

St Andrew's Hagbourne

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WE WILL REMEMBER
Remembrance Sunday 12th November

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 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 Online Compline
2 Thursday 8pm Online Compline
3 Friday 8pm Online Compline
4 Saturday 10.30am Baptism: St Michael's B

5 +Sunday ALL SAINTS' DAY

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 Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm All Souls' Service: St John the Baptist SM
4pm Benefice All Souls' Service: St Andrew's H
No 6pm Evensong at St Andrew's
No 4pm Parish Service at All Saints NM



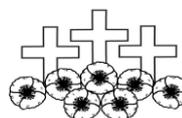
Clergy and all who preach or lead.

6 Monday 8pm Online Compline
7 Tuesday 8pm Online Compline
8 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Online Compline
9 Thursday 8pm Online Compline
10 Friday 8pm Online Compline
11 Saturday 8pm Online Compline

12 +Sunday REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday before Advent

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Online Benefice Service
10.45am Astons War Memorial followed by
11.15am Remembrance Sunday Service at the Aston URC
10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service: South Moreton Recreation Ground
10.50am Remembrance Sunday Service: All Saints' NM
10.55am Remembrance Sunday Service: St Michael's B
12.15am Remembrance Sunday Service: Lower Cross East Hagbourne
No Parish Service at All Saints NM
6pm Remembrance Sunday Service: St Andrew's H



PCCs, all in leadership and our Benefice operations manager.

13 Monday 8pm Online Compline
14 Tuesday 8pm Online Compline
15 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Online Compline
16 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm Online Compline
17 Friday 8pm Online Compline
18 Saturday

19 +Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Benefice Advent candle-making Service: St Andrew's H



Pastoral care and visiting.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

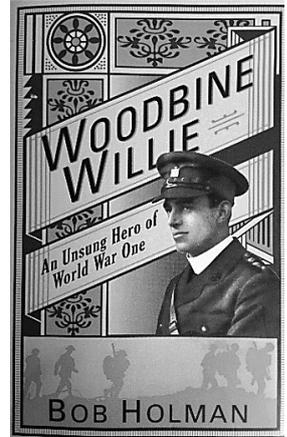
The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.

Rector's Reflections

Have you heard of Woodbine Willie?

This month, many people will be taking part in Services of Remembrance, remembering the names of those who have given their lives for this country, especially in the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

It is now over 100 years since the end of the 1st World War, but somehow this war has managed to etch itself onto the collective memory of our country. The war produced many well-known figures, among them an Army chaplain nicknamed Woodbine Willie. This was a time when probably the majority of men smoked cigarettes, and Woodbine Willie earned his nickname through his habit of distributing Woodbine cigarettes to the troops. His proper name was Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy.



He was born in 1883, and, in addition to his time as a Chaplain to the Forces, he served as the parish priest of two urban parishes: St Paul's Worcester and St Edmund, Lombard Street, in the City of London. Woodbine Willie combined warmth of character with a deep faith, and he was able to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds - hence his great success as an Army chaplain. He wanted to show the relevance of the Christian faith to the ordinary man and woman, as they faced the challenges of everyday life. He communicated his message through preaching, books and poetry. After the War, he worked in association with the Industrial Christian Fellowship, an organisation which tried to present the Christian faith to the world of industry.



Tastes change, and I suspect few if any read Woodbine Willie's writings today. But the heart of his message remains relevant today, especially at this time when we remember the dead of the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Jesus does indeed call Christians to be compassionate: to provide practical help and comfort to all who suffer. But Jesus also calls Christians to address issues relating to social justice: the Kingdom of God isn't just limited to the way we live our lives as individuals but extends to the way we structure our society as a whole and the way the nations of the world relate to each other on the international stage.

Woodbine Willie knew the pain and complexity of the world as it is. But he was determined to work with others to try and make it a better place. I wonder if we have the courage to follow in his steps?

- *Father Jason*

Conversations around Christianity Sundays 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the Benefice Centre 26 November – 17 December

Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Good news! The opportunity for more "Conversations" on Sunday afternoons at the earlier time of 2.30-3.30pm.



Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2023

**There will be an Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths
at the Hagbourne War Memorial, Lower Cross,
East Hagbourne at 12.15 on 12th November.**

Please note change of time.

6pm – Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's

Calendar and Diary for November 2023 . . .

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

26 +Sunday CHRIST THE KING – Sunday next before Advent

Treasurers and church finances

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
2.30pm Conversations around Christianity: Benefice Centre, Blewbury
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

27 Monday		8pm Online Compline
28 Tuesday		8pm Online Compline
29 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	
30 Thursday	St Andrew, Apostle our Patronal Festival	8pm Online Compline
31 Friday		8pm Online Compline

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online Services The Benefice Online Services will continue on Sundays at 10.30am. Login after 10.00am to chat before if wished. We are doing a trial to see if a permanent link will work for everyone. Depending on how well this works, we hope to continue using this link.

Computer, tablet, smartphone <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>

Home phone: 0330 221 0088. **Access Code:** 975-579-069

New user <https://meet.goto.com/install>. Access code above.

Baptisms in the Benefice

14th October **Amelia Flora Glover** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury

29th October **Hazel Florence Lay** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne

29th October **Kezia Connie Mary Davis** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne

Funerals in the Benefice

9th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Jillian Margaret Hedges** aged 77

19th October at St Michael's Blewbury **Kevin Ian Lyford** aged 59

27th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Ronald Anthony Newton** aged 88

27th October at St John the Baptist, South Moreton **Amanda Jane Vacher** aged 53

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Churchwardens chatter . . .

So..... it's October and autumn has arrived at last. Quite a busy month. We welcomed the Pre-School visit with their contributions to our Harvest Festival. This was celebrated in Church on the 1st of the month. The Didcot Foodbank was glad to receive all the produce.

There was a Funeral on Monday 9th of October. Mo hosted her wonderful Autumn Concert on 14th October. This was a very good evening's entertainment which raised £454.45. £204 of this went to the Church for maintenance and the balance to the Didcot Foodbank.

The Ringers Sunday Service was at 6.00pm on the 22nd and was very successful.

Another Funeral took place on the 27th and a Baptism on the 29th (along with clock change) and the month is over. November – here it comes . . . Fireworks, Remembrance Sunday, All Souls Service, Benefice Candle Making Service and St Andrew's Day to finish off!! Lots to look forward to. Looking forward to Christmas!!

Jane & Jill

Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

Midweek Communion Everyone welcome to the Midweek Communion at **St Andrew's, Hagbourne, every Wednesday at 10am**. This is a said Communion Service without hymns and the opportunity to stay for a coffee afterwards and a chat.

This is a popular Service - all welcome.

Christmas Tree Festival Meeting There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's at the Church on **Saturday 11th November at 10am**. Help is needed for all the various jobs before and during the Festival and we would love to have some more volunteers – If you would like to help in any way please come to our next meeting. Please see pages in this magazine for ordering your trees and to discover all the events planned.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to Michael and all the family and friends of Lesley James who passed away on the 17th of October.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Lesley's life on the 9th of November, 12 noon, at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium at Garford.



**Churn Benefice
All Souls' Service
St Andrew's Hagbourne
5th November, 4pm**



Remembrance List

All are very welcome at this Service, which includes the lighting of commemorative candles and reading out of names of those to be remembered. Anyone who would like to have a loved one remembered at this Service is invited to let Elaine de Ridder in the Benefice Office know if they wish to add name(s) to the list. Benefice Office - 01235 850267 or office@churnchurches.co.uk



Churn Benefice Advent Candle-making Service



St Andrew's Hagbourne – Sunday 19th November – 6pm – Everyone welcome!

The whole Benefice is invited to our annual candle-making Service. This year it is at St Andrew's. Representatives from all of our seven Churches will be making candles for us to use. Do let Elaine know if you would also like to be one of the people making our Churches candles for Advent.

Everyone welcome – refreshments afterwards!

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 November. ALL WELCOME.



Thank You Our ancient church of St Andrews was filled on 14th October for the Autumn Concert. It was a joyful event with so many people taking part. The School Choir was a star attraction, along with Autumnal poems, and a tapestry of sound from organ, mandolins, cello, flute, brass, guitar and many voices. The interval was a delight with refreshments beautifully and efficiently presented, and music on the piano. I was touched that so many had supported us with decorating the church, advertising, printing, the raffle, and of course collecting money for Didcot Food Bank and our Church. Mo Windsor

November Rotas	5th November All Saints Day	19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	General Notes:
Readers	Old Testament Revelation 7. 9-end Mo Windsor New Testament 1 John 3. 1-3 Daniel Dawson	Old Testament Zephaniah 1.7 12-end Trevor Goss New Testament 1 Thessalonians 5 1-11 Shirley Goss	<p>Please note there will be a special churn benefice candle making event in place of the evening service on 19th November at 6.00pm with light refreshments to follow.</p> <p>All Souls Service at St Andrew's on 5th November at 4pm</p> <p>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.</p> <p>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement</p>
Intercessions	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Chris Price Wendy Price	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
Coffee	Jill Garlick Mary Goy	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Church Cleaning	Kate Williams	The Drewe Family	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Joy Napper	Marian Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Myra Hardiman	Frances Belcher	

Time To Join in with the TreeFest Fun

St Andrews Christmas Tree Festival is coming soon!

Note especially the following dates . . .

Festival week – 8th Dec to 16th December

Carols in the Close – 8th December

Carols in the Farmyard – 10th December

The Big Wassail – 15th December

. . . lots more going on too. See the full programme elsewhere in this very magazine.



Be a Tree Angel and Dress a Tree in the Church

30 trees will be waiting for local groups and businesses to create their masterpieces. Why not reserve a tree and maybe follow this year's optional "**All Creatures Great and Small**" theme?

A Christmas Tree Festival at Your Own front Door.

Let's brighten the gloom and illuminate our villages. You can join in by placing one (or more) of our festival trees in your front gardens for everybody to enjoy. It's a real festive treat to wander the villages and marvel at how everybody supports the festival and its fund raising.

Helen and Douglas House

This year, the church will share the festival proceeds with Helen and Douglas House, your local children's hospice providing exceptional one-to-one respite and end-of-life care for children in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties.



Let's help make a difference while enjoying the Christmas Tree Festival

Come and Join in! Order Your Tree(s) Today!

We've managed to secure good prices from our tree wholesaler, so we've managed to keep the cost to sponsor a tree the same as last year; that's only £26 for a 4ft tree, whether in the church or for your own front garden.

Find the sign-up form in this magazine.

If you have tree questions, please contact Sarah at sarahreefest@gmail.com



Advent collection for Oxford Homeless

Can you imagine Christmas without a present? Here are some gifts O'Hanlon House in Oxford have requested. The Advent Hamper at St Andrew's will be in place for Advent Sunday, 3rd December.

If you put your items in the Advent hamper the Action Group will take them to Oxford, where Oxford Homeless will wrap them up as Christmas gifts:

New toiletries: shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, perfume, body spray etc, not soap.

New pyjamas, slippers or dressing gowns. New ladies' underwear (sizes 8,10 and 12)

New mens' boxers (sizes S, M and L) NO second hand items.

**The Action Group will get your gifts to Oxford
your gift will brighten someone's day!**

A new kind of Remembrance poppy For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free. Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability." The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment." The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups. The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.



DIDCOT YOUTH CAFE for those in School Years 7-13 (Secondary School/Sixth Form) to chill, chat, and eat cake! Open 3.15 pm - 4.45 pm at Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, OX11 0BS, on:

Thursday 2nd November, Thursday 9th November, Thursday 16th November, Thursday 23rd November, Thursday 30th November, Thursday 7th December, Thursday 14th December (Students are welcome to drop in for all / part of the Youth Cafe.)



Craft Fairs in November

Look out for local Christmas cards, jigsaws and many unique gifts.



Didcot Gift and Craft Fair

Saturday 11th November - 10:30am to 4pm at Didcot Civic Hall.

Harwell Village Craft Fair

Sunday 19th November - 11:00am to 4pm in Harwell Village Hall.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023 The West Hagbourne Village Association would like to thank everyone who attended the Macmillan coffee morning on Saturday 30th September at York Farm, West Hagbourne. You all helped to make it a very enjoyable and successful event. In the end, we raised over £2,100. Thanks to your generosity, this sum represents a new record. It will also make a real difference to the cancer support offered by the Macmillan nurses.



Tower Talk We held our tower quarterly meeting on Tuesday 3rd October following a shortened ringing practice. The meeting was well attended with lots to discuss re: the future of the tower.

Ringer's Sunday took place on Sunday 22nd October, the bells were rung for the Ringer's Evensong at 6pm. A big thank you to Revd Dr Jacqueline Baily for a very interesting talk and to Fr Jason for taking the Service and for playing the organ for the bellringing hymns, the Service was followed by light refreshments. Jacqueline is the daughter of Pam Tait and the granddaughter of the late Alfred Webb who was Tower Foreman at St Andrew's for many years.

There were over 30 people at the Evensong Service, it was lovely to see friends from the Churn Benefice bellringing family some of whom joined us in the tower to ring before the service. A very enjoyable evening.

Hopefully we will ring the bells half muffled on Remembrance Sunday and leave the muffles on for the practice on the Tuesday evening. It is a little bit different ringing bells half muffled and it will give all of our ringers the chance to have a go. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 2nd November – Alan Foster

Dates for the diary: Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

Help Wanted to run the Village Hall

Linda Benton has been our caretaker for a number of years, with only occasional breaks where she has arranged cover herself. She has recently indicated to the committee that she wants to take more time off, so would like us to find someone to support her, and perhaps in the longer term to work with her on a part time basis. The role involves making sure the hall is ready and available for each user. Many of our regular users have keys to let themselves in and out, and we expect each user to clean and tidy up as they leave, but clearly there will be some cleaning up on occasions, as well as opening and closing for what we call our casual users – those people who have hired the hall for a one-off event.

To be clear, this is a paid appointment, with a monthly fee agreed depending on the work carried out. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking on this role, I would love to hear from you, or alternately you could discuss the role with Linda herself. I have put my phone number, as well as Linda's, at the end of this article.

Richard Elliott - 01235 814140

Linda Benton - 01235817891



16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Mothers' Union (MU) join with other organisations to mark the **16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence**. The campaign starts on **Saturday 25th November**, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

At 1.03pm on that day, 25th November, there will be a "global moment" remembering the one in three people across the world who have experienced gender-based violence. There will be a time of prayer and reflection incorporating this at **12.45pm in Blewbury Church** for 30 minutes. MU members invite you to join them on this significant occasion.

New 94 Bus route and timetable will start on 27th November – please see note on page 19 of this magazine. We will include the new timetable next month.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

For 20 years, East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new Committee members and volunteers to help keep it going and growing!

To learn how you can help in 1 or 2 hours a month: email Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com or easthagbourneshop@gmail.com, or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

Visit us on FB or on the village website at: easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office

2023 EHCS Community Fund – Vote to Select Award Winners!

Since 2020, the not-for-profit East Hagbourne Community Shop has used annual surplus profits to support organisations and projects benefitting our local neighbourhood through our Community Award Fund. This year we are pleased to offer a total of £500 to be split across 3 winning organisations. And once again, **you, our Customers**, will determine the winners by voting from the Finalists nominated and selected by our volunteers. **Spend £1 or more in the Shop, and vote for your choice from 7th Nov until 3rd Dec.** Winners to be announced mid December.

Stop in the Shop or visit us on Facebook for more details!

NEW PO & SHOP OPERATING HOURS EFFECTIVE 15th OCTOBER

Good grief, it's already time to take note of Christmas posting deadlines! The PO has reopened Thursday afternoon hours, with Shop hours on Thursdays also extended. Pick up the brochure at the PO window or Shop till for specific dates by country & service.

SHOP: Mon & Thu 9am to 5pm; Tues/Wed/Fri: 9am to 4pm; Sat: 9am to 12:30pm
POST OFFICE: Mon - Sat 9am to 12:30pm + Mon & Thu afternoon 1pm to 4:30pm

THERE'S A NIP IN THE AIR - not a moment too soon to get a jump on the season. Stir-Up Sunday approaches, and we have all the Christmas pudding and cake essentials you need on hand. **BRAND NEW** local artist Christmas cards featuring East Hagbourne village and charmingly drawn fauna are in stock, along with some new designs for the season from favourite featured local artists. Early sightings of lebkuchen and stollen have been reported – stop in and stock up before they go!



SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL Saturday 16 Dec, 9am–12:30pm

Free mince pies and mulled wine or hot drinks while you peruse Marcopolo treats, locally crafted organic guest soaps, hand-made wreaths, luxe chocolates and home-baked treats.



ARTISANAL MARCOPOLO BAKERY Pre-order Marcopolo breads, savouries or pastries by 4pm each Wednesday for pick up the following Saturday in the Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. Product and allergen info is available in the Shop or at easthagbourne.net. Or: take your chance in the Shop on Saturday mornings!

THURSDAY IS CAKE DAY Stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes, available every Thursday—but hurry, they don't last long!

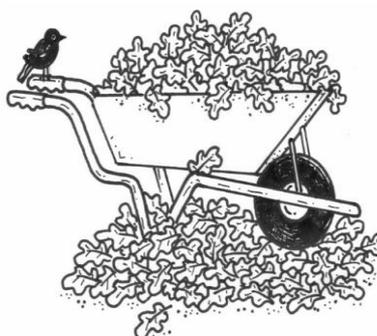
Poets' Trail update . . . Early next year the words and illustrations for the Green Theme anthology will be ready for the printer. Most of the 'green' poems have been written by people in the village.

With this project well under way we want you to be thinking about the next one. The Poets, Trail will be funding the publication of a book of poems inspired by Didcot Oaks (and other notable trees). We will be encouraging writers from the whole Didcot area to Google the Didcot Oaks website, visit some of the magnificent, ancient trees, and be moved to write something poetic. Whether it's first kisses under the leaves over a period of 400 years, how they withstood the wars, or the animals who live among the branches, let your imagination branch out! What have the trees witnessed over the years, how have some of our historical trees already met their ends, and what has the wood been used for since?

Poems up to 36 lines. Submissions by 14th February 2024 to linda.benton@live.co.uk

Linda will be illustrating the book.

Full details are on the Didcot Writers website. The link is: bit.ly/didcotoaks



Hagbourne Garden Club will be meeting on Thursday, **23rd November** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7.00 p.m. Robert Harvey will be giving a talk on **Travels in search of remarkable plants**. Mountains, deserts, wetlands and forests are diverse and challenging environments for wild plants. Recounting plant hunting in six continents, this talk presents extraordinary flora in their natural habitats. The talk will start at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person. For further information call Sally on 01235 352275

Wine and mince pies will be served.

HAMS – *Green light for HAMS FEST*

FANFARE! DRUMROLL!

At the delayed, but very well attended, launch meeting on Thursday 19th October of *HAMS FEST*, our March 2024 production, we were introduced to an interesting range of topics, some of which might form the foundation of the planned variety show with the accent on humour and entertainment.

We read through a very funny playlet, watched some clever and amusing video clips projected onto a big screen, and generally enjoyed a lot of laughs.

By the end of the evening, the participants felt that we would be able to put on a really popular variety show with material involving sketches, playlets, monologues, song, and live music.

So, the green light was given for regular weekly meetings to start, beginning on Thursday 2nd November in the Village Hall, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Initially the emphasis will be on developing the programme with rehearsals to follow.

If you were unable to come to the launch meeting, it is not too late to get involved, just come on 2nd November. We look forward to seeing you then.

www.thehams.co.uk

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St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne

Christmas Tree Festival

8 - 16 December 2023

ORDER FORM

Thank you for taking part in this year's TreeFest!

Please complete and return the slip below to Sarah Wright at 1 Church Close, East Hagbourne, OX11 9LP or by email to sarahtreefest@gmail.com by 23 November 2023.

Please note – your tree order is not confirmed until payment is received, thank you. Payment details below. There will be 30 trees in the church, secured on a first come, first served basis. The actual location of your tree inside the church will be determined by a public drawing of lots on Saturday 25 November at 10.30am in the church.

Village trees for front gardens will be available for collection from The Pavilion in East Hagbourne on Wednesday 6 December in the afternoon. More details to follow.

Church trees will be in place and available to decorate from 9am-5pm on Thursday 7th December and 9-4pm on Friday 8th December. More details to follow.

ALL TREES ARE £26 for a 4ft live Norwegian Spruce

Please complete applicable section to you:

Village Trees: quantity required

Location Address of Tree:

Church Trees: Please state the name of Family/Business/Group/Organisation that you wish to appear on name card next to your tree in church:

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Please could ALL participants also complete the following:

Contact Person: Tel:

Email:

BACs Payment:

Account Name: HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Account Number: 39110863. Sort Code: 30 98 97

Please use your name or tree sponsor name as a reference.

Alternatively enclose cash/cheque with this form & return to: 1 Church Close, East Hagbourne, OX11 9LP. Please make cheques payable to HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

HUGS November News

Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



The killer in your shed The most heavily applied herbicide globally, Roundup's producers Monsanto and Bayer AG, assure regulators that exposure to its active ingredient, glyphosate, poses no threat to human health, but influential research (*) now indicates otherwise.

Linked to cancers, diabetes, heart disease and male infertility, research is also ongoing for its potential for damage during pregnancy. Manufacturers Monsanto and Bayer are fighting lawsuits from tens of thousands of US cancer patients who claim exposure to Roundup caused them to develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma. In the UK, Cancer Research reports 13,000 people diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma each year, up 38% over the last 30 years. Against a background of over 100,000 injury claims in the US, Roundup's manufacturers have already agreed to pay out an eye watering \$11bn and agreed to stop selling it for US residential use in 2023.

Widely used in gardens and public spaces, our exposure to glyphosate comes from absorbing spray through the skin and lungs as well as from food and drinking water contaminated with the pesticide from heavy agricultural use. Accumulating in soil and groundwater, glyphosate harms soil health, poses a risk to aquatic ecosystems by leaching into waterways, is poisonous to bees, damages worm populations, indiscriminately removes wild plants, key resources and habitat for animals when sprayed on pavements, is absorbed by pets walking on sprayed areas, can cause eye damage and disrupt hormones in humans.

In 2015, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer said that glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic to humans." In 2017 over 1.3m people called for a European ban of glyphosate over cancer fears. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is looking at "new evidence" on glyphosate. Germany will ban it from 2024. Over 100 villages, towns and counties in the UK (***) have partially or totally banned pesticides following public outcry, moving to a herbicide-free approach (***) to protect their communities. When the use of even small amounts of this toxic chemical causes harm over a period of time, we should ban it too – both from our pavements and our gardens.

*NIH study: part of Agricultural Health Study (AHS), a long-term examination of the health impacts of pesticide use on farmers funded by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

** Councils now using integrated weed management including Foamstream to control unwanted vegetation

*** <https://www.pan-uk.org/pesticide-free-towns-success-stories/>

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
and Shirley Goss – 815608 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

Dog walking spot available with Premier Pet Care Monday – Friday Blewbury, Hagbourne, North and South Moreton, Harwell and Didcot areas.

Hi, my name is Judith, I have had my own dog walking business for the last 25 years. I am fully insured and a qualified veterinary nurse. I have one Monday – Friday spot that has become available! Please do get in contact if you are interested.

07527 062889 premierpetcare@btconnect.com References available on request.

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 in the Small Hall at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 22nd November 2023, starting at 8 pm.

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

There will be wine served!

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Agreement of previous AGM Minutes**
- 3. Chairmans Report, followed by Questions**
- 4. Treasurers Report, followed by Questions**
- 5. Booking Secretaries Report followed by Questions**
- 6. Other Competent Business [open to the floor]**
- 7. Retirement of 2022/2023 Committee**
- 8. Election of 2023/2024 Committee and acceptance of Representatives – these include EHPC, WHPC, Pre-School Group, Scouts/Beavers, Guides, Parochial Church Council and at least as many independent members**
- 9. Election of Officers**
- 10. Chairmans Closing Remarks**
- 11. Close of Meeting**

Hagbourne Bowls Club is one of the most special places to play in the whole county.

We have an active and growing membership and in particular, our lady players have been making great progress in local leagues and friendlies, however, more players of any level are always needed. Whatever your bowls experience; from beginner to Commonwealth Champion (and anything in between), you'll find a warm welcome and many new friends at Hagbourne.

**For more info, please contact our Ladies Captain, Sandy Budd
on 07477 814801 or sandybudd@sky.com**

Hagbourne Pre-School News – OPEN EVENT – 14th November

Hagbourne Pre-School runs every weekday, termtime only, in the Village Hall, Main Road, East Hagbourne. Monday-Thursday 8.45– 2.45, Friday 8.45–11.45. We will be opening on Friday afternoons from 31st October. Rated outstanding by Ofsted. We run a weekly mini explorers session for the older children in the grounds of Hagbourne School.

We are holding an OPEN EVENT at the Pre-School in the Village Hall from 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday, 14th November for parents/prospective parents to come along and have a chat.

**Please visit our website www.hagbournepreschool.org
or email enquiries@hagbournepreschool.org Playleader@hagbournepreschool.org
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Table Tennis at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com
Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

Football in East Hagbourne: Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne and welcomes new men and youth players.

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk

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6:30PM – FRIDAY 8TH DEC

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*Followed by the
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In support of the church & **Helen & Douglas House**



Many Thanks to our
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2023 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL EVENTS

In addition, the Church is open daily and between 10:00 and 4:00 so please do come to enjoy the trees and vote for your favourite.

Friday 8th Dec	6:30pm	Carols in the Close , Church Close, EH <i>Sing along with Blewbury Brass Band</i> The Big TreeFest Launch <i>Switch-on of the trees inside the Church</i>
Saturday 9th Dec	12:00pm	Soup'n'Tunes Lunch <i>The tastiest soups, with unique ambience.</i>
Sunday 10th Dec	3:00pm	Hagbourne & Wallingford Young Pianists <i>Concert in the Church . . . with cake!</i>
	3:30pm	Carols in the Farmyard , Manor Farm, WH <i>The very welcome return of the vOx choir</i>
Thursday 14th Dec	6:30pm	Carols on Your Doorstep <i>Local carollers roam the village streets</i>
Friday 15th Dec	7:00pm	The Big Wassail <i>Carols, poems, songs, tunes . . . and fun!</i>
Saturday 16th Dec	12:00pm	Soup'n'Song Lunch <i>Festive songs from The Nightingales</i>
	2:00pm	Result of the public vote for favourite tree Followed by the Festival Raffle draw .
	2:30pm	Hagbourne Community Choir <i>Seasonal favourites as the village sings</i>
	4:00pm	The Festival Closes

Note: All events in St Andrews Church unless otherwise stated

Raffle Tickets available soon!

Please Support our Early-bird Festival Partners



Didcot and District U3A The next meeting is at **2.30pm, 21st November** at Didcot Civic Hall with a talk on **Felicia Skene, Oxford writer, prison reformer** by Liz Woolley.

U3a Thames Valley network offer a wide range of talks, study days and quizzes.

Visit the website to discover more: www.u3asites.org/didcot

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Public Consultation on grass cutting We had 95 responses to the survey. Results from the survey are now on the village webpages <https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Grass-Cutting-Consultation-Results-.pdf> and a printed copy will be available in the village shop. The Parish Council discussed these at their meeting in October, and it was felt that the results mirrored many of the comments at the meeting on 8th September inasmuch as there was strong support both for tidiness and for diversity so that a balance is required from any council activity. The current grass cutting schedule did, however, have a lot of support. A further analysis of this data will inform council policy for next year's grass cutting schedule.

Footpaths In anticipation of worsening conditions on village footpaths in the winter weather, the Parish Council is assessing all footpaths to prioritise those that most need remedial work to keep them accessible and safe. Thus, this is a good time to contact parish councillors or the clerk telling us which you feel should be prioritised. Unlike footways (i.e. pavements), it is usually easier and quicker to get permission from OCC to work on these.

Housing development by the Village Hall Nine of the properties are now occupied and the demographics are really very interesting with a wide range of ages from under 30 to over 60 and, perhaps surprisingly, only one child and he is less than one year old – so not yet overloading the village school! From brief meetings with the residents, they seem very excited to be in the village and are looking forward to contributing to village life. It is likely that six more homes will be occupied by Christmas. Of the 44 houses being marketed directly by Deanfield nearly half are now sold or reserved. The house building programme is running if anything ahead of schedule with probably only five houses without their roofs on by the end of the year.

Gigaclear There is an unprecedented amount of trench digging in the village just now with many requiring traffic light control. This is because of the installation of a fibre network in the village by Gigaclear. Their intention is that, after this is complete, any house in the village can get access to full fibre broadband. Although the local councils were informed about this, the parish council and, I believe, the county council have had no control over the works and scheduling of this activity.

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 10th November. 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 will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th November.

Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus, anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council. Iain Duff

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

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

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

There is very high demand on the Foodbank at the moment. You can leave items in the supermarkets in Didcot, at Blewbury Post Office or make a money donation via the Foodbank.

Contact details if you need to use the Foodbank or you would like to make a donation:

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

All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



CONTACT DETAILS:

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd
Telephone: 07891 551 851

Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Councillor Robin Jaboor has agreed to help with coordination of the East Hagbourne Community Speedwatch team and is keen to recruit new volunteers with the intention to restart traffic monitoring in the parish. Vehicle speed has been an ongoing concern for some time and the presence of an active speedwatch team could make a marked difference - this is evident from the success of other local schemes.

The speedwatch team will be able to record details of speeding vehicles and be supported by Thames Valley Police who are able to contact vehicle owners directly for education and enforcement purposes as required.

Please contact robin.jaboor@easthagbourneparishcouncil.net - Let's work together to make East Hagbourne safer. Thank you



GRASS CUTTING CONSULTATION - SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the public survey are now available to view on the website [here](#)



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – Friday 10th November

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 or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagboursecovid19@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

Planning applications received since the last newsletter: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November 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

Our Local Bus Service – route 94 Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. *

Didcot – East Hagbourne – Blewbury – Upton – West Hagbourne - Chilton – Harwell Campus

Didcot, Parkway Station	08:38	10:10	11:40	13:40	15:10	17:10	18:30
Didcot, Orchard Centre	08:42	10:14	11:44	13:44	15:14	17:14	18:34
Didcot, Sandringham Road	08:48	10:18	11:48	13:48	15:18	17:19	18:38
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	08:51	10:21	11:51	13:51	15:21	17:22	18:41
Blewbury, The Blueberry	08:59	10:29	11:59	13:59	15:29	17:30	18:49
Upton, Village Hall	09:03	10:33	12:03	14:03	15:33	17:34	18:53
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH	09:05	10:35	12:05	14:05	15:35	17:36	18:55
Chilton, Main Street	09:11	10:41	12:11	14:11	15:41	17:42	19:01
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus	09:17	10:47	12:17	14:17	15:47	17:48	-

Our Local Bus Service – route 94 Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. *

Harwell Campus – Chilton – West Hagbourne - Upton – Blewbury – East Hagbourne - Didcot

Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus	-	-	09:25	10:55	12:25	14:25	15:55	17:50
Chilton, Main Street	06:43	08:00	09:31	11:01	12:31	14:31	16:01	17:56
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH	06:49	08:07	09:37	11:07	12:37	14:37	16:07	18:02
Upton, Village Hall	06:51	08:09	09:39	11:09	12:39	14:39	16:09	18:04
Blewbury, The Blueberry	06:57	08:16	09:44	11:14	12:44	14:44	16:14	18:09
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	07:04	08:23	09:51	11:21	12:51	14:51	16:21	18:16
Didcot, Sandringham Road	07:07	08:26	09:54	11:24	12:54	14:54	16:24	18:19
Didcot, Orchard Centre	07:12	08:31	09:59	11:29	12:59	14:59	16:29	18:24
Didcot, Parkway Station	07:16	08:35	10:03	11:33	13:03	15:03	16:33	18:28

Route 94: Saturdays – to Harwell Campus

Didcot, Parkway Station	08:40	10:10	11:40	13:40	15:10	17:10
Didcot, Orchard Centre	08:44	10:14	11:44	13:44	15:14	17:14
Didcot, Sandringham Road	08:48	10:18	11:48	13:48	15:18	17:18
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	08:51	10:21	11:51	13:51	15:21	17:21
Blewbury, The Blueberry	08:59	10:29	11:59	13:59	15:29	17:29
Upton, Village Hall	09:03	10:33	12:03	14:03	15:33	17:33
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH	09:05	10:35	12:05	14:05	15:35	17:35
Chilton, Main Street	09:11	10:41	12:11	14:11	15:41	17:41
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus	09:17	10:47	12:17	14:17	15:47	-

Route 94: Saturdays – to Didcot

Harwell Campus, Becquerel Ave Terminus	-	09:25	10:55	12:25	14:25	15:55
Chilton, Main Street	08:00	09:31	11:01	12:31	14:31	16:01
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH	08:06	09:37	11:07	12:37	14:37	16:07
Upton, Village Hall	08:08	09:39	11:09	12:39	14:39	16:09
Blewbury, The Blueberry	08:13	09:44	11:14	12:44	14:44	16:14
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	08:20	09:51	11:21	12:51	14:51	16:21
Didcot, Sandringham Road	08:23	09:54	11:24	12:54	14:54	16:24
Didcot, Orchard Centre	08:28	09:59	11:29	12:59	14:59	16:29
Didcot, Parkway Station	08:32	10:03	11:33	13:03	15:03	16:33

***PLEASE NOTE: From 27th November 2023, there will be a new 94 Bus timetable with a revised route** serving East Hagbourne, Blewbury and Upton, and a 94A route serving East Hagbourne, West Hagbourne, Upton, Blewbury, The Astons and the Moretons before returning to Didcot. Chilton/Harwell Campus will no longer be served by these services. The timetable will be posted on the web site when available.

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

This service no longer runs to Wantage. Instead, it starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot every half hour. It goes to GWP and down Wantage Road, past the Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and JR. **The service from Didcot to Wantage is now the X35 and we also have a service to Newbury, the X34. These all start from the Orchard Centre in Didcot.**



DECEMBER 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the December 2023 parish magazine
and any items for early January 2024

by **Saturday, 18th November to magtemp5@gmail.com**

Thank you, the parish magazine committee.



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