

St Andrew's Hagbourne
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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



Rector's Reflections A Nation Remembers

On the 26th April 1923, a young bride laid her bouquet on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as a tribute to her brother Fergus, who had died in the Battle of Loos. Perhaps you have seen the tomb when visiting Westminster Abbey. The bride in question was Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, and her husband was the Duke of York, later King George VI. Many years later, before her own death, Elizabeth expressed the wish that her wreath be placed on the same tomb, on the day after her death. And this is indeed what happened, her daughter Queen Elizabeth II laying the wreath herself.

At this time of year, many of us will be gathering around war memorials to remember all who have given their lives for this country in war, especially in the First and Second World Wars. Some will be able to attend an act of remembrance in person; others will be attending virtually. But whether the act of the remembrance is made in person or virtually, it will be made. The names of the Fallen will be read out, and their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

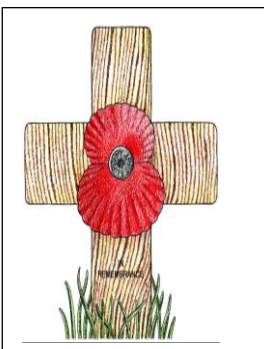
It is a time to pledge ourselves to work for peace between nations. This might seem an impossible task, but there are things that we can do. For example, we could find out more about the work of peacemakers and peacekeepers around the world and see what we might be able to do to support their work.

There can, of course, be scope for disagreement over the best way to keep the peace in any particular situation. For example, some would say that there should be no role for a Nuclear deterrent, while others would say that, given the world as it is, a Nuclear deterrent is necessary and effective. Another issue where people disagree is over the doctrine of "Just War" – are there ever circumstances where it is morally right to start a war?

There is room for a variety of opinion on these and other issues. But surely, we can all agree that we must strive, as far as possible, to be peacemakers and peacekeepers in our world.

As Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers". And at this time of Remembrance, what better words are there than these to honour the memory of all who have given lives for the freedoms we enjoy today?

Father Jason



Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2020

There will be a Service and Laying of Wreaths at the Hagbourne War Memorial at the Lower Cross, East Hagbourne at 12 noon on the 8th November. Masks may be required.

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Prayer Focus:

*PCC's, all in leadership
& Benefice Administrator*

The Departed
Cromwell Drive EH
Fieldside EH
Great Mead EH
Harwood Road EH
Higgs Close EH

*Clergy and all who
preach or lead.*

1+Sunday ALL SAINTS' DAY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service
. 4.00pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM
. 4.00pm All Souls' Service: St Michael's: B
2 Monday All Souls' Day 8pm Compline
3 Tuesday 8pm Compline
4 Wednesday 12.30pm Pram Service: St Michael's: Blewbury 8pm Compline
5 Thursday 8pm Compline
6 Friday 8pm Compline
7 Saturday

8+ Sunday THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
. 10.30am Online Benefice Service
. 10.45am RBL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: St Michael's B
. 10.45am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: St John the Baptist SM
. 10.45am Act of Remembrance: Aston's War Memorial
. 12 midday Act of Remembrance: East Hagbourne War Memorial
. 12 midday Act of Remembrance: St Mary's U
9 Monday 8pm Compline
10 Tuesday 8pm Compline
11 Wednesday S. Martin of Tours Bishop 8pm Compline
12 Thursday 8pm Compline
13 Friday 8pm Compline
14 Saturday

Kingsholm Close EH
Lake Road EH
Service Chaplains
Little Langlands EH
Main Road EH
Manor Farm Lane EH

15+Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service
. 4.00pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM
16 Monday S. Margaret of Scotland 8pm Compline
17 Tuesday 8pm Compline
18 Wednesday 8pm Compline
19 Thursday S. Hilda Abbess 8pm Compline
. 10am Mothers' Union Eucharist: St Michael's B
20 Friday S. Edmund King and Martyr 8pm Compline
21 Saturday

*Treasurers and
church finances.*

New Road EH
North Croft EH
Pebble Drive EH
Rymans Crescent EH

22+Sunday CHRIST THE KING

. 10am Online Benefice Service
. 4.00pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM
23 Monday S. Clement Bishop and Martyr 8pm Compline
24 Tuesday 8pm Compline
25 Wednesday 8pm Compline
26 Thursday 8pm Compline
27 Friday 8pm Compline
28 Saturday

Saxons Way EH
Shoe Lane EH
*Sidesmen, hospitality,
catering and flowers.*

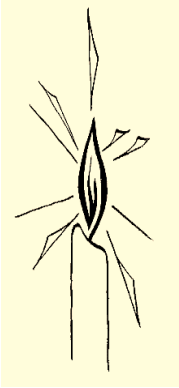
St Anne's Court EH
St Hilda's Close EH
St Hilda's Rise EH
Stonesfield EH
The Crescent EH
The Croft EH

29+Sunday THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

. 10am Online Benefice Service
. 3pm St Andrew's Day Service: St Andrew's H
. 4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM
30 Monday **S. Andrew Apostle** 8pm Compline

*Pastoral care and
visiting.*

St Andrew's



Churn Benefice All Souls' Service

The annual All Souls' Service will take place this year at **St Michael's Blewbury** on **Sunday 1st November at 4pm**. All are welcome at this Service which includes the lighting of commemorative candles and reading out of names of those to be remembered.

This will be a Covid safe Service, Government recommendations will be followed and face coverings must be worn. Please notify the Benefice Office if you wish to attend: 01235 850267.

Churn Benefice Online Church Services

Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect to chat before the service.

Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm. You can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check with the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week www.churnchurches.co.uk

St Andrew's Church open for Private Prayer

Wednesdays – 10am to 12noon **Saturdays** - 2pm to 4pm

For the safety of others please wear a face covering when you enter the church.



Midweek Communion at St Andrew's, Hagbourne

This will take place on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays following Private Prayer, 12.15 at the High Altar. Space is limited. Please email Dawn at office@churnchurches.co.uk or ring 850267 stating your name(s) and contact number to book your place. **Services in November will be on Wednesdays the 11th and 25th**. During communion the congregation will remain in their places and only bread will be administered. For the safety of others please wear a face covering.

Advent Carol Service by candlelight, St Michael's, Blewbury

Sunday, 29th November at 6pm Everyone in the Benefice is invited to attend this popular, traditional Advent Carol Service. Please notify the Benefice Office if you wish to attend – office@churnchurches.co.uk or 850267

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email www.churnchurches.co.uk Dawn, the Office Administrator will be available via emails during her normal office hours: Monday 12 to 4pm Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Funerals in the Benefice

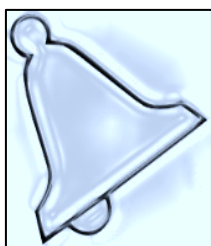
28th September at All Saints' North Moreton	Maurice Crickmore	Aged 91
29th September at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Nicholas Wright	Aged 49
2nd October at St Michael's Blewbury	Danny Wrench	Aged 90
12th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Robin Parsley	Aged 88
16th October at St Michael's Blewbury	Ann Saunders	Aged 89
21st October at Oxford Crematorium	Michael Page – Blewbury	Aged 89

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Clergy can be contacted on:

Jason 01235 850267 office@churnchurches.co.uk
Louise 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com

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



Tower Talk The bells at St Andrew's rang out, for the first time since March, on Sunday 11th October, Ringer's Sunday. I am sure it was a strange experience for four of our ringers to ring every other bell (social distancing) and also to ring them wearing a mask. As one of them said "it was just nice to be back up the tower!" About 30 people attended the Service at 3.00, I felt sad not to be there but we were on holiday in Cornwall.

The bells were rung again on Sunday 25th October at 10.00am, in memory of our dear friend and fellow ringer Cliff Garlick and for the Pet Service in the afternoon which was held at York Farm in West Hagbourne. The bells will be rung for Remembrance Sunday at about 11.40 ready for the Service at the Lower Cross on 8th November.

We have been given permission to ring the bells on Sunday mornings regularly at 10am but still sticking to the guidelines, social distancing and masks and just for 15 minutes. This will only change if we move from tier 1 to tiers 2 or 3.

Birthdays: 2nd November – Alan.

Shirley Goss.

Where's The Basket?

Dear St Andrew's Congregation,

Those many of you that have given generously to past Advent collections for Oxford's homeless may be wondering what will happen this year, given the CoVID-19 thing.

Support the Christmas Tree Festival, Support The Homeless

Good news! Even though we can't do the normal collection and delivery of items, we are able to make financial donations. To that end, the Action Group are delighted that The St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival committee has chosen to support those homeless in Oxfordshire as a joint beneficiary of this year's Festival. Half of the proceeds of the "Alternative" TreeFest will be donated to Homeless Oxfordshire, so if you're not yet signed up to take part in the illumination of Hagbournes, then this is another great reason to join in.

Other Donations Still Welcome

Thank you all so much for your continuing support for the homeless, so if you can spare some cash to make a direct donation, you can do so here . . .

<https://homelessoxfordshire.uk/support-us/donate/> Even a little helps. The Action Group



*Come and help
to celebrate*



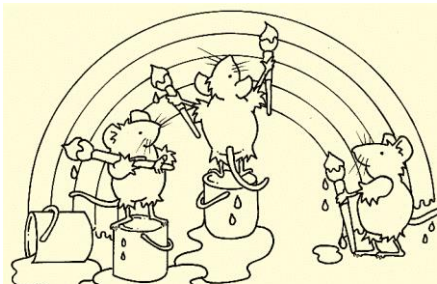
St Andrew's Day



Our Patronal Festival



*Service at 3pm on
Sunday, 29th November at
St Andrew's Church Hagbourne*



November Pram Service

**Hosted by the Mothers Union
Wednesday 4th November 12.30pm
The Service will be held at
St Michael's, Blewbury**

Please be prepared to wear a face covering inside the church. Parking is available at the Benefice Centre. This month we will celebrate "SAINTS". After a short Service we will have a socially distanced lunch together. HAPPY MEALS are going to be prepared in boxes for you – or bring your own. Please bring a rug to sit on. Mothers Union are sponsoring Advent Calendars which will go to a local charity "Children Heard and Seen", who support the children of families where a parent is in prison. We welcome any small donations to this project. Let us know in advance if you would like a HAPPY MEAL: Revd Louise Butler 07837009730



East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:

www.easthagbourne.net

EHCS FUND – Giving Back to the Community

Help the East Hagbourne Shop give back to our community! We're donating £1000 across 3 local charities or projects that benefit our local community, and we're asking our customers to help us choose from the 5 worthy candidates proposed by our Volunteers.

Spend at least £1 in the Shop, then vote for your choice(s)! Voting open until 28th November. Winners will be announced before Christmas.

The 5 proposed local Fund Award candidates:

- * **Didcot Food Bank:** to purchase food stocks needed to support the increasing number of families in crisis in Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages.
- * **Friends of St Andrew's:** to restore and maintain the Church, and to honour long-time supporter John Jones.
- * **Hagbourne CE Primary School:** for a stock of Chromebooks 'loaners' for self-isolating students, so that they can access remote learning during quarantine.
- * **Hagbourne Environmental Group/Hagbournes & Upton Group for Sustainability (HEG/HUGS)** Working together with the World Owl Trust to fund nest boxes and live-stream cameras to help support local Owl population.
- * **Style Acre Tea Room:** a social enterprise providing work experience for people with learning disabilities and autism; to purchase awnings, lights and heaters to remain in business and serve customers through autumn and winter.

A Very Village Christmas Charming cards illustrating East Hagbourne village life throughout the seasons are a festive way to share our local village with loved ones far and near. Looking for unique gifts? Consider our bone china mug illustrated with village scenes plus cocoa mix; or tuck our crisp Village tea towel around home-baked treats; or pop gifts in our re-useable jute shopping bag. For one size fits all, purchase a prepaid card from the Post Office! Get a jump on the season, and check out all the holiday cards, gift wrap, stollen and other treats now available.

Frozen Fruit Crumbles and Home Baked Cakes

Special occasion or just a post-Zoom pick-me-up? Our freezer is piled high with delicious homemade apple, plum and rhubarb crumbles. And every Thursday, our shelves are stocked with tasty home-baked cakes – but they go fast, so pop by early.

Autumn Operating Hours

Post Office (Tel. 811815) Easily withdraw cash, deposit cheques or pay bills
Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12pm; Saturday 9am to 12:30pm. **CLOSED FRIDAY.**

Shop: Monday to Friday 9-4pm, Saturdays 9-12:30pm

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if only an hour or two each month. If interested, please contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com



Village Produce Show 2020



The Show took place this year in the unprecedented circumstances of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, leading to a sideways shift of venue into the Village Hall car park to enable social distancing to be observed, visitor details collected on entry, and extensive health and safety requirements to be met. The unusual sight of masked ladies and gentlemen wearing gloves and serving teas from behind the playground fence was probably a first for the village.

The scene was set against a backdrop of six rather jolly bunting-clad gazebos dotted around the carpark, all of which were delightful but the prettiest of which was undoubtedly the Village Shop stall, beautifully designed and curated by the very talented Chris and Mark.

We were blessed with blue skies and sunshine, kind people lending gazebos and even coming to put them up very early on Sunday morning, huge support from the marvellous village bakers, dedicated volunteers on the tea stall, excellent entries in all categories and a great turnout on the day from villagers happy to have a village event to come to!

The number of categories was restricted to 5 this year: Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Plants and Lockdown Projects. The number and quality of entries in each category was excellent and reflected the time and energy spent on allotments, vegetable plots and creative projects during the year.

Francesca Lloyd - age 6, scooped best in class in the Plant category and Best in Show. The judge commented on the importance of cultivating the interest of children in gardening and noted: 'I am so impressed at Francesca managing to get an avocado plant growing - well done! This is very impressive - a good root system is now established, and it can now be potted on as a great plant!'

In the Fruit category, Erica's pears won Best in Class, with Caroline Hunt's apples being highly commended. We had an impressive number of entries in the Vegetable category, with Iain Duff's onions judged as Best In Class, the uniformity of David Rickeard's runner beans and the beauty of Charles Stutley's tomatoes highly commended. In the Lockdown Project category, Cheryl Forrester won Best in Class for her fine silver necklace, and in the Flowers, Jane Drew won Best in Class for her exquisite white tinged with pink dahlia, while Caroline Hunt was commended for her arrangement and 'understanding of colour palette but keeping it beautifully simple'.

The Community Cup was won by two of our favourite people in the village - Darren and Ruth - for their outstanding commitment to the community during lockdown, providing us with food and beer to help keep us cheerful. Takings on the day enabled us to make a donation of £50 to the Friends of St Andrews. We were delighted to be joined at Show by the newly formed Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability (HUGS) which promotes household level and village sustainability projects, supports nature's recovery and campaigns for a greener future (www.hugsustainability.org).

We have had many lovely thank you messages from around the village for holding the event. Huge thanks must go to the dedication of our Committee without whom the Show could not have gone on, Geoff and Linda for their support and opening the hall horribly early, the Parish Council for letting us use the car park, our fantastic team of tea stall helpers, our sponsors - The Fleur de Lys and the Village Shop, and our wonderful judges, Richard Roslyn, Head Gardener at Blewbury Manor, for his extensive knowledge and assessments, and Baz for her informed and insightful judging of so many excellent entries. Finally, a massive thank you to all of those who came and made it such a special and joyful occasion.

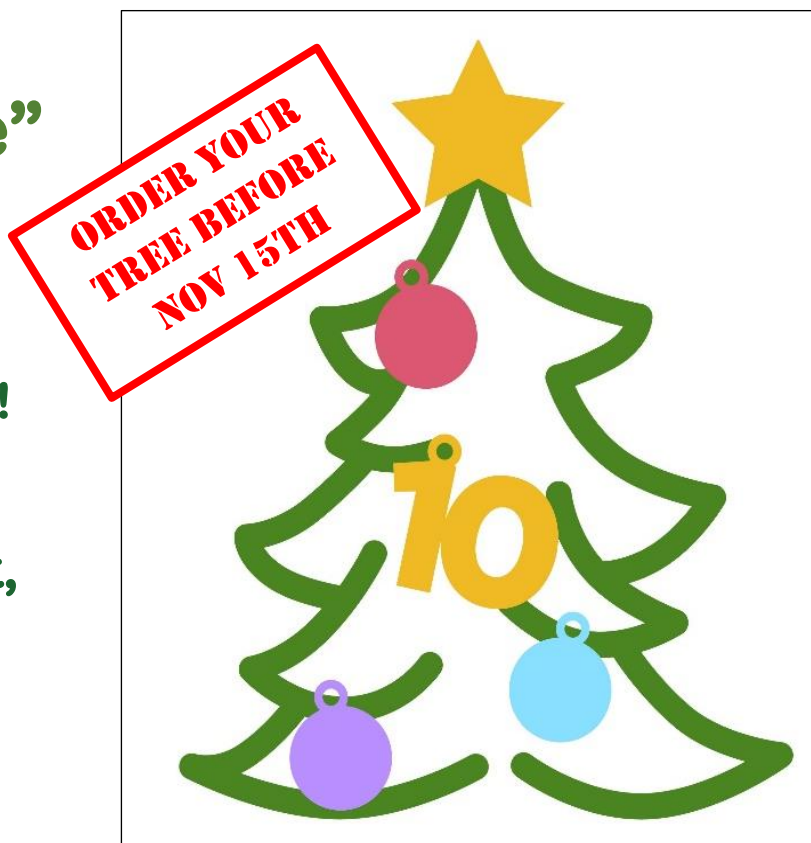
Felicity Topping, Chair, Village Produce Show



St Andrew's "Alternative" TreeFest

We're taking the
Festival **OUTSIDE!**

It's the 10th
Annual TreeFest,
and now,
Everybody Can
Join In



Light is a symbol of hope and of brighter days to come, so let's make the streets and lanes of the Hagbournes shine with glittering Christmas trees!

Folks have already signed up for more than 80 trees, and you can join them. We supply a 4 foot tree for £25, (all proceeds to the Church and Homeless Oxfordshire) and you decorate it, light it, and place it in your garden for all to enjoy.

What a wonderful sight it will be!

To join in, contact Sarah BEFORE 15th NOVEMBER on 813340 or email sarah@frenchbeanies.co.uk
Full details in the Parish magazine, on St Andrew's Hagbourne Events Facebook page or on village websites.

A Big "Thank You" I would like to say thank you very much to our local community shop for all the help that they have given me in delivering items at this very difficult time for all of us. It is a very valuable service and much appreciated by those people who have difficulty in getting about, especially in bad weather. Edna

HAMS Spam

Electing a New Leader

By the time you read this, the legal wrangling after the US election will be in full swing, but I'm happy to say that one important leadership matter has already been settled. So, fire off the 21- gun salute, wave the flags, and raise a flagon to our new Chair of HAMS, Bill Proctor, and to our retiring leader, Andrew Stocks of this parish.

Andy has been Chairperson of HAMS for at least half of its existence and has overseen our establishment as a village fixture, indeed worthy of inclusion in Craig's splendid 2020 calendar (you can see Andy on the March page).

Thanks Andy, and we look forward to working with you on the back-benches.

Nevertheless, onwards and upwards! The newly elected HAMS Steering Group, headed by Bill and including 4 new members, will be tackling the unpredictable future with a view to returning HAMS to the stage in 2021, maybe even as early as March.

Whatever the plans, you'll hear about them here first. In the meantime, below you will find a little quiz on famous leaders in films and the theatre. Have fun!

All the best from HAMS.

A Leaders Quiz from HAMS

- 1) Who played Richard III in the fascist-styled 1995 setting of Shakespeare's history.
- 2) Who was the founder and first leader of the National Theatre?
- 3) Who played the title role in the 1948 film Joan of Arc?
- 4) Who played Tony Blair opposite Helen Mirren's Queen?
- 5) Which Richard Attenborough film won 8 Oscars for its depiction of a great leader?

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

Answers: 1) Ian McKellen – 2) Laurence Olivier – 3) Ingrid Bergman – 4) Michael Sheen – 5) Gandhi!



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

Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

At the Parish Council meeting in October, the Council noted with great sadness the recent passing of three people who contributed greatly to village life. John Townsend was a councillor for many years and then a very active supporter and consultant to the Council particularly in matters of drainage. Robin Parsley was Clerk to the Parish Council for 25 years until December 2014 and afterwards continued to be a great source of advice and help to the Council. Trevor Davies was the mainstay of Hagbourne United Football Club for more than 40 years, playing his first game for the club in 1967. We thank them greatly for their contribution to the village.

Housing development by the Village Hall

The consultation period for the latest amendment to the main plans (P19/S0357/RM-5) is now closed, and we thus await the judgement of the planning officer as to whether the plan is acceptable or needs yet more modifications. I read through the comments made by villagers and hope that some of the detailed comments are accepted by the planning officer. I should add that many people made very strong and well presented objections to the development happening at all. Sadly, as the outline planning was granted in 2017, we are unable to stop the building on the field.

As I mentioned before, the delays in getting the plans accepted and the COVID situation have resulted in a severe disruption to the building schedule for Mactaggart and Mickel. So much so that it has become very likely that M&M will sell the site to another builder although I am assured by their Managing Director that the new company will meet the same high standards of building and communication that have characterized our interaction with M&M. We will announce the details of what this means and who will be the new builder when we have confirmation of the sale from M&M. It is anticipated that, if the Reserved Matters plan is passed soon, building could commence in the first part of next year.

Village pavements and footpaths

Derek Button and I had a walk around the village with an officer from the Highways Maintenance Team of Oxford County Council to look at pavements and some footpaths. We discussed the possibility of a major resurfacing of pavements which would be very expensive and outside OCC schedules and budgets for probably at least a couple of years. This might be accelerated if we were able to provide part of the funding, so this is something to add to our community project list for possible discussion at a Parish Meeting when one becomes possible.

What was, however, clear was that the best way of getting remedial work done relatively quickly on badly pitted surfaces was through Fix My Street (<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>).

The guidelines suggest that holes have to be 20mm deep on footpaths and 40mm deep on roads but, if an obvious less deep tripping hazard is identified, then this might qualify for repairs. Another way that villagers could help is that some of the worst areas are on house driveways and keeping them clear of debris is a good start. Additionally, the use of gravel traps to avoid gravel from drives being washed into the road and causing blockage of drains would be very beneficial. These need only be a slightly raised edge between the gravel and the pavement.

White Paper on Planning

The Government White Paper on Planning for which the consultation process just ended on 29 October has occupied many columns in local and national press. Like any large scale plan it has good and bad parts and the Parish Council and other similar bodies have tried to be constructive by emphasizing the good points and holding the Government to abide by the claims of strengthening local involvement through demanding encouragement, support, and even extended powers for Neighbourhood Plans.

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Parish meetings

The Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line and, as in normal times, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting through the Zoom link that will be included on the agenda. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 19th November**. I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). 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

Hagbourne Village Hall

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hagbourne Village Hall will take place **VIA ZOOM** on **Thursday 12th November 2020 starting at 8pm**.

This is an open meeting, and all interested persons are invited to participate.

If you wish to log in to the meeting, please contact the present Chairman, Richard Elliott by Email on richardelliott900@gmail.com to obtain the link

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Chairman's Report, followed by Questions**
- 4. Treasurer's Report, followed by Questions**
- 5. Booking Secretary's Report followed by Questions**
- 6. Other Competent Business [open to the floor]**
- 7. Retirement of 2018/2019 Committee**
- 8. Election of 2019/2020 Committee and acceptance of Representatives**
 - a. [These to include: EHPC, WHPC, Pre-School Group, Scouts/ Beavers, Guides, Parochial Church Council and at least as many independent members]**
- 9. Election of Officers**
- 10. Chairman's closing remarks.**
- 11. Close of Meeting**

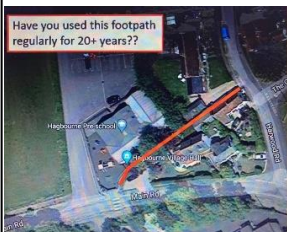
As this is a **ZOOM** Meeting, there is normally a 40 minute limit to the meeting, so most of the documents will be circulated before the meeting to those who wish to attend



CONTACT DETAILS:

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Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



Village Hall Pathway - Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO)

Many of you will have seen the recent request on Facebook or the village website asking for people to confirm their use of the footpath alongside the village hall between Harwood Road and Main Road. Routes that are recorded on the definitive map are offered considerable protection from being built on or arbitrarily closed. While this is unlikely to happen, the footpath offers an important and safe way to access the school and village hall so safeguarding its future makes a lot of sense. If you would like to volunteer to complete a witness statement confirming your use of the pathway please contact the clerk confirming how long you have been using it – the application requires a good amount of evidence covering 20+ years so your involvement is much appreciated.



Dog Waste

It is evident following ongoing observations that some of the dog waste bins are not of a large enough capacity based on usage. Following the change of contractor from the district council to Scoop Dotty Dog earlier this year, it is now possible to change or add dog waste bins in the parish. In the meantime, posters have been placed on all the dog waste bins to encourage dog owners to take their bag to the next available bin if it is full. General waste bins can also accept bagged dog waste and should be used accordingly.

The frequency of dog waste being left in prominent locations on well-trodden village footpaths, in particular around the school is a concern. There is a general waste bin at the zebra crossing so there is no excuse not to bag it and bin it!



Community Project Strategy – Have your Say! Document Links

Community Project Strategy:

https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EHPC_Community-Project-Strategy_20200918.pdf

Wildlife and landscape asset review:

https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EH-wildlife-habitats-landscape_20200903.pdf



CORONAVIRUS The Coronavirus Support group is still active although requests for assistance have dropped, so please do get in touch if you need help. easthagboursecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



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

**Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road
Hagbourne Village Hall next to the main entrance**

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

Planning applications received since the last meeting:

P20/S3622/HH 50 Bishops Orchard. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 19th November 2020.

This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom details will be included on the agenda for anyone wishing to join the meeting. **All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.**

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net

Do we expect standards for our food?- local online discussion planned

During November, the Churn Benefice Climate Change Group is planning an online discussion with farmers from our area and trade experts on trade and food standards post-Brexit. Why does this matter? As the UK prepares for the end of the Brexit Transition period, the nature of future trade arrangements becomes ever more important. There are complex questions involved and many perspectives on the best courses of action. Within this, some areas are of concern to people across political persuasions. One of these is the question of environmental and food standards.

The UK and EU are known for having high environmental and food standards. We care about the way food is produced, and so we have strong rules about animal welfare, the use of antibiotics, and agricultural chemicals, for example. The EU Withdrawal Act keeps our current standards as UK statutes. But the UK will be under pressure to change.

Why? Not all countries have such strong standards. The Government is currently negotiating deals with countries such as Australia and the US, both of which permit farming practices – including the use of certain pesticides, ways of administering antibiotics and hormones, and general treatment of animals – that would not be permitted here. The US has long stated that getting the UK to accept imports of its food products, including chlorinated chicken and hormone-fed beef, will be among its primary demands in trade negotiations.

Farmers and other groups that work on food safety, animal welfare, and environmental care are concerned. The NFU has stated: "There is no doubt that UK negotiators will come under significant pressure to find ways of allowing the US greater access to the UK market for food that does not meet our own production standards." This could have an impact on farmers, who would find it hard to compete with lower-cost, lower-welfare imports, and on all of us. The UK Government has responded to some of these concerns by announcing the establishment of a Trade and Agriculture Commission and by stating that it will not accept weakening of food standards. But what might the pressures be on their stance? How can we support our current standards? What are the issues around scrutiny of trade deals that could affect the deal?

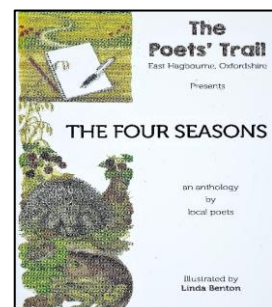
To find out more, join our event. You can register interest by emailing penny@brassell.org.uk



Hagbourne Garden Club Following the success of our previous two meetings, Hagbourne Garden Club will be holding our last meeting before Christmas on **Thursday 26th November, 7.30pm** in the Pavilion. We will be joined by the amazing Tricia Stanton, who will be giving a talk and demonstrations on '**Flower Arranging with a Christmas theme**'. As previously members will be required to wear face coverings and observe social distancing in the hall. Chairperson, Sally Barksfield, will be contacting members prior to the meeting with further information or telephone 01235 352275.

NEW Poet's Trail Book

Thank you to all who attended the launch of the new Poet's Trail book and the splendid team who helped organise it safely. Donations from the teas were given to the church. The new book features poems by local writers and is fully illustrated by Linda Benton. This A5 sized book would make an ideal Christmas gift and costs only £5 from the Post Office Shop in East Hagbourne.





St Andrew's Pet Service Thank you to all who helped to make the Pet Service a success and thanks to all the pets and their families who came to take part at York Farm West Hagbourne. The animals attending included nine dogs, two goats, a Shetland pony, two tortoise in hibernation and seventy-eight cattle. It was a great social occasion with the music group accompanying the singing. It is good to appreciate how much our pets mean to us.

With Sympathy

We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Trevor Davies who passed away peacefully at home on 2nd October, aged 71. Trevor managed the Hagbourne United Football Team for over 40 years and will be sadly missed by the local football community.

We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family, friends and neighbours of Robin Parsley who died recently at the age of 88. Robin's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's Hagbourne on 12th October. Robin was Clerk to East Hagbourne Parish Council for many years and a member of the Hagbourne Bowls Club. He will be greatly missed.

We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Page who passed away peacefully at the Old Vicarage Care Home, Moulsoford, on 27th September aged 89. The Funeral Service took place at Oxford Crematorium on 21st October. Michael lived in East Hagbourne with his late wife, Pam, for many years before moving to Blewbury.

Thank you for the Harvest Gifts from St Andrew's

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's to all who gave food for the Didcot Emergency Food Bank. If for any reason shopping was difficult this year and anyone would like to give money instead this will be very useful because volunteers at the centre can then buy things that are essential for the clients who need help.

The Didcot Emergency Food Bank now has a new home at the Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: office@didcotbaptist.org.uk

If you are sending a cheque you need to make it out to Didcot Baptist Church with Food Bank written on the back. If you wish to gift aid you need to copy and fill out the following declaration:

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from(insert data) and in the future.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Hello! More news from HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability) **We have two more projects to tell you about this month.**

Big Tree Plant

The first is planting trees! We want to encourage as many of us as we can from the 3 villages to choose, order and plant a bare root native tree or shrub this autumn in our gardens.

The benefits of tree planting are huge! And include –

- capturing and storing carbon, playing an important role in combating climate change
- encouraging wildlife into your garden by providing shelter and food
- supporting our wellbeing and quality of life
- reducing flooding
- reducing pollution
- keeping our soils nutrient-rich

What's not to like?! Bare root plants are great value and there are many options for small / medium / large native trees or shrubs to suit your garden. If you're keen to know more, have a look at our tree page for more info and fill in the order form if you'd like to order a bare root tree or shrub with us.

<https://www.hugsustainability.org/trees-1>

HUGS Owl monitoring project

As well as tree-planting, we're also very excited to be working with Lu Barton of Lu's Owls. Together, we're launching a citizen science project to monitor our local owls. We'd like to encourage as many people as we can in the 3 villages to join us. Owls are an indicator species, helping to tell us what state our local nature is in. We know we have tawny and little owls around here still. But we think we've lost barn owls from the area in recent years.

With the data we collect together, we want to put more nest boxes up (several with web cams). And we'd like to work with landowners to improve habitat for our owls. More info to come next month!

And lastly, we hope you've had the chance to explore our 3 Village Wild Walk during or between the recent showers! <https://www.hugsustainability.org/walk>

Thanks and bye for now from the HUGS team www.hugsustainability.org hugsustainability@gmail.com



Caroline Hunt – bare root trees

Life under Lockdown ...

... a (not too serious) diary in verse March - July 2020

This is recently published book by East-Hanney based writer and journalist Clive Fewins. During the late spring and summer Clive wrote a poem (he prefers to call them 'verses') almost daily on some aspect of the way Covid 19 was affecting all our lives. This small, neat volume of 100 of the poems is illustrated by line drawings by artist Stuart Roper and the book will be sold in aid of the 'NHS Charities Together Covid-19 Appeal'.

The not-for-profit book, a diary of our time, will be on sale in early November for £12 with at least £5 of each sale going to the charity, and much more than that if all the 500 first editions sell.

A very good postable Christmas gift maybe? It is published by Wallingford-based Pie Powder Press, run by historian and curator of Wallingford Museum, Judy Dewy and can be obtained by contacting judy@piepowder.co.uk.

Looking for Christmas cards and gifts? You can order charity cards, handmade cards, food and gifts from **TRAI DCRAFT**. If you do so through the church, you get our Fair Trader discount, which gives 10% off on all goods. The church does not benefit financially from the orders – but you and the Fair-Trade producers do! Online catalogue is at traidcraftshop.co.uk, hard copy catalogues also available. To order or for more information please contact Maranda on 01235 851763 or marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org

Astronomy Notes – The Great Orion Nebula



At this time of year, the winter constellations are making good headway into the night sky.

The most familiar being the large figure of Orion, which is well above SE horizon by 11.00pm this month. Orion hosts the most famous target for visual observers, and imagers, alike:

"The Great Orion Nebula."

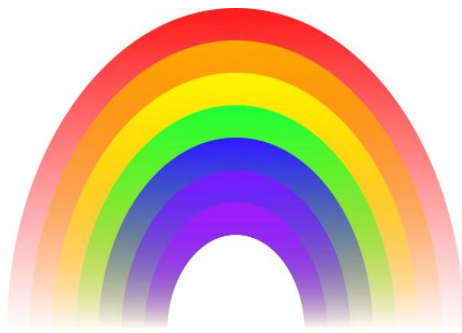
Part of Orion's sword, hanging from his belt of three stars, the Orion Nebula is up there amongst the top ten objects to study. Bright enough to be seen with the naked eye as a misty patch of light, binoculars make it easier to spot but a telescope will reveal its full glory.

A huge cloud of gas and dust which is busy producing new stars. Our Sun would have been born in a stellar nursery just as we see here, around 4.5 billion years ago.

The youngest stars in this nebula are thought to be less than 300,000 years old. If you look up high in the sky at this time, you will spot the bright cluster of stars we know as the "Pleiades" or the "Seven Sisters".

These stars would have been born in a nebula similar to the Orion nebula around 65 million years ago. So, the dinosaurs may have seen just a misty patch of light in the sky, where we now see the bright new stars. I captured this image several years ago, and I am thinking it might be a good idea to have another bash at it this winter, with a bigger telescope.

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Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

*By John Greenleaf Whittier
 (1807-92 – American Quaker poet)*

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Every Poppy Counts Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community. The Legion has worked with its members, staff, volunteers and partners to create a range of ways for people to get a poppy and show your support in 2020.

Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and we are asking the public to support us like never before, because every poppy counts.

Buy a Poppy Support the British Legion by buying your poppies and poppy items online at the poppy shop: www.poppysshop.org.uk

Every year, the volunteers distribute over 40 million poppies to help the vital work of the RBL. Due to Covid-19 this year many of the volunteers are unable to help. The Poppy Appeal was founded to help those in need following a National crisis. Right now, they are helping those who are isolated from family, facing homelessness, struggling to feed their children, and are in financial crisis.



Without our help they cannot provide the life-changing support that our Armed Forces community needs and deserves. The RBL website offers ideas for fundraising:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate

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

DECEMBER 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Please let us have any copy for the December parish magazine by **19th November** to magtemp5@gmail.com

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

