

# St Andrew's Hagbourne

## PARISH MAGAZINE

### ALTERNATIVE ISSUE – JUNE 2021



Some inspiration from past years – scarecrows that have appeared in East Hagbourne. **The Scarecrows are back again in 2021** – this year they are **Going Green** from **26th June until 11th July**. Details and entry form on pages 6 and 7 of this magazine.

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

Thank you very much to the Parish Councils for giving the Parish Magazine a temporary home on their websites until we are able to safely go back to producing and distributing a printed copy.

[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)

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

# 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.

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## Rector's Reflections - Grace before Meals

Is it your custom to say a short prayer of thanks before you sit down to eat? Some people do, and some people don't. I can remember one occasion on which everyone present sang the grace, using the following words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

I wonder if these words ring a bell? They come from a hymn, "Awake my soul, and with the sun", written by a 17th century Englishman, Thomas Ken. Thomas was born in 1637, and in 1685 he was appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells. Three years later, there was a political revolution, and the then king, James II, fled to France. William of Orange was invited to become the new king, and in due course he was crowned as William III, and his wife Mary as Mary II. However, the previous king, James II, was still alive.

Many people were placed in a difficult position. They had sworn their oaths of loyalty to James II: did they keep their oath to James, or did they take a pragmatic view, and swear a new oath to the new King William? Thomas felt that he could not in good conscience take the coronation oath to King William, and in due course he was deprived of his bishopric. Thomas spent his retirement living at Longleat, a guest of his friend Lord Weymouth. Thomas was a very godly man and is often regarded as one of the saints of the church. His saint's day is 8th June, and that's why I'm writing about him this month.

I'm thinking of Thomas's words, which I have quoted earlier: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below'. We enjoy so many blessings in our life, and more often than not we take them pretty much for granted. God must look at us and say to himself: what ungrateful creatures they are! I think it would be good for us to pause, from time to time, and say a prayer of thanks to God. We might even be tempted to sing the four lines of Thomas's hymn! But it doesn't have to be anything so formal or elaborate. I'm sure God will be happy with a simple "thank you"! Father Jason.

## June Pram Service

**Hosted by The Churn Mothers Union**

Our MU Pram Service team invite you to their half-term

### PICNIC

**with PLAY + PRAISE + PRAYER**

**12pm on Wednesday 2nd June**

**outside St Michael's Blewbury**



# Picnic

All ages welcome - join in or sit and watch. Bring your own picnic and rug. Some chairs available.  
Extra DRINKS & CAKE will be served. Revd Louise Butler 07837 009 730

## CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JUNE 2021

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

### Prayer Focus

Berry Lane B  
Bessels Way B

1 Tuesday	S. Justin Martyr	8pm Compline
2 Wednesday	10am Communion: St Andrew's H	
	12pm Pram Service: St Michael's B	8pm Compline
3 Thursday	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	8pm Compline
4 Friday		8pm Compline
5 Saturday	S. Boniface Bishop & Martyr	
	10.00am Blewbury School Exhibition: St Michael's B	
	10.00am Displays by Environment Groups: St Andrew's H	

Thanksgiving for the Eucharist  
Bessels Lea Road B  
Blewbury Hill B

### **6 +Sunday THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9am Environment Sunday Service: St Michael's AT  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
3pm Open Air Service: Blewbury Play Close  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Environment Service: St Andrew's H

*Sidesmen, those who help with hospitality & catering. Flower arrangers.*

7 Monday		8pm Compline
8 Tuesday		8pm Compline
9 Wednesday	S. Columba Abbott	8pm Compline
	10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	
10 Thursday		8pm Compline
11 Friday	<b>S. Barnabas Apostle</b>	8pm Compline
12 Saturday		

Bohams Road B  
Bridus Mead B  
Bridus Way B

Chailey Gardens B  
Chapel Lane B  
Church End B

### **13 +Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10.30am Online Benefice Service  
10.30am Confirmation Service: St Andrew's H.  
10.30am Rogationtide Service: St John the Baptist SM  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

*Pastoral care & visiting.*

14 Monday		8pm Compline
15 Tuesday		8pm Compline
16 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline
17 Thursday	10am Mothers' Union Eucharist: St Michael's Blewbury	8pm Compline
		8pm Compline
18 Friday		8pm Compline
19 Saturday		

Church Road B  
Churn Estate B  
Cossicle Mead B  
Dibleys B

Eastfields B  
Grahame Close B

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

10.30am Online Benefice Eucharist Service  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

*Families, pram service, family services and Mothers' Union.*

21 Monday		8pm Compline
22 Tuesday	S. Alban Martyr	8pm Compline
23 Weds	S. Etheldreda Abbess	8pm Compline
	10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	

Ladycroft Park B  
London Road B  
Millbrook Close B

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## CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JUNE 2021 continued . . .

24 Thursday	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>	8pm Compline	Those to be Baptised
25 Friday	Ember Day	8pm Compline	Nottingham Fee B
26 Saturday	Ember Day		Pilgrims Way B

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

10.30am Online Benefice Service  
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H  
 6pm Choral Evensong: St Michael's B

*Outreach and Parish magazines.*

28 Monday	S. Irenæus Bishop	8pm Compline	Robinson Close B
29 Tuesday	<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul Apostles</b>	8pm Compline	South Street B
30 Weds	10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Watts Lane B

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## Online Services

**Sundays at 10.30am** login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. **Weekday evenings** – Compline at 8pm.

You can join in using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please see the website or the Churn if you receive it for the Service access codes and full details of how to join each week.

<http://www.churnchurches.co.uk>



**Midweek Communion at St Andrew's** Midweek Communion will take place at St Andrew's on **Wednesdays at 10am**. St Andrew's will now be open **every day** from 10am for private prayer. Please sanitise hands and wear a face mask for the safety of others.

**Daily Reflections – Thought for the Day and Prayer** During the weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. It can be found on the [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk) or please ring the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044.



## Funerals in the Benefice

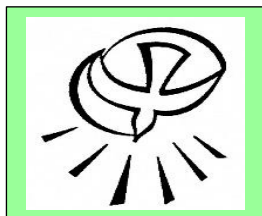
14th May at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Basil Pryor	Aged 92
19th May at West Berks Crematorium	Jane Sutcliffe (Blewbury)	Aged 91

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

***During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via email. You can contact the clergy & staff on:***

Revd Jason 01235 850267 office@churnchurches.co.uk  
 Revd Louise 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com  
 Dawn (Administrator) 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or office@churnchurches.co.uk  
*Dawn is in the office from 12pm – 4pm Monday & 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday.*

**Please note:** all Services and Events are subject to last minute changes or cancellations if Government social restrictions change due to Covid 19.



## Confirmation Service

by The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester

**Sunday 13th June – 10.30am – St Andrew's Hagbourne**

Please pray for all the candidates who will be confirmed on this day.

## World Environment Weekend – 5th & 6th June 2021

**Hagbourne:** There will be a **Service at St Andrew's** on **6th June at 6pm** and the Church will be open on **Saturday, 5th June**, when there will be information available about various environmental activities organised by village groups.

**Do drop in and have a look – please see page 8.**



**Blewbury:** There will be an **Exhibition by Blewbury School at St Michael's** called **Tree of Life on 5th June** from 10am to 4pm and on **Sunday, 6th June** there will be an **Open Air Service for all ages – Trees for Life** – at the **Blewbury Play Close**. Please bring a rug – some chairs provided.

**Aston Tirrold:** There will also be an **Environment Sunday Service on 6th June at St Michael's Aston Tirrold** at 9am.

**Dawn has got a new job!** Dawn Saunders has recently been offered and accepted an exciting new full-time job working in the Treasurer's Department of Christ Church, which is one of the Oxford University colleges. We very much want to congratulate her on this and wish her well with this new job. She has worked as the Administrator in the Churn Benefice Centre in Blewbury for 19 years, so this is going to be a big change for her and for us.

Her last day in the Churn Benefice Centre is likely to be Friday 11th June and she will be starting her new job just over one week after that. It is planned that there will be a presentation for her on Sunday 13th June at around 11:30am in the churchyard of St Andrews Church, East Hagbourne immediately after the Confirmation Service which will be there and involve the new Bishop of Dorchester The Right Reverend Gavin Collins. Anyone wishing to contribute to her leaving present and/or attend that outdoor presentation is welcome to do so, as it won't be number limited in the same way as the actual indoor Confirmation Service. Contributions to Dawn's leaving present can be made electronically to the Churn Benefice Bank Account (Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00006301 marked 'Dawn Leaving Present') or by cheque or cash to Revd Louise Butler or Roger Murphy (Churn Benefice Treasurer) ideally by 6th June.

## Cygnets Group - Youth Ministry in the Benefice

A regular Sunday evening group usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6.30-8pm, 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.* For details email Lesley Botchway - [L.Botchway@outlook.com](mailto:L.Botchway@outlook.com).

## June 2021 Cleaning Rota for St Andrew's

6th June: Jenny Blumire/Kate Williams 13th June: Barbara Elsmore-Wickens/Cordelia Gover

20th June: Jenny Smith/Myra Hardiman 27th June: Christine Randall/Julie Vokins

**Thank you** to all who came and helped to give St Andrew's a Spring Clean on 1st May.

# *The Scarecrow Trail 2021*



*Turn straw into Gold for  
St Anne's Hospital, Liuli*

Theme: **"Going Green"**

Dates: **26th June until 11th July**

Entrance still only £5.00 per Scarecrow.

Entry form on page 6 in this Magazine or on village website.

Free Straw kindly provided by The Powells, will be available at  
20A Blewbury Road from 29th May

*Help Make This Our Best Scarecrow Trail Yet*

Trail maps are only £1.00 and will be available from The Fleur and the Village Shop. Each map allows you to vote for your favourite scarecrow. The winning entry to be announced on 15th July. Also, the cup for the most eco-friendly scarecrow.

# East Hagbourne 16th Annual Scarecrow Competition

## Entry Form 2021

In aid of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania

***Theme: Going Green***

**CUP TO BE AWARDED TO THE COMPETITION WINNER  
As Voted By Trail Followers  
PLUS Special Cup For Most Eco-friendly Scarecrow**

Name of Scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are from outside East Hagbourne and would like to enter – a site can be found  
for your "Visiting Scarecrow" – or you can organise your own.  
If known, please give the site details below.

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Scarecrow to be in place from the morning of 26th June  
to stay in place until evening of 11th July  
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Please return your entry form and payment to:  
Mary Harrison, 20a Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne (01235 813826)  
£5.00 (cheques payable to "*Friends of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli*"),  
**by Sunday, 20th June so that trail maps can be prepared beforehand.**

Straw available at 20a, generously donated by the Powells



## Summer Teas

at St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne



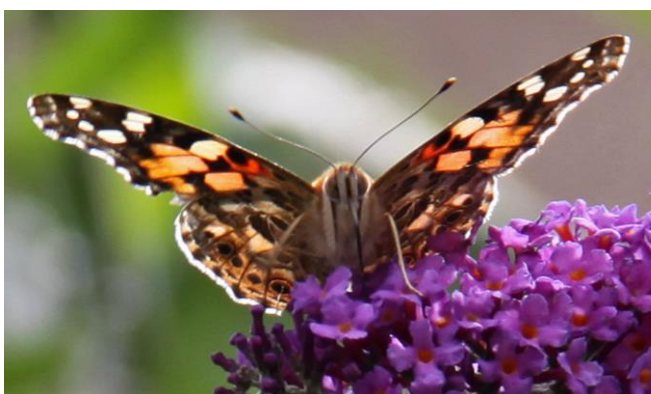
We are hoping to run teas again at St Andrew's Church on **Sunday afternoons** during the Summer from **Sunday 18th July until Sunday 5th September**, inclusive, from **3:00 – 5:00**.

\*This will be dependent on the covid rules changing on 21st June but until then we are not sure. This is something that we would really like to do again in our beautiful church and would love your support.\* In the past the teas were run by various groups in the church and the village in order 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. As soon as I know for sure what is happening, I will let people know. I am hoping to put a sign-up sheet in the church at the end of June (after 21st) so please look out for it and sign up if you are happy to run one of the teas. WATCH THIS SPACE! Shirley Goss.

**Hagbourne Garden Club** would like to say a huge '**thank you**' to both the volunteers who helped at our Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, 22nd May and to the many many visitors who braved the unseasonable weather and supported us. After the early downpour we were blessed with a fine and at times, sunny, afternoon and it was lovely to see you all.

The Garden Club will resume our monthly meetings with a variety of speakers in September and would welcome any beginners or experienced gardeners who would care to join us. Further information to follow!

## Environment Sunday

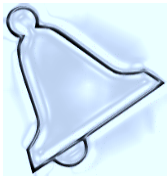


**Service on 6th June  
at 6pm**

**in St Andrew's Church  
East Hagbourne**

St Andrew's will also be open as usual on **Saturday 5th June** when there will be information available about various environmental activities organised by other village groups. Do drop in and have a look.





## 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. We are all so happy that he has left it flying again this year.

Evensong continued every Sunday in May and will carry on in June so we are able to ring the bells for these Services with the usual restrictions. We will continue to ring them this way until we are advised otherwise. The team are hoping that we will be able to ring more of our lovely eight bells after 21st June but we will have to wait and see, we must follow the guidelines at that time.

We rang the bells for the wedding of Alistair Farmer and Naomi Turner on Saturday 8th May. This wedding followed the covid guidelines in place at the time so it was a small wedding and we rang four of our bells for 15 minutes following the service. Although it was quite a dull day, weather wise, it was a lovely wedding and we would like to wish the couple every happiness for the future.



We will be ringing the bells for a wedding on Friday 28th May but again just four bells will be rung for 15 minutes following the service.

We will be holding our quarterly meeting on the 1st June, online, and I am sure we will all be eager to discuss when ringing practices can begin again on a Tuesday evening. It will be lovely to ring more than four bells again.

Belated birthday wishes to Sam Sweeney on 28th May. Shirley Goss.

### **Basil Pryor 13th August 1928 to 1st May 2021**

It is with great sadness that the Hagbournes have lost another wonderful character. Basil passed away peacefully in hospital on 1st May 2021 surrounded by his family.

He was born in Didcot on 13th August 1928, one of seven children to William and Elsie Pryor. After leaving school he worked for Gordon Bosley on his Harwell cherry farm before moving to work with dairy herds on the Cliveden Estate at Cookham and the Crown Estates, Windsor.

Following his National Service he returned to work in the family grocery business at 43 The Broadway in 1951. In 1955 he started Pryors Taxis, first living in Haydon Road, Didcot, and then moving into 3 Mereland Road. He married Gwyneth Abbott from Manor Farm in 1957 and together they worked tirelessly to grow the business. They moved to Church Close in 1974 with their three children, Jane, Caroline and David.

Throughout his life, Basil served his community in many different areas including as a retained fireman, a founding member of Didcot Rotary Club, a local and district Councillor, Mayor of Didcot, President of Didcot Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of Didcot Boy's Football Club and Rugby Club.

Together with Gwyneth, they thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Church Fete in the garden at Highmead for 25 years. Basil was a kind and hospitable host with a wonderful sense of humour. His energy and passion for life was ever present. He leaves his 3 children and their partners, 5 Grandchildren, 3 Great Granddaughters, his sister Rosemary and brother Robin. May he rest in peace.

Basil's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's Church on 14th May.  
We send our heartfelt sympathies to all his family and friends.



# East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:

[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)



**Summer Is Coming!** Taking a stroll or out for a cycle? Need an after school pick-me-up? Stop in for cold drinks and ice lollies, salty snacks or fresh fruit, or pick-and-mix your favourite sweets to take on your summer adventures!

## East Hagbourne Open Garden Sunday 13th June

Every 3 years, East Hagbourne opens private gardens as part of the National Garden Scheme to fund amazing charities in gardens and health. On Sunday, 13th June, 8 gardens across the village will be open, tickets £5 available on line or on the day. We're pleased to support this triennial event with a **special Shop opening from 2-5pm**, so you can refresh yourself in-between garden visits with drinks, snacks and treats. For more information on the Open Gardens Day, see <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/25852>.



**Delicious Home-made Cakes & Crumbles** Every Thursday, our talented team of bakers whip up a delectable array of lemon drizzle loaves, Victoria sponges and other scrumptious cakes – all perfect for weekends at home or with loved ones. And our famously moreish homemade Rhubarb & Ginger crumbles are back in Shop!

**Extra Produce?** Rhubarb, courgettes or other produce overwhelming your allotment or garden? We sell this low-food-mile produce to our local community, and the extra income helps keep our Shop thriving. Please drop extra fresh fruit or veg at the Shop. Many thanks to all our generous local gardeners for your support!

**Current Shop & Post Office Operating Hours** Our business hours continue as is through June, until July 9th when the PO will re-open for business on Fridays. If your local bank branch has closed, you can withdraw cash, deposit cheques or cash, or pay bills at the local Post Office.

**Shop:** Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.

**Post Office:** Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12:30pm and Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.  
**CLOSED FRIDAY.**

**Marcopolo** Pick up Marcopolo's artisanal breads and savouries or delicious pastries each Saturday from 9-12:30pm. Be sure to pre-order to avoid disappointment **by 4pm Wednesdays**, either in the Shop or by email to [easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com) or come by to see what we have in stock.

### Interested in working in the community?

We are seeking additional volunteers for a variety of roles: to work with customers, help with IT support, or to help keep us to the Shop tidy inside and out. DoE volunteers also welcome! Please contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to [smith@hagbourne.plus.com](mailto:smith@hagbourne.plus.com)



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Gardens Open For Charity



# East Hagbourne Gardens

East Hagbourne, OX11 9LN

Bottom Barn • Buckels • The Gables •  
5 Higgs Close • Kingfisher House • Lime  
Tree Cottage • Little Thatch • 2 Lower  
Cross Cottages • Yew Tree Cottage

## Sunday 13th June

### 1pm to 5pm

Combined entry £5 Children free



TEAS



PLANTS FOR SALE

Registered Charity No. 117664

More information at [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk)

**EAST HAGBOURNE GARDENS** Please come and enjoy our gardens and support this amazing national charitable event which raises money for nursing and health charities every year. Gardens will now **open from 1pm** to spread out visiting time. **Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes** will be on sale at **St Andrew's Church** and **Fieldside**, **goodies from the Village Shop** can be purchased from outside the shop, a **plant sale** is being held at **5 Higgs Close** and the **Fleur** will also be open for refreshments.

**Parking** will be in the field off Manor Farm Lane and in the Pavilion car park, manned by our car parking teams to minimise disruption in the village. **Tickets cost £5** to visit all the **8 gardens** (2 Lower Cross Cottages will now not be open) and are available in advance on [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk) - please show or print out your order confirmation email as proof of ticket purchase. Tickets are also available on the day – the **main ticket points** are at both ends of the village at **Bottom Barn** on Manor Farm Lane and **5 Higgs Close**.

Due to the current situation we may have to set conditions on numbers in some areas so that everyone can enjoy the event safely.

# HAMS - 'To a Mouse', a poem by Rabbie Burns.

Read by Iain Duff and dramatised by Doug Amos for the ODN Winter Festival 2021.



## These are Iain's reflections:

I have always had a passion for the works of Scotland's greatest bard, Rabbie Burns, who is arguably one of the most internationally celebrated poets of all time. As many of you know, we have had several Burns Suppers in the village, with the most recent being one of the last major pre-lockdown village events at the

beginning of February 2020. At this event, commemorating the poet's birth on January 25th 1759, I usually do the Address to the Haggis but that lends itself to the dinner setting and the high drama of the Burns Supper.

However, perhaps the best known of Burns' work is the poem "To a Mouse" that recounts the story of a farmer who inadvertently ploughs through a field mouse's nest and causes the ploughman poet, an epithet for Burns himself, to reflect on nature, life, and the contrast between man and mouse.

I was encouraged by Mary Hands and Doug Amos to recite this poem in front of a blazing fire whilst cuddling a glass of whisky. A feat which gave me the greatest of pleasure.

The process of filming oneself in isolation has been commented on by the previous contributors to this HAMS column and it is certainly quite bizarre to perform without any feedback, although it was easier for me than for actors who would normally be interacting directly with other actors.

However, what really made for a great production that I hope you will like in the link below, and which won a commendation from the Oxfordshire Drama Network evaluators, was the splicing of my rendering with footage of images and real mice by Doug Amos. It was brilliantly done, and I still like looking at the mouse nibbling the corn just as I am reciting "Has cost thee monie a weary nibble". I enjoyed it so much myself that I am tempted to have another dram. Truly in the spirit of Rabbie.

Iain Duff

Click [here](#) to enjoy the video on YouTube.

[www.thehams.co.uk](http://www.thehams.co.uk)



An' cozie here, beneath the blast,

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



## HUGS News for June - Hagbournes & Upton Group for Sustainability

### Wildlife Competition Closing soon

Only 6 days left to enter our Wildlife Garden Competition. Don't miss out on a chance to win our great prizes; a delicious hamper from Just Trading in Wallingford and 2 bundles of wildlife goodies for your garden! Find out on our [website](#) and enter [here](#).

**Dark Skies** This month we're highlighting an issue where we can all make a difference:

- for the planet
- for our pocket
- and for nature

That issue is light pollution. Light spill from our external lighting (as well as from streetlights) has a devastating affect on many different species; from birds, moths, amphibians to bats and other mammals. Artificial light at night affects animals and birds ability to function normally, from reproduction to hunting. It also makes them more vulnerable to predators.

**We** are also directly affected by bright light at night. Our sleep is disrupted which has a knock-on effect on our mental and physical health. **What's more**, it costs us and the planet to run these lights, adding to our energy use (and therefore our bills).

### So, what can we all do to help?

- Consider how you can avoid light spill. Minimise the spread of light.
- Avoid lighting up trees that could be roosts or feeding sites for bats, owls and other nocturnal wildlife.
- Focus lights downwards – just on the objects you need to see.
- Avoid blue-rich lights - these pose the highest risk. If you need outside light, use low energy 'warm' light bulbs.
- Keep your garden dark: remove or switch off outside lights when not needed – and ask your workplace and your neighbours to do the same.
- By turning off lights you save money, save energy use and help to save nature.



Commons Wikipedia

And the more darkness you can protect, the more stars you'll see from your garden! Find out more from our latest [Blog](#). Thanks from the HUGS team.

### Roger Phipps

Sadly Roger Phipps died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 23rd May in the JR hospital. Roger left a legacy to continue the Poets' Trail Project in his memory.

The following is the last poem that Roger wrote for the magazine. May he rest in peace.

### Roses Red

The weather is fine,  
Summer sunshine,  
A loving time.  
True,  
I see you,  
Your eyes so blue.  
The weather is fine,  
Summer sunshine,  
Roses red,

"Good times," we said. From Roger the Poet



## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**County Council Elections on 6th May** In the County Council elections last month, Jane Murphy was elected as our County Councillor. Jane now wears two hats as she is also one of our District Councillors. One benefit of this, in addition to the high approachability of Jane, is that if you are ever confused about whether you are enquiring about SODC or OCC responsibilities, you can leave it to Jane to decide which is appropriate!

We are of course lucky to have two active District Councillors and you can share the SODC work load by contacting the equally approachable Anne-Marie Simpson. Full contact information for both councillors, including email, and telephone numbers is on the councils' websites viz.

Jane (OCC) <https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=12020>

Jane (SODC) <http://democratic.southoxon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=529>

Anne-Marie (SODC) <http://democratic.southoxon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=4666>

**HUGS** Readers of this Parish Magazine will be very aware of HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability) who had their first AGM in February 2021. Some people have been asking me how this is related to the Parish Council so I feel it will be useful to clarify the situation in this column. In short, there is no formal link of any kind between HUGS and the Parish Council. However, there are many areas of common interest for the two bodies.

One example concerns footpaths. These are usually the responsibility of the County Council but Parish Councils are empowered and encouraged to help with minor issues and generally to liaise with OCC concerning their upkeep.

One of the aims of HUGS is to encourage people to appreciate the countryside, so good path networks are important to them. HUGS have already worked to improve management of scrub, hedgerows and trees along footpath (197/18) from Blewbury Road to the Great Mead footpath (197/18).

The Hagbourne Environment Group (HEG) who, inter alia, organized work parties in Butts Piece, Millennium Wood, and the Cemetery, has been subsumed into HUGS. Like HUGS, HEG was not formally linked to the Parish Council, but both groups have applied for and been given small grants from the Council.

Each year at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, we update a review of the council operations including referencing some outside bodies that have aims that we believe support EHPC. At the APCM on 6th May this year, HUGS was added to this list (see <https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/EHPC-Annual-Meeting-Checklist-May-2021.pdf>).

**Housing Development by the Village Hall** Sometimes it feels that a step forward is accompanied by a couple of steps backwards when it comes to a final resolution to the detailed planning approval for the housing development by the Village Hall.

Following a lengthy but successful clearance of the culvert under the Butts Piece allotments, Mactaggart and Mickel are submitting a Schedule 73 application that should tidy up any loose ends blocking acceptance of the main Reserved Matters application. This Schedule 73 application mainly deals with drainage matters and should shortly be open for comment on the SODC webpages.

**Communicating information** An easy way to get information from the Parish Council is to sign up for emails by going to <https://mailchi.mp/9791c642ed24/ehpc>. Please note that your email will not be shared with any other people or used for purposes other than sending communications from the Parish Council. Normally, you should expect no more than about one message each week.

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## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman *continued* . . .

**Parish meetings** The Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line and, as in normal times, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting through the Zoom link that will be included on the agenda.

The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th June.

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

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

## Didcot Emergency Foodbank

**The Didcot Emergency Food Bank now has a new home at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS**

**Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: [office@didcotbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@didcotbaptist.org.uk)**

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

**Do you need help?** If you need to access the Foodbank, this can be done by referral from one of the agencies who are registered with them. You must already have a connection with the referrer or be known to them. The list of referrers includes schools, housing associations, social care departments and various voluntary organisations. Please contact one of these organisations and ask for a Foodbank referral. They will either issue you with a voucher or make an email referral. Citizens Advice Bureau can advise you about other help that might be available. Their offices are currently closed due to COVID-19, but they can be phoned on 0300 3309 042.

**Can you help?** If you would like to make a financial donation, this can be done by visiting [online donation facility](#) and choosing "Foodbank" as your option. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made, or a cheque sent - please contact the Foodbank for details. If you would like to volunteer to help practically, please contact us for a chat.

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

## The Poets' Trail

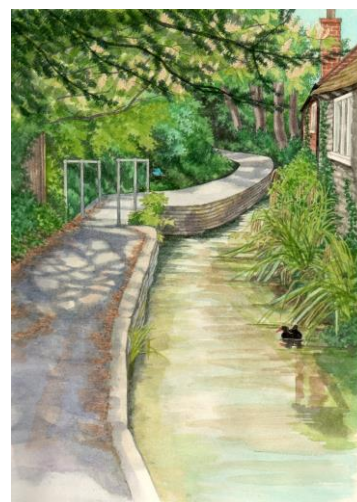
It is hoped to organise some events both outside and in, if Covid restrictions continue to lift. Watch this space! In the meantime, the Trail is there for anyone to enjoy with Poets' Trail books available at our Post Office.

Our next big theme, for a future poetry book, is

**The Environment, centred around East Hagbourne.**

So anything from hedgehogs, growing your own veg, and looking after trees, to traffic, and your recycling bin!

So start feeling inspired and send any early poems to [Linda.Benton@live.co.uk](mailto:Linda.Benton@live.co.uk) or 33 The Croft, East Hagbourne.





# East Hagbourne Parish Council

NEWSLETTER No.230 – June 2021

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## GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN – LITTER PICK – 12th June

The East Hagbourne annual litter pick is happening on Saturday 12th June from 10am – Midday. Come along and help make the village sparkle, just in time for National Open Gardens on Sunday 13th June! Please meet us in the village car park just before 10am to collect your equipment.

Many thanks to Sara James for her help coordinating this event.

**Please note:** A full risk assessment has been conducted with the district council to comply with current COVID guidelines. Please ensure you have a face mask - gloves should also be worn and you should bring wipes/hand gel with you.



## CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP

The group is still active, so please do get in touch if you need help. Please contact [easthagbourncovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourncovid19@gmail.com) or call/text 07568 395228.



## ADDITIONAL HELP AVAILABLE

If you are in need of additional support for any reason, the following resources are available:

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

**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – [www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund](http://www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund)

Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

**Community Hub** – Contact via [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600 [www.southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub)



**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.**



## USEFUL WEBSITES

<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.

*Planning applications received since the last meeting:*

**P21/S1391/FUL** Coscote Farm, Coscote - New open sided portal framed building

**P21/S2013/LDP** 12 Bishops Orchard, East Hagbourne – Rear extension (Certificate of Lawful Development)

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th June at The Pavilion, Great Mead.**

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

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



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Didcot, Loyd Park					1438		1538				
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Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1449	1514	1549	1559	1719	1849	
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1454	1518	1554	1604	1724	1853	
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0853	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1607	1727	1856	
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	↓	↓	↓	↓	1503	↓	1603	↓	↓	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	↓	↓	↓	↓	1507	↓	1607	↓	↓	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1514	1529	1614	1615	1735	1904	
Upton, Village Hall	0907	1035	1205	1405	↓	1535	↓	1621	1741	1910	
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	↓	1536	↓	1622	1742	1911	
Chilton, Main Street	0916	1043	1213	1413	↓	1544	↓	1630	1750	1919	
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0923	1050	1220		↓	1551			1757	1926	
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH					1523		1623				
South Moreton, The Crown PH					1529		1629				
North Moreton					1535		1635				
Didcot, Orchard Centre					1545		1645				
Didcot, Parkway Station					1549		1649				

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Chilton, Main Street	0640				0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601	1633	1806		
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	↓	0728	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	↓	0734	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0646	0737	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1437	1607	1639	1812			
Upton, Village Hall	0648	0741	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1439	1609	1641	1814			
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0656	0749	0816	0945	1115	1245	1445	1445	1615	1647	1820			
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	↓	0758	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
South Moreton, The Crown PH	↓	0804	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
North Moreton	↓	0810	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Didcot, St Birinus School	↓	0824	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Didcot Girls' School	↓	0832	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	↓	0824	0953	1123	1253	1453	1453	1623	1655	1828			
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	↓	0827	0956	1126	1256	1456	1456	1626	1658	1831			
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	↓	0832	1001	1131	1301	1501	1501	1631	1703	1836			
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716	0838	0836	1005	1135	1305	1505	1505	1635	1707	1840			

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Saturdays

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Didcot, Parkway Station, stop R4	0840	1010	1140	1340	1510	1710
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
Chilton, Main Street	0913	1043	1213	1413	1543	1743
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

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Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0925	1055	1225	1425	1555	
Chilton, Main Street	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0814	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0822	0953	1123	1253	1453	1623
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0825	0956	1126	1256	1456	1626
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0830	1001	1131	1301	1501	1631
Didcot, Parkway Station	0834	1005	1135	1305	1505	1635

## Thames Travel bus service to the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32

Bus Service X32 goes from Wantage to Didcot then Oxford city centre and onto Brookes University and the JR. There are 2 buses in each direction each hour. To look up the times go to: <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/X32>

**Football in East Hagbourne** Hagbourne United Football Club are looking for new players to play in the North Berks league divisions 4 & 5. The Club currently fields two men's teams for age 16+ but will be pleased to hear from players of all ages and abilities. Please contact John Symonds at [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com) or 07831 714 076.



## Astronomy Notes The Firework Galaxy

The spectacular "Firework Galaxy" imaged earlier in the year, a total of 14 hours exposure through various filters. Due to the British weather, this image took me several weeks to gather the data, grabbing a few hours at a time.

Discovered by the famous William Herschel in 1798, this galaxy is known as a "Starburst galaxy" due to its prolific creation of new stars.

At a distance of 25 million light years, it measures 40,000 LYs across, which is 1/3 the size of our own Milky Way galaxy.

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



A poem in the hope that all eight bells of St Andrew's will soon be able to ring out "on the wind".

## Church Bells on the Wind

It matters not how sad you feel  
 If eyes, with tears, are dimmed;  
 Your heart will lift to hear the peal  
 Of church bells on the wind.

Was e'er a sound that had the pow'r  
 To touch one feeling grim –  
 To bring relief in gloomy hour  
 Like church bells on the wind?

I love that sound upon the breeze  
 With joy my soul is twinned!  
 And I give thanks upon my knees  
 For church bells on the wind.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## JULY 2021 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the July parish magazine by **19th June** to **magtemp5@gmail.com** Thank you.

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

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