

St Andrew's Hagbourne

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SING FOR THE KING!

To celebrate the Coronation, come and **Sing for the King** with a celebration of favourite songs of praise at **St Michael's Blewbury on Sunday 7th May at 4.00pm.**

THE BIG AFTERNOON TEA Celebrating Volunteering, Sunday 7th May

All are welcome to join in a celebration of Volunteering across our community with tea, cake, bingo and other amusements at the **Hagbourne Pavilion** from 3:30pm, rain or shine. See p.9 & 12

Coronation Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 7th May, 10.30am, St John the Baptist, South Moreton.

Parish Eucharist Sunday, 7th May, 10.30am St Andrew's, Hagbourne

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites
www.easthagbourne.net www.westhagbourne.org

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR MAY 2023

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and the Moretons .

Prayer Focus:

1 Monday	Philip and James, Apostles	8pm Compline
2 Tuesday		8pm Compline
3 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline
4 Thursday		8pm Compline
5 Friday		8pm Compline
6 Saturday	Coronation Day: St Andrew's Bells ringing 9am	

7 +Sunday **5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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 Coronation Thanksgiving Service: St John the Baptist: SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Sing for the King: St Michael's B
 No 4pm Service in North Moreton today
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H
 7pm CYGnets Youth Group in the Benefice Centre



*Churchwardens,
fabric and
churchyards.
Church cleaners.*

8 Monday		8pm Compline
9 Tuesday		8pm Compline
10 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline
11 Thursday		8pm Compline
12 Friday		8pm Compline
13 Saturday	10am St Andrew's Spring Clean	

14 +Sunday **6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Rogation Sunday**

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Rogation Service: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Benefice Online Service
 No 4pm Service in North Moreton today
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*PCC's, all in
leadership and
our Benefice
operations
manager.*

15 Monday	Matthias the Apostle	8pm Compline
16 Tuesday		8pm Compline
17 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline
18 Thursday	Ascension Day	
	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	
	7pm Choral Evensong: St Michael's B	8pm Compline
19 Friday		8pm Compline
20 Saturday		

21 +Sunday **7th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT followed by APCM
 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Family Service: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 3pm Rogation Service: Blewbury Orchard, Ticklers Folly Field
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



*Clergy and all who
preach or lead.*

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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

40 days

Rector's Reflections A Significant Number

Are you interested in numbers? Sometimes numbers can express something very particular and precise, but on other occasions numbers serve to express a more general idea. For example, if someone said to you, "I'll be with you in 5 minutes", does this

mean that they will be with you in precisely 5 minutes' time, or does it mean that they will be with you shortly? Clearly, the meaning of "5 minutes" depends on the context. The same is true of references to time in the Bible: sometimes the reference to a period of time should be taken quite literally, and on other occasions, it needs to be interpreted more loosely.

You may well wonder: why have I chosen to write about time? The reason is that this month will see the celebration of Ascension Day, which is by tradition celebrated 40 days after Easter. This year, Ascension Day falls on 18th May, and in our group of churches we will mark the occasion by a special Service at Blewbury. Ascension Day commemorates the occasion when Jesus was "taken up to heaven": "he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of ... sight". The fullest reference to this mysterious event is found in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. I describe the event as "mysterious" because something mysterious happened to Jesus' resurrected body, and the event has been remembered ever since. In terms of when it happened, the account in the Acts of the Apostles points to it happening 40 days from Easter Day. However, in the Bible "40 days" is sometimes used quite loosely to express an indefinite but significant period of time. So, when we read that the Ascension took place "40 days" after Easter, the reference to 40 days does not necessarily have to be interpreted literally.

Why is the Ascension celebrated? In essence, it's because it is the companion festival to Christmas. At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus coming down from Heaven, being born as a human being; at the Ascension, we celebrate Jesus returning to Heaven, but still retaining his human nature. It's a way of saying that although we no longer have sightings of the risen Jesus in our day to day lives, he remains alive, fully human and fully divine. He is still present, caring for us and for our world – not just today, but for all time. This is good news indeed!

Father Jason

Ascension Day Benefice Choral Evensong Thursday, 18th May 7pm St Michael's Blewbury

A Service for the whole Benefice. Everyone Welcome!



Outdoor Church for Rogation



Meet at **Blewbury Orchard** on Tickers Folly at **3pm on Sunday, 21st May**. We ask for God's blessing across the village as we visit different environments. Join the walk along Westbrook Street ending amongst the wildflowers in St Michael's churchyard.

Stay for tea in St Michael's Church at 4pm if you can.



Calendar and Diary for May 2023 continued . . .

22 Monday		8pm Compline
23 Tuesday		8pm Compline
24 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline
25 Thursday		8pm Compline
26 Friday		8pm Compline
27 Saturday		

28 +Sunday PENTECOST

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



Treasurers and church finances.

29 Monday		8pm Compline
30 Tuesday		8pm Compline
31 Weds	Visit of Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline

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.

Compline A short service of night prayer every weekday night at 8pm. The links and codes for these are on the Benefice website at www.churnchurches.co.uk under the services tab. Phone access is also available.

You can contact the Churn Benefice clergy and staff on:

Revd Jason St John Nicolle	01235 850267	rector@churnchurches.co.uk
Revd Louise Butler	07837 009730	revlouiseb@aol.com
Revd John Clarke	01235 510073	jphclarke@gmail.com

Churn Website: 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

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

Recent Baptisms in the Benefice:

2nd April	Caleb Curtis Saunders was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.
2nd April	Freddie Stanley Hawkins and Rosie Marion Eve Hawkins were baptised at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.
15th April	Sophia Margaret Dyer was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.
16th April	Jack William Barrett was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury.
22nd April	Farah Aisling Horton was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury.

Recent Funerals in the Benefice:

24th April at St Michael's Blewbury	Richard Brodie	aged 57
27th April at St Michael's Blewbury	Ann Ling	aged 89
27th April at All Saints' North Moreton	Mavis Crickmore	aged 92
28th April at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Donna Moore	aged 55



May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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.churches.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.churches.co.uk/resources/>



CYGnets
Hot chocolate and games!
Benefice Office 7th May 7-8.30pm



"CYGnets" is the Churn Youth Group network - an informal gathering of young people from in and around our Benefice, having a chat with a 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.

Thank You Thank you to everyone who bought the Kilombero rice from Malawi. We achieved the 90kg target! This will enable a farmer to sustain his farm and send one child to secondary school for a year. Mary and Maranda.

Thank You also to everyone who contributed to making our Church look beautiful for Easter and to all who took part in the Services – they were joyous occasions.

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.

This is a popular Service – all welcome.

MAY ROTAS Year A	7th-May Easter 5	21st May Easter 6	General Notes:
Readers	Acts 7, v 55 to end Janet Corderoy 1 Peter 2, v 2-10 Donna Clifford	Acts 1, v 6-14 Mary Goy 1 Peter 4, v 12-14, 5, 6-11 Jenny Loder	Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you. If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	<p>Church Spring Clean Saturday 13th May 10am If you can, and are able help, you will be made very welcome. Please bring your own cleaning utensils. Lots of dusty corners to seek out. Maybe have a bring and share lunch? I think there is some tidying up to do outside as well. Thank you. Jill</p>
Sidesmen	Robin Harries Jacqui Mackenzie	Chris Price Wendy Price	
Coffee	Marian Powell Mary Goy	Jill Garlick Donna Clifford	
Church Cleaning	Jean.Millar Mary Hands	Barbara Elsmore-Wickens	
Flowers - Lady Chapel	Marian Powell	Jane Blond	
Flowers - High Altar	Shirley Goss	Mary Goy	

A Prayer for King Charles and the Royal Family



Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Bless, we pray, Camilla the Queen, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with your Holy Spirit; enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christian Aid Week 2023

14th to 20th May

Turn peas into prospects this Christian Aid Week

This Christian Aid Week, we celebrate how our partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop.

This is how the money raised during Christian Aid Week can help:

- £50 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family.
- £70 could buy a bicycle so an experienced farmer can reach others in remote areas and teach them essential business skills.
- £250 could pay for a cooperative oven, supporting more than 800 people to turn their pigeon peas into profit by baking bread.
- £1,000 could pay for a fish food processor, so co-operatives can turn their pigeon peas into fish food and raise fish to sell.

Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities. We act where there is great need, regardless of religion, supporting people to live a full life, free from poverty.

For more about Christian Aid's work and how to give, visit www.christianaid.org.uk.

Table Tennis at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com
Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjoness@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
Youth: DCFC Peter Blackman 07771 667271 peter.blackman@abbott.com

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**

**Straw for your scarecrow, kindly donated by the Powell family,
is available from 20a Blewbury Road, please bring your own bags.
Entry forms available at the Community Shop or print your own from
www.easthagbourne.net**

Entry forms to be returned by Wednesday, 3rd May.

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

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



Tower Talk We held our quarterly meeting in Holy Week on, Tuesday 4th April, in West Hagbourne at the home of Jeff Powell. The meeting was well attended considering the road closure on Main Road, East Hagbourne. An enjoyable meeting with a few laughs too. A big 'Thank You' to Jeff and Coral for their hospitality and the wonderful hot cross buns.

We rang all 8 bells on Easter Sunday, for the 10.30am Service, such a beautiful morning.

A small group went on the Sally Forth outing to Grantham in Lincolnshire in mid-April, the first outing since 2019 as our trip in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid.

A couple of the group attended a Branch mini outing in late April to the Bletchington area. Always fun to visit other churches and ring different bells and often including a pub lunch! Always nice to catch up with or meet other ringers in the Branch too.

We will be ringing the bells at St Andrew's Church for the Coronation of King Charles 111 on **Saturday 6th May**. We will start ringing at **9.00am** and finish at **10:00am** to enable the band members to get home and watch the Coronation. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: Saturday 8th May Helen Clayson, Saturday 15th May Janet Corderoy,
.. Tuesday 18th May – Daniel Dawson

Dates for your diary: Saturday 6th May – King's Coronation, ringing 09:00 – 10:00,
.. Saturday 20th May - Tower Spring Clean 10:30am



Sunday 11th June - 11am to 5pm
Blewbury's renowned gardeners are going to let you in to see the results of their hard work.

- Nine gorgeous gardens to peruse.
- Delicious ploughman's lunches at The Village Hall.
- Tea and homemade cakes at Chapmans.
- Gardeners' plant stall.

One £8 per adult for entry to all the open gardens – children go free with an adult. Card or cash at the main car park, or cash at the gardens. The website has further details **and a detailed map you can download.** www.blewburyopengardens.co.uk

All surplus money raised will go to ReST whose aim is to help a family that has been forced to flee their home country, settle and become part of our community.

The family has already been recognized as refugees and given the right to live in the UK but are now waiting for a permanent and stable place to restart their lives.



THE BVS IS SUPPORTING BLEWBURY
RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT TEAM TO
RUN THIS EVENT



Lent Lunches at St Andrew's A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church. Thanks go to those who organised a lunch, those who made the amazing variety of soups and or cakes, and to all of you who came to support the lunches.

This was a lovely fellowship enjoyed by friends, family, villagers and visitors to the village. All of the lunches were really well attended this year and thank you all for your generosity.

We made just over £1400.00 on the six lunches this year, the money going towards St Andrew's Church, the JR and Sobell House. The big lunch for Sobell House raised £560.00.

Look out for the **Summer Teas** at St Andrew's this summer, Sunday afternoons from mid-July.

Many thanks, Shirley Goss.

Join us in a celebration of volunteering!



ALL WELCOME – BRING THE FAMILY!

The Big Afternoon Tea Celebrating Volunteering

7th May, 3.30pm

Hagbourne Pavilion, Great Mead

*Cakes and Tea provided, enjoy games, activities
- bring your own picnic and decorate your pitch*

**Prizes for best
decorated
Coronation
Cake**

East Hagbourne Community Shop



*Proudly & Entirely
Volunteer-Run*

20th Anniversary

**Prizes for
best
decorated
pitch**

Hagbourne Garden Club - Annual Plant Sale



The Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 20th May from 2pm at The Pavilion, East Hagbourne.

There will be Refreshments, a Cake Stall, and a Raffle. We welcome plant and cake donations. Plant donations can be brought to The Gables, 20 Main Road, East Hagbourne on Friday 19th, early Saturday morning or later on to the Pavilion.

ALL WELCOME – AMPLE PARKING



HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 10th June 2023 at St Andrew's Church

1pm – 4pm



Teas
Cakes
Books
Paintings

Discarded Treasures
Tombola
Face Painting
Side Stalls
Bell Tower Trips



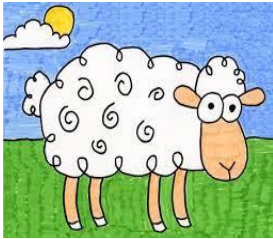
Oxfordshire Artweeks – May 6th to 29th

Artists and makers in the South Oxfordshire area will be throwing open their doors in the area from 6th to 14th May. You will find everything from paintings and pottery to installation and intrigue. Leaflets available in the library or visit www.artweeks.org for a full list of venues with local maps and illustrations to help you decide where to visit and be inspired!

Oxfordshire Artweeks is the UK's oldest and biggest artist open studios & pop-up exhibition event. This year's festival takes place from 6th-29th May 2023, during which you will be able to feast your eyes on a huge range of creative activity by hundreds of artists, makers and designers in artists' studios, pop-up galleries, glorious gardens, ancient churches, medieval tithe barns and hundreds of other interesting venues. Enjoy artists' painting, photography, textiles, sculpture and ceramics; be amazed by woodworking, glass art, mosaics and jewellery and be intrigued by contemporary installations. www.artweeks.org for full information and an A to Z of artists and video tours.

HAMS

*Thanks to all the HAMS supporters
who came to see Babe.*



Good morning Elsie, wasn't the play about Babe fantastic?

Hello there Enid, I thoroughly enjoyed it. It had just the right amount of drama and humour and the happy ending was a bonus, so it appealed to audiences of all ages, not just children.



There was also a new feature to this performance; it was accompanied by three talented musicians who entertained us with their playing of live music throughout.

I loved it all, what was your favourite part, Enid?

There were so many it's hard to choose, but I did enjoy the celebratory dance when those two young sheep did the Irish dancing, so energetic. They deserved the enthusiastic round of applause.

As well as the fun, there were some really serious moments, such as when the rustlers came, and later when Ma was attacked by sheep-worrying dogs.

I thought Farmer Hogget was going to shoot Babe when he suddenly arrived, took in the scene and raised his shotgun, mistakenly thinking that Babe had attacked Ma. Luckily Mrs Hogget put him straight in the nick of time.

In the end, with help from Fly the sheepdog, his foster mother, Babe managed to complete his training successfully and went on to win the Grand Challenge Sheep-dog Trial with a perfect score of 100.

The audience really loved that outcome, didn't they? So, at the matinee, Babe with inundated with requests to sign copies of the programme for them.

Enid, here is a photo of Babe with Fly and one with a group of our relatives which we met at the Grand Challenge. I must dash, bye for now, Elsie.



Goodbye Enid, I'll leave you with a couple of comments, below, from emails we received after the show, don't forget to keep an eye out for details of our next production.

"I am fast running out of superlatives, but yesterday's evening performance went that extra mile, and if there were a BAFTA type of award for village produced plays, you would have it without a shadow of doubt."

"Congratulations on an absolutely stonkingly good show. We loved it. I can't even imagine how much hard work it was. The costumes were magnificent, Babe was a star, it was all marvellous. Thank you for such a brilliant village event."

www.thehams.co.uk

email:info@thehams.co.uk



East Hagbourne Community Shop

**Find us on the East Hagbourne village website:
www.easthagbourne.net**

For 20 years, the East Hagbourne Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. Over the past few years, many of our longtime volunteers have retired after jobs well done, and we need new Committee members and Volunteers to keep the Shop going!

To learn more about how you can help in just an hour or 2 a month: email us at easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393, or stop by **The Big Afternoon Tea Celebration of Volunteering, 3:30pm 7th May at the Hagbourne Pavilion!**

THE BIG AFTERNOON TEA Celebrating Volunteering, SUNDAY 7th MAY!

All are welcome to join in a celebration of Volunteering across our community with tea, cake, bingo and other amusements at the Hagbourne Pavilion from 3:30pm, rain or shine. HM King Charles III has made "helping out" a central feature of his Coronation festivities, and we are delighted to host this event honouring volunteers past and present. Win bragging rights to the 'best dressed' pitch or 'best decorated' Coronation cake - or just relax with family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you



FRESH HOMEMADE CAKES EVERY THURSDAY!

A variety of scrumptious cakes are available from 9am each Thursday but hurry – they're gone before you know it! We also stock high-quality frozen fish, savoury pies, pizza or chips; plus milk, local eggs, local honey and marmalade, household essentials, local artist cards, ice cream & pick n' mix sweets.

MARCOPOLO BAKERY DELIVERY WEEKLY each Saturday 9am to 12.30

Pre-order your Marcopolo artisan breads, savouries or pastries by 4pm each Wednesday in the Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pick-up the following Saturday. Or, take your chances and make your choice in the Shop on Saturday.



EXTRA VEG?

If your allotment or garden is overflowing, consider donating your excess to the Shop, where we sell this high-quality, low-impact produce for a modest sum, helping to reduce waste and to defray operating costs.

BUSINESS OR PERSONAL BANKING AT THE PO

HSBC has announced closure of their Didcot branch but the Post Office is ready to handle your business or personal banking needs. Deposit cheques or cash, withdraw cash, pay council or utility bills, top up pre-paid cards & utility keys or purchase gift cards.

MAY HOURS

Shop: CLOSED for May Bank Holidays on Mondays 1st, 8th and 29th May
Regular Hours: Mon & Thu 9am–5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am–4pm; and Sat 9–12:30pm
Scarecrow Trail Maps available from 13th May

Post Office: CLOSED for May Bank Holidays on Mondays 1st, 8th and 29th May
Regular Hours: Mon - Sat 9am – 12:30pm + Mon & Thu afternoon 1:15pm – 4:45pm



East Hagbourne Community Shop Celebrating 20 Years

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, each month we will be sharing stories from past and present volunteers and the wider community about what Shop means to them, and why keeping the Shop going is important to all of us.

This month we remember John Jones, a founding member and long-standing volunteer of the East Hagbourne Community Shop.

Many of you may remember John Jones, a long-time member of the East Hagbourne village. He was very active throughout the community as churchwarden, village walk leader, and founding member of the Friends of St Andrew's. Back in 2003, John was one of the locals who rallied 'round to help save our local Post Office by revitalising the village Shop, to help keep both amenities alive as part of a vibrant neighbourhood community.

Along the way, John offered his skills in DIY, recruiting volunteers and overseeing the finances. He served as Shop Committee Chair for over 10 years, and then, after stepping down, he served in the Shop every Tuesday. He also prepared the volunteer rota and helped out with the shop party.

John is the reason Alice Smith, our current Volunteer lead, became involved in recruiting – and many of the current volunteers can testify to her uncanny ability to engage newcomers!

He continued to serve the community in his various activities until he moved back to Connecticut in 2020. John wrote us earlier this month, looking back 20 years to the Shop founding:

My earliest recollection of the Shop (as we now know it) was happening to see Monica Lawson, one day. We greeted each other and then she said, "Oh! By the way....! You're on the Shop Committee!" It wasn't an invitation; it was a command! Good old Monica: Never backwards about coming forward!

Nor can we afford to be shy now: East Hagbourne Community Shop is **entirely** run by volunteers – and we need **your help** if we are going to survive!

If you are interested in becoming part of our Shop Committee or Volunteer team, please email us at easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or visit us at the Big Afternoon Tea, Sunday 7th May from 3:30 at Hagbourne Pavilion for a chat about how you can help!

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 7th May. ALL WELCOME.



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

HUGS May News

Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

WHY YOU SHOULD ... GO FOR NO MOW IN MAY!



It's an easy way to make a real difference for nature! #NoMowMay is a Plantlife campaign. Owners of our 20 million UK gardens and those in charge of our verges and green spaces, are asked not to mow for this one month. This gives bees, butterflies, and other wildlife a much-needed spring boost - and shows us what can happen when we put the mower away.

- **MORE NECTAR:** lawns with frequent mowing and weed removal are wastelands for insects and flowers. Less frequent mowing can provide enough nectar sugar for 10x the number of pollinators and insects: bees, butterflies, moths and beetles – helping the animals who feed on them.
- **MORE SPECIES:** gardeners taking part in #NoMowMay 2022 reported 250 species of plants, including wild garlic, wild strawberry, orchids and snakeshead fritillary, flowering within their lawns.
- **MORE SUPERFOODS:** Dandelions are a great superfood for butterflies and bees. Outnumbered by daisies by 85:1 on a 100m² lawn, this yellow treasure provides 9% of the lawn's pollen and 37% of its nectar sugar.
- **QUANTIFIABLE SUCCESS:** Let Plantlife know you are taking part (<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>) and they can measure the total space being liberated for nature. At the end of May, count the difference - record the flowers that have grown in your grass with the [Every Flower Counts](#) survey and get a "Personal Nectar Score", of how much nectar is being produced by the flowers on your lawn and how many bees it can support.

We have lost 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970's – resulting in the disappearance of vital food needed by pollinators including bees, butterflies and moths

Let's all put something back – and not mow in May.

Take part in HUGS conservation work to boost biodiversity
See website for details: <https://www.hugsustainability.org/>



POPPY PATTERN We are hoping to create a display of poppies to go into St Andrew's for Remembrance Sunday in November. If you would like to make some poppies there are lots of patterns for knitting patterns online. We include one below to try. A crochet pattern to appear next month.

You will need red double knitting wool and a pair of size 4mm needles.

Cast on 60 sts **Rows 1-8** (K2, P2) to end. **Row 9** (K2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Row 10 (S2kpo)* to end. [10 sts]. Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn.

*S2kpo = slip 2 stitches, knit 1 then pass 2 slip stitches over.

Join edges of the poppy together and sew a black button in the centre of the poppy.

If you do not have black buttons, then oversew the centre with black wool.

If you need some red wool, then let us know on magtemp5@gmail.com We will include another pattern to try next month

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Housing development by the Village Hall The work on the sewer connection was completed just within the deadline so that access along Main Road was restored before the school term restarted on 17th April. The works for the S278 requirements (work on road humps, yellow lines etc) will again require road closure and will be done during this year's school summer holidays. Work on the stepped and ramped access from the site to the Sustrans route on the embankment should start around 9th May. The show house should be open from around 8th May and the first residents should move in before the end of May assuming Thames Water make the necessary connections in time.

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Pavilion on Thursday 30th March. There were 25 people present including our district councillors and our county councillor. Perhaps the main message from the village to the Parish Council was that footways (aka pavements) and footpaths should be a future spending priority. The draft minutes for this meeting will shortly be posted on the village webpages where you can read about this public discussion, the annual report and finance report from the Parish Council, and a report on the East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

Parish and District Council Elections The Parish and District Council Elections will be held on Thursday 4th May. The polling station is the Village Hall and it will be open from 7am to 10pm. A photo ID is required when voting. Since there were seven candidates for the eight positions on the Parish Council, there will be no voting for that council although there will be voting for electing our two district councillors.

The seven people who will thus serve on the Parish Council from May are: Paul Dixon, Iain Duff, Cordelia Gover, Robin Hewat-Jaboor, Natalie Milner, David Rickeard, and Carolyn Shaikh. We welcome Natalie and Robin as newcomers to the Parish Council. Councillors Derek Button and Jean Elliott are retiring from the council and were formally thanked by the Parish Council for their services over a good number of years.

The new councillors together with the five reappointed former councillors will sign their declaration of office at the annual meeting of the Parish Council on 11th May when the chairman and vice-chairman for 2023-2024 will be elected.

Parish Surgeries The surgeries at the Fleur de Lys continue to be lively, and so I will hold the next one there from 5.00 to 6.30 on Friday 5th May. Feel free, however, 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 (the Annual Parish Council meeting) will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th May.

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

Blewbury Road Closure: Please note that Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne will be closed for carriageway maintenance and resurfacing work from **Tuesday, 2nd May** for 3 days subject to bad weather and unforeseen circumstances during construction. There will be staff positioned at both ends of the closure to direct traffic and pedestrians. **There will be a temporary Bus Timetable for the 94 Bus during this time – please see page 18.**



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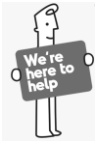
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CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 5th MAY

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 to be found [here](#)
The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help. Details to be found [here](#)
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Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892
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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.



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<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.
Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne.
<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area.

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P23/S0970/HH and P23/S0972/LB 34 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Take down existing single storey rear lean-to extension and rebuild.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be The Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 11th May 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

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 - **2.30pm, 16th May for the AGM** at Great Western Park Community Centre, Gentian Way, Didcot. OX11 6GR



The 5th East Hagbourne Safari Supper **Saturday, 23rd September 2023**

After the success of four previous Safari Suppers, the Hagbourne Action Group is organising another one in aid of Friends of St Andrew's and Mission10Forty.

We hope that up to 100 villagers will enjoy a 3-course dinner by starting at the Church for canapes and cocktails, then walking to different houses for the main course, followed by another venue for the dessert course. We will gather together at the end of the evening for coffee and mints at The Fleur de Lys.

The price of the 3-course Safari Supper including the pre-dinner drinks and coffee and mints is £25 per person with reductions in price for those people who are willing to provide canapes in the Church or host a main or dessert course in their homes for between 8-10 people.

More information will appear in next month's Parish Magazine, but in the meantime can you please give consideration as to whether you would be willing to:

- **provide canapes for about 15 people**
or
- **host a main course for 8-10 people**
or
- **host a dessert course for 8 - 10 people**
or
- **simply come along and safari around the village.**

We will be asking you to let us know your decision by the end of July.

Please advertise this village event to all your neighbours as it is a great way to meet new people while enjoying an excellent safari supper!

The Hagbourne Action Group

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

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Hagbourne Bowls Club

Open Days

May 13th and June 10th

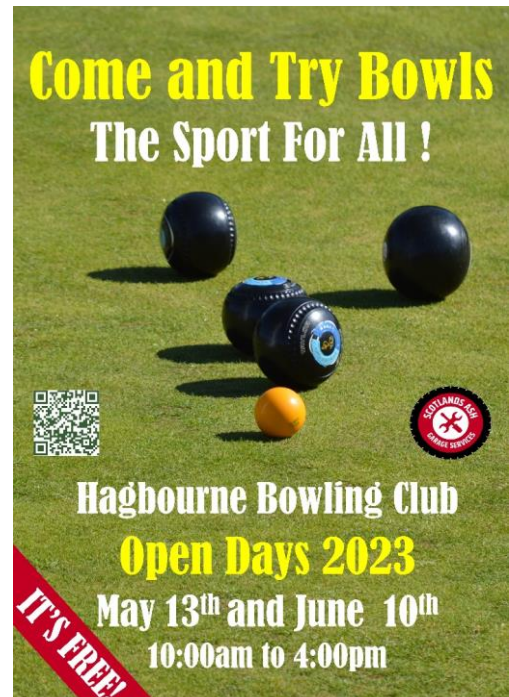
After a wonderful response last summer, your friendly neighbourhood Bowls Club are holding **TWO OPEN DAYS** this year, and the first one is coming soon, on **May 13th**. Come along any time between 10 till 4 and stay for as long as you like; it's free.

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94 Bus Timetable for 2nd to 4th May ONLY														
Service Number	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94S	94	94S	94
Didcot - Blewbury - Harwell Campus			94											
The Hagbournes - Didcot Schools			94S											
Monday to Friday														
02 May to 04 May 2023 ONLY														
Service Number	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94	94S	94S	94	94S	94
Didcot, St Birinus School														
Didcot Girls School														
Didcot, Parkway Station			0846		1018		1148		1348		1545	1719		1840
Didcot, Orchard Centre			0850		1022		1152		1352		1549	1723		1844
Didcot, Sandringham Road			0856		1026		1156		1356		1553	1727		1850
East Hagbourne, War Memorial		0730	0859		1029		1159		1359		1556	1730		1853
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH			0905		1035		1205		1405			1736		1859
Chilton, Main Street			0911		1041		1211		1411			1742		1905
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus Arr			0917	<i>0929</i>	1047	<i>1059</i>	1217	<i>1229</i>	1417	<i>1429</i>		1748	<i>1751</i>	
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus Dep			0925	<i>0938</i>	1055	<i>1068</i>	1225	<i>1238</i>	1425	<i>1438</i>		1750	<i>1753</i>	
Chilton, Main Street	0635		0931		1101		1231		1431			1756		
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane		0736									1602			
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH	0641	0738	0937		1107		1237		1437		1603	1802		1911
Upton, Village Hall	0643	0741	0939		1109		1239		1439		1605	1804		1913
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0648	0746	0944		1114		1244		1444		1610	1809		1918
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	0657	0755	0953		1123		1253		1453		1619	1818		1927
South Moreton, The Crown PH	0704	0801	1000		1130		1300		1500		1625	1825		1934
North Moreton		0805									1629			
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712		1008		1138		1308		1508		1639	1833		
Didcot, St Birinus School		0816												
Didcot Girls School		0824												
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716		1012	0951	1142	1121	1312	1251	1512	1451	1643	1837	1816	
<i>Didcot, Orchard Centre</i>				<i>0959</i>		<i>1129</i>		<i>1259</i>		<i>1459</i>				

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	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.

Our Local Bus Service – route 94

Harwell Campus – Blewbury - Didcot

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Notes	Hol						Sch	Hol	
Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94	94S	94	94
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	1607	1802
Upton, Village Hall	0651	0809	0939	1109	1239	1439	1605	1609	1804
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0657	0816	0944	1114	1244	1444	1610	1614	1809
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	0823	0951	1121	1251	1451	↓	1621	1816
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	0826	0954	1124	1254	1454	↓	1624	1819
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	0831	0959	1129	1259	1459	1639	1629	1824
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0716	0835	1003	1133	1303	1503	1643	1633	1828

Notes:
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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	

Our Local Bus Service – route 94

Harwell Campus – Blewbury – Didcot

Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

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

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JUNE 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

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and the parish magazine committee.

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