

# St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

MARCH 2023



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

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# CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR MARCH 2023

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

## Prayer Focus:

1 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline  
 2 Thursday 8pm Compline  
 3 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group, Didcot 8pm Compline  
 4 Saturday

Rymans Crescent  
 Saxons Way  
 Shoe Lane  
 St Anne's Court

### **5 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B  
 9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
 9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U  
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H  
 10.30am Online Service  
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H  
 7pm Youth Group in the Benefice Centre



*Pastoral care and visiting.*

6 Monday 8pm Compline  
 7 Tuesday No Holy Communion in Blewbury today 8pm Compline  
 3 to 4.30pm Christian Art Lent group: St Michael's AT (see p.4)  
 8 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline  
 9 Thursday 8pm Compline  
 10 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group, Didcot 8pm Compline  
 11 Saturday

St Hilda's Close  
 St Hugh's Rise  
 Stonesfield  
 The Crescent  
 The Croft  
 Upper Cross Lane

### **12 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

*Families, family services and Mothers' Union.*

13 Monday 8pm Compline  
 14 Tuesday 3 to 4.30pm Christian Art Lent Group: St Michael's B (see p.4)  
 Close  
 15 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline  
 16 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm Compline  
 17 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group, Didcot 8pm Compline  
 18 Saturday 4pm Outdoor Church: Manor Farm House, East Hagbourne

Viking Drive  
 Wilcher  
 Windsor Crescent  
 Bakers Lane  
 Bishops Orchard  
 Blewbury Road

### **19 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
 10.30am All Age Service: St Andrew's H  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
 10.30am Online Benefice Service  
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*Outreach and parish magazines.*

20 Monday 8pm Compline  
 21 Tuesday 10am Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm Compline  
 3 to 4.30pm Christian Art Lent Group: St Andrew's H (see p.4)  
 22 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline  
 23 Thursday 8pm Modern Miracles: Benefice Centre B 8pm Compline

Church Close  
 Coscote  
 Cromwell Drive  
 Fieldside

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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



## Rector's Reflections A Controversial Sunday

I wonder what you think about Mothering Sunday? Traditionally, it is celebrated on the 4th Sunday in Lent, which this year falls on 19th March. On this Sunday, churches will typically make an extra special effort to welcome families, and often little posies of flowers are given to any mothers who might happen to be in the congregation.

The meaning of Mothering Sunday has changed down the centuries. In the Middle Ages, the emphasis seems to have been on celebrating the role of Mother Church. People might visit their local cathedral, which was regarded as the "Mother Church" of the diocese. Later on, when many unmarried women lived and worked away from home, the custom arose that their employers would be expected to allow them to take this Sunday off, so they could go back home and visit their mothers. In more recent years, Mothering Sunday has been about celebrating the role of mothers – a role which is so often taken for granted.

However, over the last 10 or 20 years, the idea of celebrating Mothering Sunday has been brought into question. It has been pointed out that our relationships with our mothers can be complex and sometimes a source of deep pain. Furthermore, what if you are woman who has never had children? A traditional Mothering Day service could make you feel quite uncomfortable. And does the whole idea of Mothering Sunday hark back to some mythical age when women stayed at home to look after the children, and the men went out to work? In the modern world, there is the expectation that parenting is shared, so why do we still talk about "Mothering Sunday"? Why don't we change its name to "Parenting Sunday", and recognise that in the modern world, families come in all shapes and sizes?

What do you think? Is it time to get rid of the traditional "Mothering Sunday"? Or do you think it should be kept, as it provides a wonderful opportunity to thank our mothers for all that they have done for us? In our local group of churches, we still keep the traditional Mothering Sunday, but we try to bring it up to date so that it reflects the reality of family life as it is lived today. We see it as an opportunity to say thank you to all who look after us – whatever their gender, and whether they are family members or not. *Father Jason*



**Online Services** The Online Services will continue on Sundays at 10.30am. Login after 10.00am to chat before if wished. Access the Churn Churches website for login details on how to join: <https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/services-this-week/sunday-service.php> The link for the service is published in the weekly Churn, which can be downloaded from this page: <https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/resources/>



## Mothers' Union welcome you to a special Communion Service celebrating family life

### - LADY DAY -

The Festival when Mary agrees to be the Mother of Jesus  
**Saturday 3pm on 25th March, St Michael's Blewbury**

Tea will be served afterward.

To discover the work and projects of the Mothers' Union in our local area please go to: [www.muoxord.org.uk](http://www.muoxord.org.uk)



## Calendar and Diary for March 2023 continued . . .

24 Friday	10.30am Ecumenical Group: Didcot	8pm Compline	Great Mead
25 Saturday	3pm <b>Lady Day Service:</b> St Michael's B		Harwood Road
<b>26 +Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			<i>All the Churches in our Benefice and our relationships together.</i>
	9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U		
	10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B Lent with the Inklings		
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
	4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM		
	6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		
27 Monday		8pm Compline	Higgs Close
28 Tuesday	3 to 4.30pm Christian Art Lent Group: St Mary's Upton (see p.4)		Kingsholm
Close		8pm Compline	
29 Weds		8pm Compline	Lake Road
30 Thursday		8pm Compline	Little Langlands
31 Friday	10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: Didcot	8pm Compline	Main Road

## EVENTS FOR LENT 2023

There are a variety of studies, reflections and events to be held during Lent in the Churn Benefice. All welcome to any of the following:

### Modern Miracles – 23rd March

Led by the Revd John Clarke. On Thursday, 23rd March at 8pm in the Benefice Meeting Room at Blewbury, Revd John will lead a discussion on modern miracles based on his recent research.

**Ecumenical Group** reflecting on the book **No Body But Yours – Lent reflections on a prayer by Teresa of Avila** by Paul Cox. 10.30am to 12noon at the home of Jenny Loder, 75 Loyd Road, Didcot on the following Fridays:

**3rd March** – No body but Yours

**10th March** – No hands but Yours

**17th March** – No feet but Yours

**24th March** – Your eyes of compassion

**31st March** – God never changes.

Please book with Jenny Loder 01235 510199 or Josie Midwinter 01235 759398

**Masterpieces of Christian Art** A tour around our Churches led by Fr Jason

Tuesdays 3 – 4.30pm with a cup of tea and biscuits:

**7th March Aston Tirrold**

**14th March Blewbury**

**21st March Hagbourne**

**28th March Upton**



## Outdoor Church for Lent



*Short sessions of **ACTIVITY** for all ages with pause for praise and prayer – led by The Revd Louise Butler.*

**Saturday 18th March 4pm** at Manor Farm House, East Hagbourne, by kind permission of the Gover family. A guided tour of the Spring Garden and opportunity to make flower posies for Mothering Sunday in St Andrew's Churchyard – scissors, string or ribbon will be useful.

**Good Friday, 7th April** 10am in St Mary's Churchyard, Upton. We gather items to make Easter gardens. Please bring a plate, tray or bowl.

**Travel with us to Narnia and Middle-earth this Lent** Please see next page for details of "Lent with the Inklings" – themes suited for Lent from the work of Tolkien and Lewis.





**Lent Lunches at St Andrew's** There will be Soup Lunches served at St Andrew's Church on **Saturdays** between **12:30 – 2:00** during Lent from the **25th of February – 1st April** (inclusive).

The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. If there is anyone who would like to run one or more of the Lent Lunches there will be a sign-up sheet in church or you can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com) You are welcome to run a lunch in aid of a charity of your choice but we would ask for a small donation to the church. I can provide an information sheet re: running the lunch. These were very popular pre-covid so we hope you will support us.

**Please note:** The last of the Lent Lunches, **Saturday 1st April**, will be in aid of **Sobell House**, more information on page 11. PS. If we do not get people to sign up to run a lunch then it will not happen but I will keep you informed. Shirley Goss

**Travel with us to Narnia and Middle-earth this Lent**

In the 1930s and 40s an informal group of like-minded Christian academics met frequently in Oxford to share and discuss their writing. They were known as 'The Inklings'. Two of them, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, have become world famous as authors of profound Christian insights and imagination. However, 75 years later, in our more diverse age, we might well ask if they still have anything to teach us.

St Michael's is running a Lent course exploring themes suited to Lent from the work of 'The Inklings', particularly Tolkien and Lewis, led by author and Inklings expert Julia Golding. Come to learn more about the themes of Middle-earth and Narnia, stay for friendly discussion and time for reflection. We believe '**Lent with the Inklings**' will have something to say to Christians as well as those who wouldn't give themselves that label. You are welcome to attend any (or all!) of the sessions.



**WEEK 2 - Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall**  
**Wednesday, 8th March, 7.30 pm** Of Orcs and Magician's Nephews: How to care for creation.

**WEEK 3 - Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall**  
**Wednesday, 15th March, 7.30 pm** Of Wizardly Wisdom: What to do with the time that is given us.

**WEEK 4 - St Michael's Church Blewbury,**  
**Sunday, 26th March, 10.30am** Of Mount Dooms and Kingly Lions: The importance of story.



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

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Churn Website: [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)  
Elaine de Ridder (Operations Manager) is available from 9.00am to 2.30pm  
Monday to Friday - 01235 850267, during office hours,  
or [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

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

## What difference can your rice or chocolate make? A lot!

Farmers worldwide can struggle to earn enough to feed their own and send their children to school. Fortunately, Fairtrade can enable them to get fairer prices for their products, so that they and their families can flourish.



### This March and April, we'll have two special ways of making a difference:

As a Benefice, we're taking part in the **90kg Rice Challenge**. 90kg is the amount of fairly traded rice a Malawian farmer needs to sell to get an income that enables them to reinvest in their farm, feed and clothe their family, and most importantly, pay for one year's secondary education for one child. We're going to have 90 one kilo bags of scrumptious, Great Taste award-winning brown and white Kilombero rice from Malawi for sale. Can we reach the mark? Bags cost £4 each. Email: [maryharrison.hagbourne@gmail.com](mailto:maryharrison.hagbourne@gmail.com) if you'd like some. **Please state whether you would like brown or white rice, or both, thank you.**




We're taking orders for 'The Real Easter Egg' – the Easter Egg that is made of Fairtrade chocolate and tells the story of Easter. Eggs are available in milk (£4.50) and dark chocolate (£5.50) – and there are even egg-sized eggs (6 for £5) and sharing boxes (30 egg-sized eggs for £30) if you're planning an egg hunt!

To order your eggs Email: [marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org](mailto:marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org). Delivery will be two weeks before Easter.



**FAIRTRADE Fortnight is from 27th February to 12th March 2023**  
**Discover more on [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)**

<b>MARCH ROTAS Year A</b>	<b>5th March <i>Lent 2</i></b>	<b>March 19th <i>Lent 4</i> Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>GENERAL NOTES:</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Genesis 12 v1-4a. Myra Hardiman  Romans 4 v 1-5, 13- 17 Mary Goy	Exodus 2 v1-10 Andrew Kaye  Colossians 3 v12-17 Daniel Dawson	Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.  <b>No flowers during Lent but don't forget posies for Mothering Sunday, please see notes on pages 4 and 8.</b>
<b>Intercessions</b>	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	 <p>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</p>
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Richard Powell Marian Powell	Robin Harries Jacqui Mackenzie	
<b>Coffee</b>	Jill Garlick Janet Corderoy	Gillian Harries Myra Hardiman	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Helen.Clayson Rachel Williams	Jenny Smith Myra Hardiman	
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	No Flowers	No Flowers	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	No Flowers	No Flowers	



**Tower Talk** Ringing practices are going well, and our new recruits are progressing. Kelly is receiving one-on-one tuition re: handling a bell, hopefully she will be ringing on her own soon. Julie and Vanessa continue to make progress and gain confidence ringing with the team. We have been joined on a regular basis by a couple of ringers from Upton which has made quite a difference to the team as we are now able to method on our lovely eight bells more often.

The tower AGM was held on Tuesday 28th after a shortened ringing practice.

**Birthdays: 2nd March** – Laura Makin, **3rd March** – Mary Napper.

**Happy Anniversary** to Jeff and Coral Powell

**Date for the Diary: Mothering Sunday** is Sunday 19th March. Shirley Goss.

## **Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group**

**The Baby and Toddler Group meets in St Andrew's Church on Fridays in term-time from 9.45 to 11.15am.** Children from birth to 5 years with their parent/grandparent/carer.

£2.00 per family session – includes a healthy snack for children and hot drinks for adults.

The group is a long-established friendly parent run group. We have a variety of toys including ride-ons, slide, dolls, toy cars, Duplo, baby toys, mats and bouncers.

On occasions a craft activity is also offered. Our current children really enjoy their weekly play together (for some it is their only interaction with other children) and they look forward to Friday mornings and meeting their friends. **Please contact: [hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com](mailto:hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com)**

**Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group** has been running successfully for many years. We are a small friendly welcoming group who meet weekly during term time. The children who come have all made new friends with children they wouldn't normally meet through other settings, but the majority will be at school together when the time comes although in different years. The parents/carers who come welcome a chat on a variety of topics and offer help and advice to each other if they can when needed. We have a variety of toys for the children to enjoy.

**There is in great need for volunteers to come forward and run the group – especially from September. There are a few tasks which can be shared out to ease the burden as follows:**

- 1) Setup for toddler group on a Friday morning
- 2) Assist and manage the clearing up and putting away of the toys at the end of toddler group on a Friday morning
- 3) Ensuring snack supplies are purchased
- 4) Finances – managing the income and outgoings of the group
- 5) Liaising with the church
- 6) Publicising the group – online presence, posters, parish magazine etc.

Each task individually doesn't take much time especially if you have a few people to help - could that be you? If the Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group is to continue in September we really do need help and support to keep it running and provide a valuable way for our local younger children and parents/carers to meet. Everything is setup – it needs people to step in and ensure it can continue to run. If you think you are able to help or would like to discuss the tasks further please do reach out to Claire at [hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com](mailto:hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com) Many thanks in advance!

## **Hagbourne Bridge Club If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while –**

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

We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 [hjgarlick@gmail.com](mailto:hjgarlick@gmail.com)

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



**Hagbourne**  
**FUN RUN**  
*and* **WALK**  
**Monday May 1st**

**Date for your diary: Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk, Monday 1st May.**

**One of the biggest events of the Hagbourne year is the annual 4½ mile Fun Run and Walk.** Locals and visitors, young and old, the fit, the hoping-to-get-fit, those who fancy a stroll in the Spring countryside in company - and those who love a homemade cake or two - all join in to have fun and raise money. Every year we send off a nice, fat cheque to cancer research charities, and we top-up the Village Fund which exists to support good causes in Hagbourne itself. We encourage you to enter online. See: [www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun](http://www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun) or <https://easthagbourne.net/directory/fun-run-walk/> for info and links to the online entry form.

**We cannot run the event without our amazing volunteers** (course marshals, catering, village hall support). If you could spare a few hours on the day please contact Rob Pennington on [robpennington64@outlook.com](mailto:robpennington64@outlook.com) and we'll find you a job that suits you.

**Future Events for your Diary:**

**Arts and Crafts in St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne**

**Saturday 22nd April 2023 10:30am to 4:30pm** Refreshments will be available.

Anyone interested in having a stall, please contact Linda Benton 01235 817891

[Linda.Benton@live.co.uk](mailto:Linda.Benton@live.co.uk)

**Car Boot Sale East Hagbourne - Sunday 30th April, 10am to 2pm**

In the field next to the Church, plenty of parking. Pre-paid pitches £10 please call Jane on 07824 440914 Public entry: Adults £1, Children free. Refreshment.



**Mothering Sunday Service**

**St Andrew's – 19th March – 10.30am**

There will be an **All Age Service** for Mothering Sunday on 19th March at St Andrew's when children will be able to present their mother with a small posy of flowers. All welcome.

**Flower Arrangers:** Although no flowers in Church during Lent, it will be lovely if we follow the usual tradition of bringing posies along beforehand, to be handed out to all the mothers, grandmothers etc during the Service. So, please do bring a few small posies along, either on the morning or on the Saturday to be left in water. With many grateful thanks Helen Clayson



## A Tribute to Sean Thomas O'Neill, RIP

17th November 1941 to 30th January 2023

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the recent death of Sean, a former long-time resident of Harwood Road in East Hagbourne with his wife Joan and three daughters. Sean and Joan lived here from 1969 to 2014.

Sean Thomas O'Neill was born in 1941 at home in Runcorn, Cheshire to James and Anne O'Neill; the third son of eight children. He grew up in the thriving parish of St Edwards and at primary school there he met his lifelong best friend, Roy Warburton who read the first reading at his Funeral at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Bicester on the 20th February.

Sean and Roy went on after their schooling to become apprentices at ICI Rock Savage in Cheshire. In his spare time he enjoyed walking, climbing in Wales and archery. He met his beloved wife Joan at 17 years of age and they were married at St Edwards five and a half years later in June 1964. Over the next seven years Sean's work took them to Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and finally East Hagbourne in Berkshire as it was then, now Oxfordshire. During that time, they were blessed with three lovely daughters, Sandra, Gillian, and Patricia. All three girls went to the village Primary School and then onto Our Lady's Convent in Abingdon.

In 1977, Sean was offered a mechanical engineering post taking him to the Iran/Afghanistan areas, Algeria, Dubai, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia over the next 9 years. When on leave he enjoyed spending time with family and friends and being a part of the Church of English Martyrs parish in Didcot. He went on to work for the Ministry of Defence in Didcot and in the latter years of his career, in Caversfield at Bicester. He enjoyed sailing expeditions with the Ministry of Defence around the South Coast and France. Sean and Joan became keen bowlers in the village club for many years and at times he was Captain and President. Sean is well remembered locally for planting daffodils many years ago on both sides of the verge way from the village to Coscote corner; and in parts along the West Hagbourne path and near the bridge.

Sean and Joan were further blessed with six grandchildren and two step grandchildren. After retirement in 2002, Sean had more time for dog walking and village activities.

As they became older they decided to move to Bicester where they have spent the last nine years being well supported by family, friends and the Parish of the Immaculate Conception.

*Written with love forever by his wife Joan and youngest daughter Patricia.*

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## Ken Rayfield 1936 – 2022

I would like to thank my neighbours and friends in Blewbury Road for their kind thoughts, flowers and condolences following the death of my beloved husband, Ken, last New Year's Eve, after a long battle with Dementia and ultimately Covid 19. I'm also grateful to my fellow dog walkers in the village for all their encouragement, advice and solace over the last five plus years as I supported my husband through his horrific illness. I have been overwhelmed by all your kindness everybody so, Thank You! Jean Rayfield.

### Recent Baptisms in the Benefice:

29th January **Ada Patricia Cantwell** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury  
12th February **Lowenna Hope Pearce** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne  
12th February **Alfred Malcolm Woods** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne  
18th February **Lyra Violet Ritchie** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne

### Recent Funerals in the Benefice:

14th February at St Michael's Blewbury	<b>Richard Gilbert</b>	aged 73
17th February at St Michael's Blewbury	<b>Doreen Laugharne</b>	aged 86
20th February at St Michael's Blewbury	<b>Georgina Edgar</b>	aged 92

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



**HAMS Presents**

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

# **Babe, The Sheep Pig**

By David Wood

Based on the book by Dick King-Smith

**Hagbourne Village Hall**

**Evenings at 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

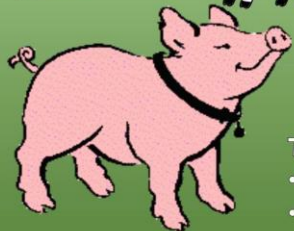
**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Matinee at 2:30 pm**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Please bring cash, notes and coins,  
for purchases at the performance.**



Tickets available from:

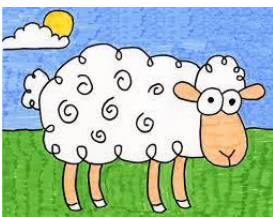
- Hagbourne Village Shop
- Box office: 01235 814140
- [www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS](http://www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS)

Adults - £10 (£7 Wed. only)

Children/Students - £6

This amateur production of "Babe, The Sheep Pig" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

## **HAMS** – *Last chance to buy Babe tickets*



Good morning Elsie, have you seen the hive of activity in the farmyard? Everyone is getting spruced up ready for the play. Most of the sheep have taken a bath in the Springtime sheep dip, have you had yours?



**No, Enid, I've been too busy with lambing and, besides, that smelly disinfectant will ruin my recent shampoo and set!**

Elsie, that's not the right attitude, even Babe stopped wallowing in the mud to be groomed by Farmer Hoggett in time for the performances. You'll find all the details of the performances in the Babe posters which are springing up everywhere!

**You're right as usual, I'd better buy my tickets while they are still available. Apparently you have to take cash, coins and notes, to pay for refreshments or tickets on the night.**

I'm really looking forward to seeing the play, but I don't know how we are going to pass the time next month, Elsie.

**I've enjoyed our little chats so much, Enid, I'm sure we'll think of something.**

**Talk to you soon, Bye.**

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

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

# ***Scarecrow Trail***

***in East Hagbourne 2023***



***Theme:***

***"Your Favourite Animated  
Cartoon Character"***

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

**Saturday 13th May  
until Sunday 4th June.**

Buy your maps for £1 from the  
Community Shop and The Fleur  
from Saturday 13th May  
in order to follow and vote for  
your favourite scarecrow.

**CUP FOR THE  
WINNING  
SCARECROW**

***Entry forms on page 12 of the magazine or print your own from  
the East Hagbourne website: [www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)  
Entry forms to be returned by Wednesday, 3rd May.***

**Profits will be given to St Anne's Hospital, Liuli in Tanzania.**

**We hope to do Teas in Church from 2.30 to 5pm on Sundays  
when maps will also be for sale.**

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

**You are invited to a Lent Lunch on Saturday,  
1st April, from 12.30 to 2.00pm at St Andrew's Church  
to raise money for Sobell House Hospice**

The Lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit  
and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. We will also have a Raffle  
and a Bring and Buy stall.

We do hope you will be able to come and support us. Thank you, Marian 01235 816808.

# East Hagbourne 18th Annual Scarecrow Competition

## Entry Form 2023

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

**Theme: "Your Animated Cartoon Character"**

CUP TO BE AWARDED TO THE COMPETITION WINNER

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

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

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

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

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

Paid by: Cash ..... Cheque..... BACS.....

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.

**Scarecrow to be in place from Saturday morning of 13th May  
to stay in place until evening of Sunday evening 4th June.**

Please return your entry form to Mary Harrison, 20a Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne along with payment of £5.00 either by cash or cheque (payable to Hagbourne Action Group) or alternatively by BACS: Account Number: 77940362 Sort Code: 30-98-97.  
Please use your surname as a reference. Indicating on the entry form this type of payment.

**Entries to be in by Wednesday, 3rd May so that trail maps can be prepared beforehand.**

Straw available at 20a, generously donated by the Powells



**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 5th March. ALL WELCOME.**



**Home Communion** is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact The Revd Louise Butler on 07837 009730. Full COVID precautions will be followed.

**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 or tea afterwards and a chat. For the safety of others, please consider wearing a face covering. **This is a popular Service – all welcome.**

**Compline** A short service of night prayer every weekday night at 8pm. The links and codes for these are on the website under the services tab. [www.churches.co.uk](http://www.churches.co.uk) Phone access is also available.

### **Youth Group: Hot chocolate and games!**

Usually, the first Sunday of the month at the Benefice Office in Blewbury from 7-8.30pm. The next games night will be on

**Sunday the 5th March at 7pm.**

An informal gathering of young people, having a chat while drinking hot chocolate and playing board and card games. Aimed at secondary school young people. Those who recently left school or college are most welcome too! Enquiries: contact Elaine or Father Jason.



### **Didcot Emergency Foodbank**

**The Didcot Emergency Food Bank is at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: [office@didcotbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@didcotbaptist.org.uk)**

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages. **Contact details:** You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: [foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk) or use the [contact form](#) on the website. Thank you.



### **Hagbourne Garden Club**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 23rd March** when Andrew Mikolajski will give a talk called: **Pin me to the Wall – and do what you want with me** - How to choose and manage climbers and wall shrubs.

Refreshments at 7pm and the AGM will start at 7.20pm followed by the talk. Visitors welcome £5.

# East Hagbourne Community Shop

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



Entirely and proudly volunteer run

East Hagbourne Community Shop



We're excited to celebrate **20 YEARS** of supporting our community, providing essential goods & services, showcasing local authors, artists and makers, and offering a friendly place to meet and chat with your neighbours.

We'll be commemorating this milestone throughout **2023**, sharing stories of our past, celebrating with our volunteers and community, and with your help, keeping our village hub vibrant and thriving for the next 20 years!

**East Hagbourne Shop is proudly and entirely run by our volunteers** – and we welcome new members to our team. Would you like to get more involved in the community? Email us at [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393 to learn more about how you can participate in keeping our Shop going and growing!

**Fair Trade Fortnight up to Sunday 12th March** Support Fair Trade makers Green & Black, Tony's, Moser Roth and Cadbury; or choose pantry essentials including sugar, bananas, cocoa or Mary's Marmalade, locally crafted with Fairtrade sugar.



**Pi(e) Day 14th March** Multiply your chances of a happy start to the week by picking up one of our savoury pies for Tuesday 14th March. We carry the classics, as well as tasty gluten-free and vegan options. And let's not overlook *pizza* pies!



**Hold the Date - Easter Stall Saturday 8th April, 9am – 12pm**

Delicious Marcopolo pastries, fresh breads and savouries plus a selection of artisanal chocolates, artist-designed cards and, of course, bunnies or crème eggs for your Easter basket!

**Pre-order your Marcopolo choices by 4pm Wednesday 5th April** either in the Shop, or email to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) for pick-up at the Stall or, just take your chances!

## Spring Operating Hours

**Post Office:** Mon - Sat: 9am to 12:30pm *and* afternoons Mon and Thurs 1:15pm to 4:45pm  
Deposit, cash withdrawal, bill payment, pre-paid or utility key card top up & gift cards.

**Shop:** Mon and Thurs 9am-5pm Tues / Weds / Fri 9am-4pm and Saturday 9-12:30pm.  
Fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday! We stock a variety of frozen fish, pies and more, plus milk, eggs, local honey, household essentials and classic pick n' mix sweets.  
Pre-order Marcopolo bakery goods each week by 4pm Wednesdays in the Shop or by email to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) for pick up the following Saturday 9am – 12:30pm.

# HUGS February News

## Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

### SOS! SAVE OUR SPARROWS

#### Stop using pesticides and see more birds

*'The actions of gardeners, in terms of which habitats they create in their garden, and whether or not they apply pesticides, has a significant influence on the avian biodiversity of their garden.'*  
(de Montaigne and Goulson, 2023).



Devastating decline of over 70% in house sparrow numbers since the late 1970s has placed them on the UK Red List of conservation concern. With an estimated 22.7 million gardens in the UK, decisions we make in our gardens have never been more critical to their survival.

A recent study (\*) funded by Songbird Survival, is the first of its kind to examine the impact of pesticide use on garden birds. Bird friendly habitat in our own gardens – with ponds, native hedging, climbers - and bird feeders, means not just more birds but more species. Surrounding area habitat is also important, so the more bird friendly we all are, the better.

#### Key findings of the study and what it means

- 32 % of the 615 gardens in the study used pesticides, glyphosate made up 53% of applications.
- Chemicals in pesticides associated with the worst effect on birds are: glyphosate, acetamiprid, deltamethrin and metaldehyde.
- Effects of pesticides on birds are understudied. Known effects include delayed embryo development, delayed appearance of feathers, tremors, depression, lower food consumption and lower body mass.
- Bird species richness is highest in gardens with high surrounding habitat quality and without pesticides.
- House Sparrow numbers were much lower in gardens using pesticides, particularly glyphosate & metaldehyde.
- European Robin and Great Tit numbers were also badly affected by the use of glyphosate.
- Bird friendly habitat is less effective in gardens where pesticides are used.

**Biodiversity boost** HUGS is working closely with Soha (South Oxfordshire Housing Association) to increase wildlife friendly habitat and boost biodiversity in East Hagbourne, with recent wildflower planting in Rymans Crescent. We're now working with Soha and The Poet's Trail in Wilcher Close to plant fruit trees, edible native hedging and wildflowers. Please come along on **Saturday the 4th March from 10 am** and help us plant!

**HUGS AGM** Our AGM will be held on **Saturday the 25th of March from 2-3.30pm on zoom**. More info on our website [www.hugsustainability.org](http://www.hugsustainability.org).

(\*) de Montaigne T., Goulson D. (2023). *Habitat quality, urbanisation & pesticides influence bird abundance and richness in gardens*. Science of the Total Environment 870 (2023) 161916

**Table Tennis at the Pavilion:** Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)  
Anthony 01235 511920 [aannanjones@gmail.com](mailto:aannanjones@gmail.com)

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

**Contacts:** Men: HUFC John Symonds 07831 714076 [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)

Youth: DCFC Peter Blackman 07771 667271 [peter.blackman@abbott.com](mailto:peter.blackman@abbott.com)

## What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor?

**What is a Parish Council?** A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community.

It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority next above it in the hierarchy. As the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason, they are a vital part of any community.

Parish Council work falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the parish

**Why become a Parish Councillor?** If you live in a community where something 'big' has happened, you'll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the parish council that is turned to.

By becoming a parish councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance, and support: a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

**What decisions do Parish Councils make?** Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, helping local groups, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the district or county councils, health authorities, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

**How much time does it take up?** Our council meets once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings usually last two hours, depending on the agenda. In addition to this, much of the work is done through emails including discussing planning applications and progressing local projects. Occasionally, an additional meeting may be convened when a decision is needed on a particular urgent issue.

**How long does a parish councillor serve for?** Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a period of four years until the next election, unless they resign beforehand.

**Local Elections are on Thursday, 4th May – please see page 17 for details of ID requirements.**

## A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU



**in the Pavilion at Great Mead,  
Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm.**

**Why not join us for a relaxing afternoon  
with refreshments and good company.**



**The Hagbourne Villages Get Together Group  
(formerly The Warm Hub)**



## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Housing development by the Village Hall** I owe a great apology for a serious misdirection in this paragraph of last month's comments. The information I gave came from a straight request to an email address on the Fairhive Homes webpages. However, I have since spoken to the Fairhive people handling Deanfield Green and to the SODC housing allocation team.

Happily, to register for affordable housing you need only go to the South and Vale housing register accessible through the web page: <https://www.southoxfordshirehomechoice.org.uk> This is no different than if you were on the list for SOHA housing in the village.

**20mph Limit** From discussions in the village, it was clear that the survey for a 20mph limit in New Road and Blewbury Road did catch the attention of Hagbourne residents. I am delighted to record that 159 completed survey forms were submitted, and this return of more than 30% is regarded as very high for this type of survey. The results of the survey are summarised in the bar charts on a separate page of this magazine. The bottom line is that although the majority supported a move to a 20mph limit, there is a sizeable minority objecting, more so for New Road than Blewbury Road. There was a strong vote against most measures for traffic calming although the residents in Blewbury Road supported road narrowing at their entrance to the village by a small majority.

93 respondents also made use of the comments box sometimes continuing on the back of the page or using extra sheets. Mostly the comments backed up the reasons for the response with feelings being strongly expressed both in favour of and against the proposal. Several of you used the opportunity to expand the discussion, the most common comment was that money would be better spent on fixing roads in particular filling potholes with 14 of you raising such a demand.

Other items raised in discussions included support for a 20mph limit from the shop to the Lower Cross on New Road (8 requests) and for Bishops Orchard independently of the New Road decision, and a speed limit on the Coscote Road. Although several supported street parking as a form of traffic calming, 6 suggested that street parking should be reduced. The Parish Council will send the results to the county council team and we will keep you updated on this, noting that even if something does happen it won't be before April 2024.

**Coronation Street Parties** Information on the organizing of street parties and applying for road closures in celebration of the Coronation of Charles III can be found on the website: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/licensing/temporary-road-closures/> The deadline for requesting road closures is 31st March.

The East Hagbourne Sport and Recreation Committee have blocked bookings for the 6th, 7th, and 8th of May on the Pavilion and Recreation Ground, and anyone interested in using this facility for a Coronation party should contact the Parish Clerk.

**Parish Council Elections** A separate article in this magazine gives a short description about what a Parish Council does and the duties and responsibilities of council members. It also outlines the eligibility requirements for candidature. It would be good to get a good slate of applications. If you want to know more about what being a councillor entails, please contact the Clerk, myself, or any Parish Councillor.

**Parish Surgeries** The surgeries at the Fleur de Lys have been lively affairs and so I will continue there with a surgery from 5.00 to 6.30 on **Friday 3rd March** but feel free to contact me, the clerk, or any councillor should your concerns be more urgent.

**Parish Council meetings** Parish Council meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 9th March**. Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council. Iain Duff



**East  
Hagbourne  
Parish  
Council**

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**CONTACT DETAILS:**

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Telephone: 07891 551 851

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



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **30th March** at the Pavilion, Great Mead. All are welcome – this is a meeting for the electorate and it's a great opportunity to get involved in the community and find out a bit more about what the Parish Council has been up to in the past year as well as looking at plans for the future. Further details and agenda will be published later this month.



**REMINDER: Photo ID required to vote at upcoming Local Elections**

The government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This will apply for the first time at the local elections on **Thursday 4th May 2023**.

Accepted forms of photo ID will include, but are not limited to, passport, driving licence (including provisional license), disabled parking blue badge, certain concessionary travel cards and proof of age cards with a PASS mark. You can still use your photo ID if it is out of date, as long as it looks like you.

Anyone who doesn't have accepted photo ID can [apply on the government's website](#) now for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for voter ID for this election is 5pm on Tuesday 25th April. Further information on this requirement is available [here](#)



**Chairman's Surgery: FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023**

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



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

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

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

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

**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – [www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund](http://www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund)  
Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

**Coronavirus Community Support Group** - [easthagbourncovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourncovid19@gmail.com) or 07568 395228



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

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

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

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

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



**USEFUL INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

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

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

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**East Hagbourne Parish Council *continued* . . .**

*Planning applications received since the last newsletter:*

**P23/S0156/HH (and P23/S0157/LB)** 34 Main Road, East Hagbourne – Replacement of hedging and wooden gate

**P23/S0350/LB** 36 Main Road, East Hagbourne – Installation of an external extractor unit

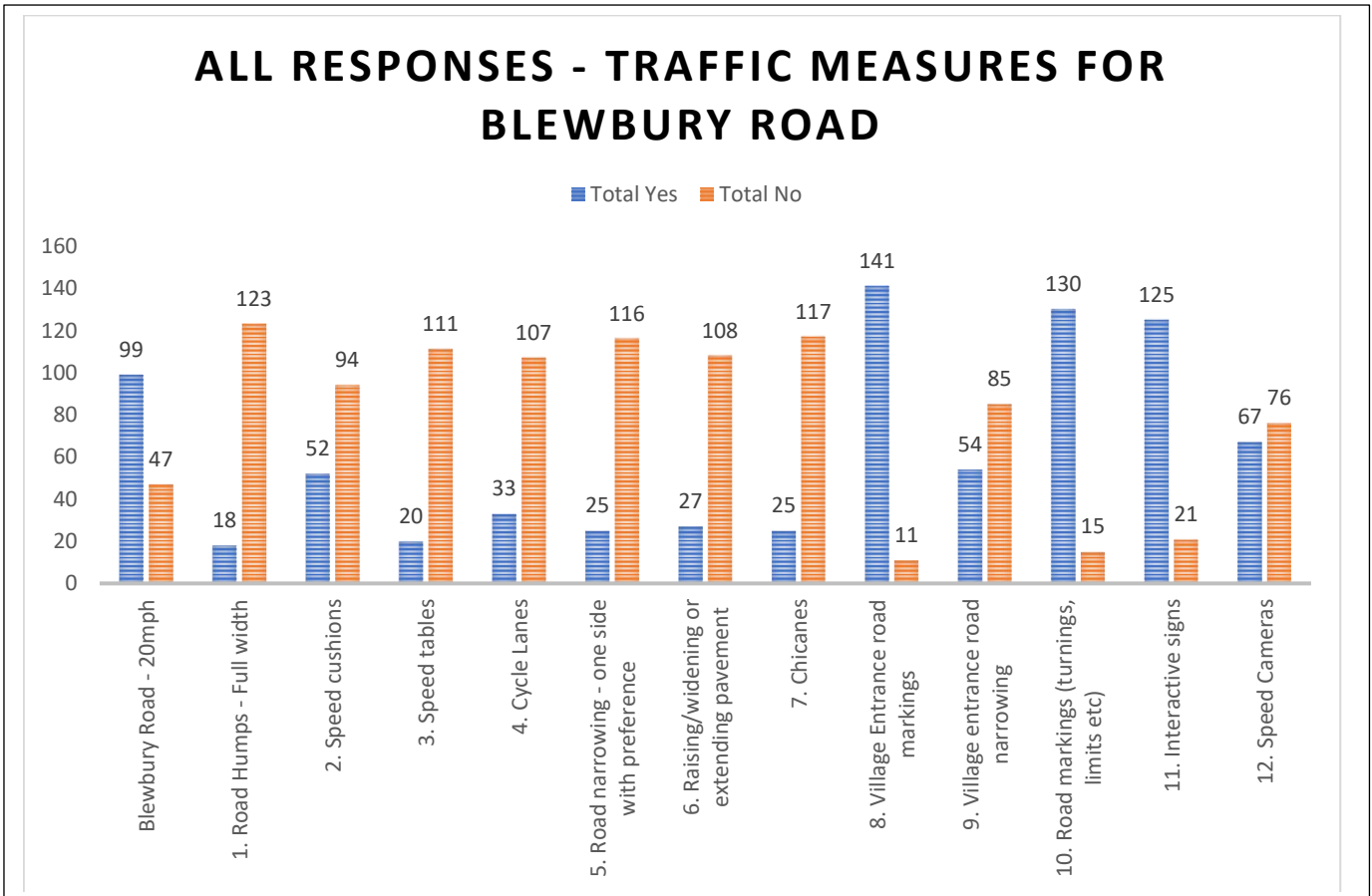
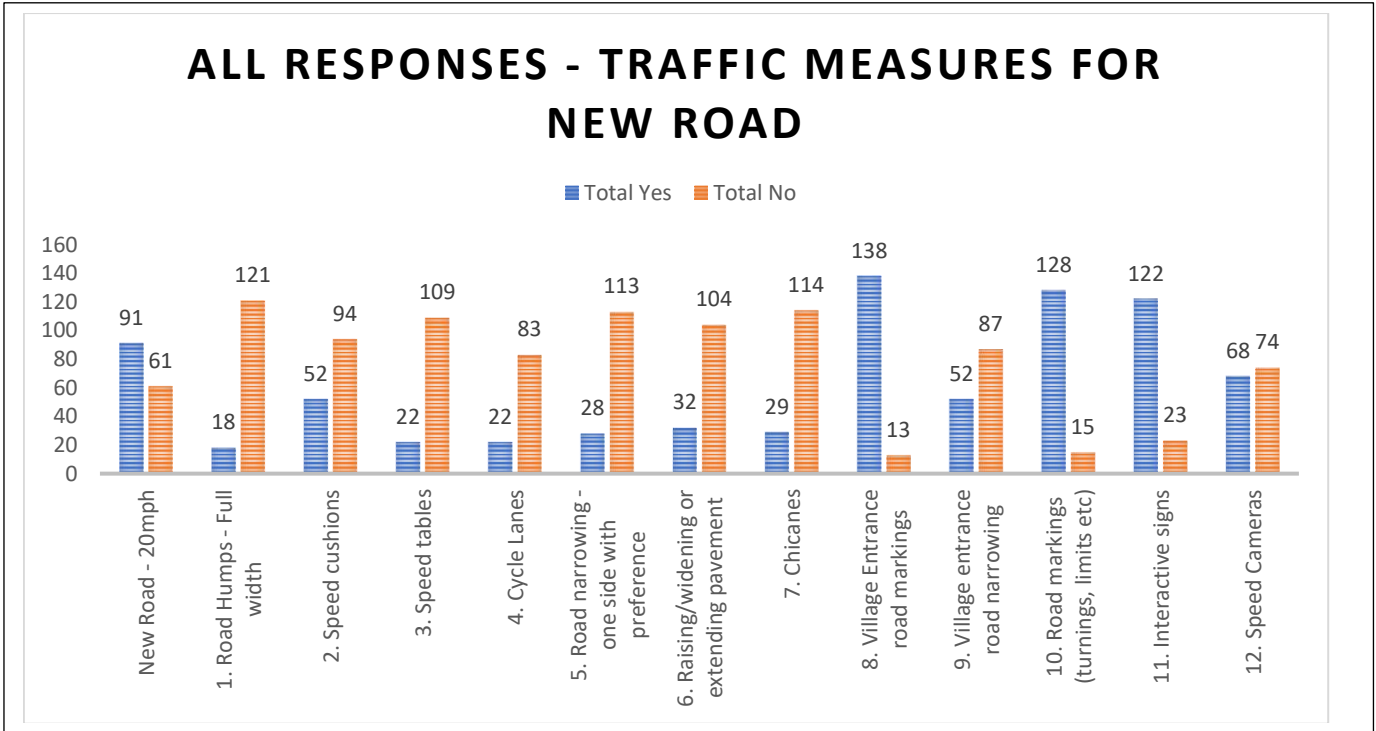
**P23/S0528/HH** 76 New Road, East Hagbourne – Single storey rear extension

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th March 2023** at The Pavilion, Great Mead.

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

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

**Parish Council 20MPH Survey Results – full results on [www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)**



## Our Local Bus Service – route 94

## Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

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

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

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## Harwell Campus – Blewbury - Didcot

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

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

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## Our Local Bus Service – route 94

### Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Didcot Parkway Station, R4 ⇌	0840	1010	1140	1340	1510	1710
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	1733
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
Chilton, Main Street	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	1741
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	

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Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus		0925	1055	1225	1425	1555
Chilton, Main Street	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0813	0944	1114	1244	1444	1614
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0820	0951	1121	1251	1451	1621
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0823	0954	1124	1254	1454	1624
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0828	0959	1129	1259	1459	1629
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0832	1003	1133	1303	1503	1633

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

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

**PRINTED BUS TIMETABLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY SHOP**

**Didcot and District U3A** offers the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting at **2.30pm on 21st March in Didcot Civic Hall** when we have a talk – **Cheltenham Racing Heroes** a talk about famous jockeys living in and around Cheltenham by Peter Gill.





## APRIL 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the April 2023 parish magazine, by  
**Monday, 20th March to magtemp5@gmail.com**  
Thank you, Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper  
and the parish magazine committee.

### ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MARCH 2023

#### Brass Band

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

#### Builders and House Maintenance

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**David.bartlett23@hotmail.co.uk**

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