day.

The bells were rung on Sunday 12th May to celebrate 'Bell Sunday'. 'Bell Sunday' is an annual opportunity to celebrate the contribution of bell ringers to the life of the church, and to acknowledge the part that bells play in worship and community life all year round. The Sunday occurs as close as possible to St Dunstan's day (19th June) but as this was Pentecost this year it was agreed to celebrate the day a week earlier. St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bell-ringers.

One of our quarterly meetings will take place on **Tuesday 4th June** in the parish room following a short ringing practice. No Birthdays in the Tower this month as far as I know. Shirley Goss

HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 27th July 2024 at St Andrew's Church

1pm – 4pm



**Teas • Cakes
Books • Tombola
Discarded Treasures
Plant Stall • Raffle**

We need volunteers to man the stalls and help in any way. Please get in touch if you are able to help.



| JUNE ROTAS | 2nd June First Sunday after Trinity | 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity | General Notes: |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| Readers | Deuteronomy 5 vv12-15 Trevor Goss 2 Corinthians 4 vv5-12 Shirley Goss | Ezekial 17 vv 22-24 Jeff Powell 2 Corinthians 5 vv 6-17 Justine Shepperson | CHURCH BIG CLEAN 1st June – from 10am Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you. |
| Intercessions | Celebrant | Celebrant | If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement. Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know. The more the merrier. |
| Sidesmen | Jackie Mackenzie Jane Blond | Chris Price Wendy Price | |
| Coffee | Myra Hardiman Sally Duncan | Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson | |
| Church Cleaning | 9th June Barbara.Elsmore.Wickens Cordelia Gover | 23rd.June Myra.Hardiman Jenny Smith | |
| Flowers Lady Chapel | Marian Powell | Joy Napper | |
| Flowers High Altar | Felicity Topping | Wendy Price | |



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

PROUDLY VOLUNTEER RUN East Hagbourne Community Shop was founded to help keep our community Post Office, offering convenient essentials, local goodies and a welcoming neighbourhood hub. All sales contribute to supporting our community.

New Committee members and Volunteers welcome! **Learn how you can help in an hour or so a month:** email easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393.



NEW HOT DRINKS FOR CHILLY MORNINGS & BREEZY AFTERNOONS!

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are now available for takeaway on the school run, dog walk or to the playground in recyclable cups (or bring your own re-useable mug). Pick up a sweet or snack, even a paperback, for your elevenses or mid-afternoon break.

WELCOME SUMMERTIME with cold drinks, frozen treats and classic pick-and-mix sweets. Weekly homemade cakes on Thursdays make any day a celebration. We also stock high-quality frozen fish, pies and pizza; plus milk, local eggs, local honey and marmalade, household essentials and a selection of unique local artist cards and books.

SHOP HOURS: Mon & Thu 9am–5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am–4pm; & Sat 9–12:30pm.

HERITAGE BAKERY (FORMERLY "MARCOPOLO")

WEEKLY 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. Or, take your chances and make your choice in the Shop on Saturday.

EXTRA VEG? If your allotment or garden is overflowing this summer, your excess is welcome in the Shop – we're delighted offer your high-quality local produce for a modest sum, reducing waste and covering operating expense for the PO and the Shop.



BUSINESS OR PERSONAL BANKING AT THE PO Your trusted East Hagbourne Post Office can handle your business or personal banking needs in addition to mailing services.

PO Hours: Mon to Sat 9am – 12:30pm + Mon & Thu afternoon 1:15pm – 4:45pm.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:30PM, 17th JULY AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Hear the latest on the Community Shop and Post Office and have a chat with the Operating Committee about the coming year over wine and nibbles. Have your say, share your ideas, and learn how you can help us keep our community going and growing.

POP IN THE SHOP TO BUY YOUR SCARECROW MAPS to follow the Scarecrow Trail and vote for your favourite scarecrow for £1. The Trail is on until 9th June.

Jazz in the Hagbournes

While we wait for the excitement of Britain's top jazz band - the Ronnie Scott All Stars - coming to the village on **16th June**, other activities are being planned. I would like everyone who is musical to get involved, so that we have the following to enjoy:

Jazz Singing Experience: Supported by a house trio, anyone who sings can have a go at singing well known jazz standards, helped by a professional jazz singer, such as Fleur Stevenson. So, words and live music are provided. **Everyone gets a round of applause.**

Jazz Jam Session: With the house trio, we offer anyone who plays an instrument to play one or two songs, including a solo, or just a solo. We want to encourage older people, who may not have played for a while, to rediscover their love of playing, and join with others. But we also want any younger person to come and play, and to share their energy and enthusiasm. **Everyone gets a round of applause.**

Junior Activities: If there is sufficient interest, we can have Junior versions of the above. We may also be able to arrange for Juniors to sit in the middle of a Big Band, and get excited about being part of something so creative and sociable.

Instrument re-cycling: A shortage of musical instruments is one of the biggest problems in encouraging anyone to start, or re-start, playing live music. If anyone has any instrument that they no longer require, we would be happy to repair/renovate and recycle. We must work to preserve live music.

No Need To Be Shy: When you are with Jazz People, everyone is your friend, even if you have not met them yet. When we get going, everyone is welcome to come and see what we do, listen to the music, and decide if they want to participate. If not, then just come and listen, and applaud others for their efforts.

Cost: There is **NO COST**. We may pass the hat round to reward the house trio for their energy and enthusiasm!

Register your interest: If you want to register an interest for any of this, please send me an e-Mail to Peter.hands3@btinternet.com, telling me what you are interested in doing, and whether or not you have any unwanted instruments.



**Free Concert by Hagbourne
Community Choir**

Sunday, 7th July 2024 – 4 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

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Secrets of Healthy Soil Soil or dirt? Often, we use these words interchangeably but in fact they are very different things. Dirt is a pale and lifeless medium; healthy soil on the other hand is dark chocolatey brown, full of organic matter and living beings which make up the soil food web.

Why should we care about the health of our soils? Plants grown in dirt are weak and prone to disease; plants grown in healthy soil are lush and rich in nutrients. As gardeners and growers, we want our plants to be healthy with a minimal need for costly interventions. As consumers we need healthy plants because we are what we eat; we benefit from nutrients and a healthy gut microbiome that we can only get from plants raised in healthy soil.

- healthy soil = healthy plants = healthy food = healthy people

You can find out more about the soil food web and the secrets of healthy soil in our blog

<https://www.hugsustainability.org/blog/bringing-nature-into-wilcher-close-644jj-l6d3c>

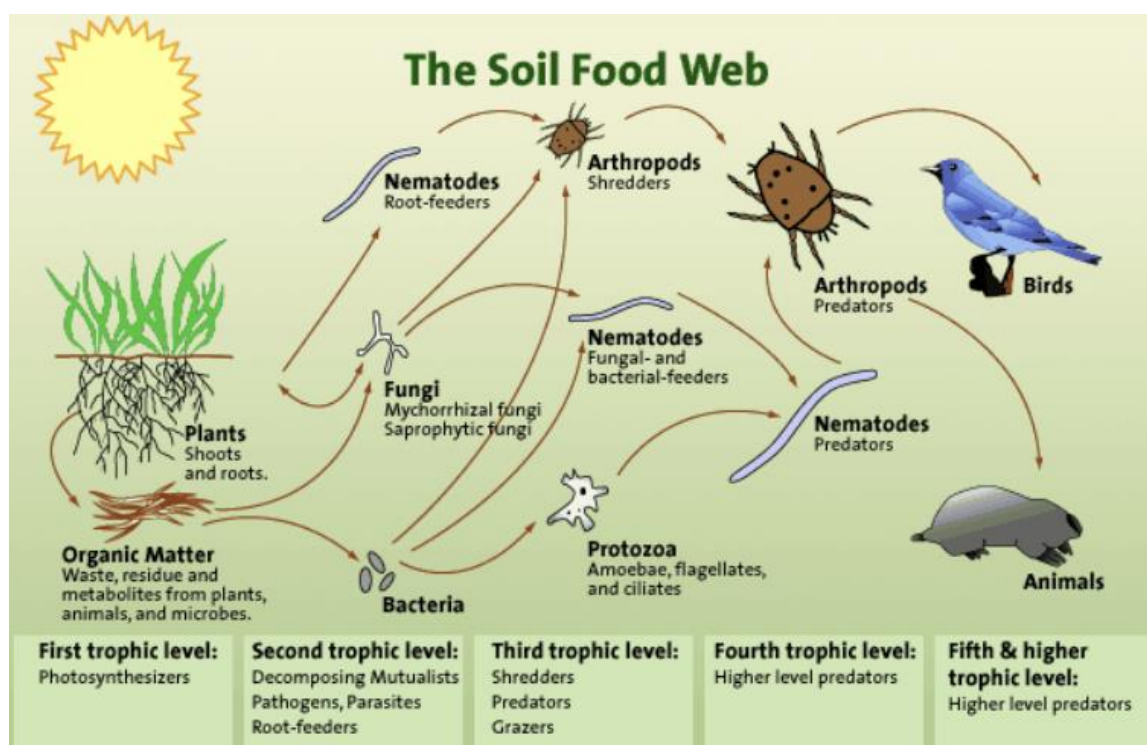


Diagram representing the relationship between organisms in the soil food web (courtesy of USDA)

Trial night at Guides

Guides
East Hagbourne

Come along and try a trial evening at Guides in East Hagbourne Village Hall

Monday 17th June 6.30 to 8pm

Please get in touch if your daughter would like to attend.
Email: hagbourneguides@gmail.com
For girls aged 10 – 14 years

Girlguiding



East Hagbourne Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June 2024 from 1 to 4pm

Come and visit seven glorious gardens on your doorstep in East Hagbourne, open through the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on Sunday 9th June. Gardens open are: Bottom Barn, The Gables, Lime Tree Cottage, Buckels, 5 Higgs Close and on Fieldside: Kingfisher House and Yew Tree Cottage. The admission price of £5 raises money for the NGS and covers entry to all 7 gardens. Please bring a printout of your booking. Although you can buy tickets on the day, it is easier to book online: <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/25852/east-hagbourne-gardens>

Tea and cakes will be available at St Andrew's Church (where you can also visit the Flower Festival) and on Fieldside; Open Gardens Pimms (and other options!) will be available from the Fleur de Lys; plants will be on sale at 5 Higgs Close; ice creams will be available from the Village Shop. While most local people will visit on foot, parking is available for those coming from further afield in the Pavilion carpark (off Great Mead – opposite the Post Office on the left coming from Didcot) and on the field accessed down Manor Farm Lane (on the right coming from Coscote).

About the National Garden Scheme: The NGS has been running for nearly 100 years, giving visitors unique access to over 3500 UK gardens and donating over £70 million to nursing and health charities. In 2023 it made an annual donation of over £3.4 million to core beneficiaries including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute as well as supporting garden charities and providing grant bursaries to help community gardening projects. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you in the gardens.



Hymns and Pimms!

St Michael's Church Blewbury, Sunday 23rd June 4 – 5pm

Join us for a glorious summer afternoon of hymns accompanied with a refreshing glass of Pimms. Email a favourite hymn that you would like to sing to office@churnchurches.co.uk so that we can include it. See there!



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Fun Run possibly the biggest and best ever! More participants, more money raised for charity and apparently more cake eaten than ever before!!

Congratulations to all those who braved the mud and thank you to our generous sponsors, **Solar Soutions Oxford, Deanfield Homes, The Fleur de Lys, Tom Savage Roofing and Building, Scotlands Ash Garage Services, Larkmead Vets and Tesco's**. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped on the day and the local residents who kindly allowed 400+ people to charge across your fields or past your front doors. Each year this event is a lovely example of our community coming together, pulling together and having a lot of fun ... so please do join us again next year.

Thank you. The Fun Run Committee

The D-Day Normandy Landings Eighty years ago, on 6th June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25th August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation, because it was an amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to "beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking", and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.

Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4,000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches, and many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U S Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the Anniversary. *by Tim Lenton.*

A Distant Grave

A distant grave, a foreign land
Kept neatly, with respect
Though not at all what they'd have planned
Yet what they did accept.

These youthful lads were wrenched from
home - No one of them was old -
Joined thousands of their fellow men
Fought up a beach, named 'Gold'.

And some survived, though many died
Some fought their way through France
And, though quite likely terrified
To Holland they advanced.

Then 'Market Garden' – a quaint name
For brutal deeds of war;
But no-one heard those troops complain
In darkest forty-four.

And yet more soldiers met their fate
Their lives cut short too soon;
As shells fell close, to detonate
In war's demonic tune.

And so they lay, so far from home
So far from kith and kin.
But they, with fallen comrades showed
The way to fight and win. *Nigel Beeton.*

Hagbourne Bridge Club If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while – give us a go! If you have never learnt to play bridge but would like to give it a try – why not come and see us? We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a break around 8.30pm for light refreshments and usually finish playing cards by 10pm. It will cost you £3. We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com and Shirley Goss – 815608 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

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

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 Emergency Foodbank

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

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

All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WANTED Hagbourne Church is in need of a replacement **electronic keyboard** of good quality. Before buying a new one, we thought someone locally might have one that they no longer use, that we could buy. If so please contact Mo on 812083 or Peter on 850719

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Footpaths Oxford County Council are the body responsible for the footpaths in and around the village. While the Parish Council can organize small repairs without prior approval, we must obtain OCC permission for more major work like footpath reinstatement. We have got this for the work on footpath 4 by the Wilcher Close side of the allotments, and so work should start on this before the end of June. For the work on footpath 12 from the two-stream causeway at Parsonage Lane to Fieldside, and footpath 15, the Grange Path from Fieldside to Blewbury Road near Lower Cross, we are on the point of choosing a contractor and hope that permission will be forthcoming soon from OCC so that work can start on this in the summer months. It is planned to use volunteer labour for much smaller repairs to footpath 8 (between the Bowls Club end of the Croft to Bakers Lane) and footpath 30 (the path from Harwood Road to Main Road past the Village Hall). If you have time to help, and even more so if you have skills in this business, please contact councillor Carolyn Shaikh (Carolyn.Shaikh@easthagbourne.net).

Dog waste A couple of months ago, I asked you to help monitor the emptying of dog bins by our new contractor, The Shield Group. Assuming that no news is good news, it seems there is no downturn from our previous contractors. The great news is that this change reduced our bill from last year's £5155.20 to this year's £1352.00, and so is no longer the second highest budget item. With summer approaching there may be more dog walkers in the village so we should monitor that the weekly bin emptying suffices. Please alert us if not and also if there are parts of the village suffering from dog waste with no bins nearby.

Action List When we post the draft minutes of a Parish Council meeting on the village website (<https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/>) usually about a week before the next meeting, an updated version of the Action List is included. If you really want to know what we do as a Parish Council (and we are sometimes asked this by residents) then a read over the Action List will give you some idea of the ongoing current activities. Please feel free to contact the Clerk, myself, or your favourite councillor if you wish further information on any of these items. They are not discussed at the council meeting unless a councillor has asked that they are included in the agenda, but are updated regularly to remind us, as well as you, of the current state of affairs.

Flood Management We had really good news in the last week. Our request for financial assistance with flood management (specifically de-silting of the main channel by Tadley stream on Blewbury Road, and removal of a bridge on the stream that was causing blockages) has provisionally been identified for funding by the County Council. We have confirmed that we wish to proceed and are hopeful of getting final confirmation of this support in the near future.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will again be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 21st June 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, which is the Annual meeting of the Council, will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th June. 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

Guide Dogs Local Event A Local Guide Dogs Event to celebrate the Big Help Out, a campaign where many charities across the UK aim to raise awareness of volunteering will be taking place at **The Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot on Saturday, 8th June between 11am and 2pm** Come along and find out more about Guide Dogs and the range of ways volunteers make a difference to the lives of people living with sight loss.



**East
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NEWSLETTER No.263 – June 2024

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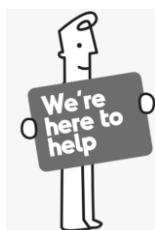
GREAT MEAD PLAYGROUND

As the weather improves, so does the popularity of the recreation ground and playground at Great Mead. The playground is inspected regularly, but not on a daily basis. Please do report to the clerk if you notice anything of concern so that appropriate action can be taken if needed - we want to make sure every visit is an enjoyable one. Thank you!



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 21st JUNE

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 21st June 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 & 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 Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



DEFIBRILLATORS

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

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road

Hagbourne Village Hall (next to the main entrance)

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

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



USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS



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

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



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



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



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

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P24/S1468/FUL Lower Cross Farm, East Hagbourne – Demolition of existing barn and outbuildings and creation of new dwelling.

P24/S0884/HH 1 Windsor Crescent, East Hagbourne – 1st Amendment with change to solar panel

P24/S1461/LB 36 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Removal of existing rear window and insertion of French doors removal of internal block dividing wall, repair to thatch roof valley.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June 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

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 gathering on **Thursday 20th June**.

How History can bite you back The process of selling our Old Boot home has just provided an instance of this aphorism. It seems that Archbishop Laud, the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1640, put a charge on Hagbourne Manor to provide 17s 9d (89p in new money) annually towards continuing good works among the poor after his death. Other manors across Berkshire were asked for similar. One way or another this antique provision continues down to the present in the Old Boot house deeds providing for a charge of a "*just and fair proportion of 17s 9d payable annual to the Archbishop Laud charity*". In the 50 years Veronica and I occupied the house we were never asked to pay – hardly surprising given the administrative burden of, identifying, calculating what is just and fair, and levying a trivial sum.

Rather than indemnifying a new owner of the Old Boot, I asked the Trustees of the Archbishop Laud Charity - yes it still exists but has very much bigger fish to fry in the form of Reading Blue Coat School – if they planned to revive the call. They don't.

Do others in the village have the same rentcharge in their property deeds? Max Beran.

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch from High Street in 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. The stop for the Warneford is in 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 service is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. You can connect from Didcot with the 15 bus service by using either the Thames Travel X32 bus as above to the centre of Oxford or, quicker but more walking, use the train from Didcot.

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 JR.

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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| Didcot St Birinus School | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1530 | |
| Didcot Girls' School | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1538 | |
| Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4 | | 0720 | 0735 | 0840 | | 1010 | 1110 | 1210 | 1310 | 1410 | 1545 | 1700 | | 1820 | 1920 | | |
| Didcot Orchard Centre | | 0724 | 0739 | 0844 | | 1014 | 1114 | 1214 | 1314 | 1414 | 1549 | 1704 | | 1824 | 1924 | | |
| Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way | | ▼ | ▼ | 0848 | | 1018 | 1118 | 1218 | 1318 | 1418 | 1553 | 1708 | | 1828 | 1928 | | |
| East Hagbourne War Memorial | | 0730 | 0745 | 0851 | | 1021 | 1121 | 1221 | 1321 | 1421 | 1556 | 1711 | | 1831 | 1931 | | |
| Blewbury The Blueberry | | | | 0858 | | | 1128 | | 1328 | | | 1718 | | | 1938 | | |
| Upton Village Hall | | | | 0903 | | | | | | | | 1723 | | | | | |
| West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow | | | | 0905 | | | | | | | | 1725 | | | | | |
| Harwell Campus Becquerel Avenue | | | | 0916 | 0922 | | | | | | | 1735 | 1740 | | | | |
| West Hagbourne Moor Lane | 0645 | 0738 | 0751 | ▼ | 1027 | | 1227 | | | 1427 | 1602 | ▼ | 1837 | | | | |
| West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow | 0646 | 0739 | 0752 | | 0931 | 1028 | 1228 | | | 1428 | 1603 | | 1749 | 1838 | | | |
| Upton Village Hall | 0648 | 0741 | 0754 | | 0933 | 1030 | 1133 | 1230 | 1333 | 1430 | 1605 | | 1751 | 1840 | 1943 | | |
| Blewbury The Blueberry | 0653 | 0746 | 0759 | | 0938 | 1035 | 1138 | 1235 | 1338 | 1435 | 1610 | | 1756 | 1845 | 1948 | | |
| Aston Upthorpe The Chequers | ▼ | 0755 | 0808 | | 1044 | | 1244 | | | 1444 | 1619 | | 1854 | | | | |
| South Moreton The Crown | ▼ | 0801 | 0814 | | 1050 | | 1250 | | | 1450 | 1625 | | 1900 | | | | |
| North Moreton Bus Shelter | ▼ | 0805 | 0818 | | 1054 | | 1254 | | | 1454 | 1629 | | 1904 | | | | |
| East Hagbourne War Memorial | 0700 | ▼ | ▼ | | 0945 | | 1145 | | 1345 | | | 1803 | | 1955 | | | |
| Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way | 0704 | | | | 0948 | | 1148 | | 1348 | | | 1806 | | 1958 | | | |
| Didcot Orchard Centre | 0710 | 0812 | 0826 | | 0954 | 1102 | 1154 | 1302 | 1354 | 1502 | 1637 | | 1812 | 1912 | 2004 | | |
| Didcot Parkway Railway Station | 0715 | ▼ | 0831 | | 0959 | 1107 | 1159 | 1307 | 1359 | 1507 | 1642 | | 1817 | 1917 | 2009 | | |
| Didcot Girls' School | | 0820 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Didcot St Birinus School | | 0828 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | This journey operates during school holidays only. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | This journey operates on school days only. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Saturdays | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| route number | | 94A | 94 | 94 | 94A | 94 | 94A | 94 | 94A | 94 | 94A | 94 | 94A | 94 | 94A | | |
| Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4 | | 0735 | | 0910 | 1010 | 1110 | 1210 | 1310 | 1410 | 1510 | 1610 | 1710 | 1810 | 1910 | | | |
| Didcot Orchard Centre | | 0739 | | 0914 | 1014 | 1114 | 1214 | 1314 | 1414 | 1514 | 1614 | 1714 | 1814 | 1914 | | | |
| Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way | | ▼ | | 0918 | 1018 | 1118 | 1218 | 1318 | 1418 | 1518 | 1618 | 1718 | 1818 | 1918 | | | |
| East Hagbourne War Memorial | | 0745 | | 0921 | 1021 | 1121 | 1221 | 1321 | 1421 | 1521 | 1621 | 1721 | 1821 | 1921 | | | |
| Blewbury The Blueberry | | ▼ | | 0928 | ▼ | 1128 | ▼ | 1328 | ▼ | 1528 | ▼ | 1728 | ▼ | 1928 | | | |
| West Hagbourne Moor Lane | 0751 | | | | 1027 | | 1227 | | 1427 | | 1627 | | 1827 | | | | |
| West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow | 0752 | | | | 1028 | | 1228 | | 1428 | | 1628 | | 1828 | | | | |
| Upton Village Hall | 0754 | | | | 0933 | 1030 | 1133 | 1230 | 1333 | 1430 | 1533 | 1630 | 1733 | 1830 | 1933 | | |
| Blewbury The Blueberry | 0759 | | | | 0938 | 1035 | 1138 | 1235 | 1338 | 1435 | 1538 | 1635 | 1738 | 1835 | 1938 | | |
| Aston Upthorpe The Chequers | 0808 | | | | 1044 | | 1244 | | 1444 | | 1644 | | 1844 | | | | |
| South Moreton The Crown | 0814 | | | | 1050 | | 1250 | | 1450 | | 1650 | | 1850 | | | | |
| North Moreton Bus Shelter | 0818 | | | | 1054 | | 1254 | | 1454 | | 1654 | | 1854 | | | | |
| East Hagbourne War Memorial | ▼ | 0845 | 0945 | | | 1145 | | 1345 | | 1545 | | 1745 | | 1945 | | | |
| Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way | ▼ | 0848 | 0948 | | | 1148 | | 1348 | | 1548 | | 1748 | | 1948 | | | |
| Didcot Orchard Centre | 0826 | 0854 | 0954 | 1102 | 1154 | 1302 | 1354 | 1502 | 1554 | 1702 | 1754 | 1902 | 1954 | | | | |
| Didcot Parkway Railway Station | 0831 | 0859 | 0959 | 1107 | 1159 | 1307 | 1359 | 1507 | 1559 | 1707 | 1759 | 1907 | 1959 | | | | |
| | | 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.

Please see page 17 for useful details on how to get to the Oxford Hospitals via public transport.

Please note: The timetables for the Wantage, Faringdon and Newbury buses changed on 14th April – please check before you travel.

Environmental Hustings

Friday 21st June, 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church

The Churches in Wallingford, Didcot and the Churn Benefice villages in South Oxfordshire have been asked to organise a Hustings prior to the General Election, focussing on political action to Safeguard our Environment. This will take place at St Andrews Church, East Hagbourne, on Friday 21st June at 6.30pm.

All Parliamentary Candidates for the Wantage Constituency will be invited to attend to tell us how they will show political leadership to address the climate emergency.

If they are unable to attend, they will be invited to submit their plans to address some or all the following topics but limiting responses to two sides of A4 paper. Responses will be read out at the Hustings and distributed electronically to those who request this so that any links on the web can be followed.

- Re-focus the Economy to achieve Green Growth.
- Keep fossil fuels in the ground.
- Invest in renewable energy.
- Invest in carbon capture.
- Switch to sustainable transport.
- Help us keep our homes cosy.
- Improve farming and encourage vegan diets.
- Restore nature to absorb more carbon.
- Protect forests like the Amazon.
- Protect the oceans.
- Reduce how much people consume.
- Reduce plastic.
- Further topics concerning water:

Stop water companies being allowed to let raw sewage onto our streams and rivers at any time. Have independent monitors testing the water. Repair leaking pipes properly. Insist that all new houses have water recycling systems for flushing toilets. Stop developers who have planning permission being allowed to build new houses without water saving and solar panels.

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

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

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

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 **8th June**. 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.



JULY/AUGUST 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the July/August 2024 parish magazine by **Monday 17th June to magtemp5@gmail.com**

This will be a Summer double issue so please include July and August events and early September events.

Thank you, the magazine committee.

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RenuMohan5@yahoo.co.uk

