

# St Andrew's Hagbourne

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**WE WILL REMEMBER**  
**Remembrance Sunday 10th November**

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

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# CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2024

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

## Prayer Focus:

1 Friday

8pm online Compline

2 Saturday

**All Souls Day**

Youth Group: Blewbury Bonfire night

**3 +Sunday**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B

9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU

9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U

10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club: St Andrew's H

10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM

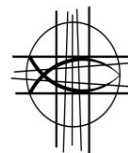
10.30am Online Service

12.30pm Baptism: St Michael's B

3pm All Souls Service: St John the Baptist SM

**4pm Benefice All Souls Service: St Michael's B**

6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Churchwardens,  
fabric and  
churchyards.  
Church cleaners.*

4 Monday

8pm online Compline

5 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

6 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

7 Thursday 7pm Time for Reflection: St Michael's B

8pm online Compline

8 Friday

8pm online Compline

9 Saturday

**10 +Sunday REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

10.30am Online Remembrance Day Service

10.30am Remembrance Day Service: St Mary's U

10.45am Astons Remembrance Day Service at the  
War Memorial followed by Church Service at URC

10.50am Remembrance Day Service:

South Moreton Recreation Ground

10.50am Act of Remembrance: All Saints' North Moreton

10.55am RBL Remembrance Day Service: St Michael's B

12noon Act of Remembrance: Lower Cross, East Hagbourne

6pm Remembrance Day Service: St Andrew's H



*Clergy and all who  
preach or lead.*

11 Monday

8pm online Compline

12 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

13 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

14 Thursday 6pm Benefice Evensong to remember  
the fallen: St Michael's B

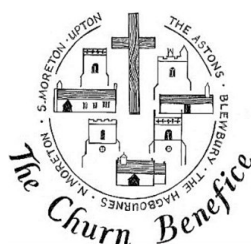
8pm online Compline

15 Friday

8pm online Compline

16 Saturday

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## The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U),  
St Michael's Blewbury (B), All Saints' Aston Upthorpe (AU),  
St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT),  
St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM),  
All Saints' North Moreton (NM)

# 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 The Value of a Number

During November, our thoughts will naturally turn to Remembrance Sunday. We shall wear our poppies and remember with pride all who have served our country in war, and especially those who have been injured or killed. It is a sobering time.

As we hear the names of the fallen read out, we are often struck by the numbers who died in the 1st World War. There are historians who have tried to work out accurate totals for the number who killed in the Great War.

It is not a straightforward exercise, and the accuracy of any given figure can always be disputed. But having said this, total military deaths from United Kingdom and the colonies has been calculated at 887, 858. Total military deaths from France were greater: the numbers range between a low of 1,357,000 and a high of 1,397,800. Austria Hungary lost between 1,200,000 and 1,494,200. Losses in Germany were higher (2,037,000) and the highest number of military casualties of all were quite possibly in Russia (1,700,000 to 2,254,369). Totting up all the military deaths in the 1st World War, we come to a figure of between 8,573,058 and 10,824,240.

These are only military deaths. We can add to these totals civilian deaths, caused by military action and crimes against humanity. These deaths come to 2,250,099. We can then add civilian deaths due to malnutrition and disease. Excluding deaths caused by the flu pandemic, these come to between 5,411,000 and 8,100,000.

So at the most conservative estimate, the combined death toll in 1st World War, both military and civilian, was approximately 16 million.

This figure should shock us. It is a reminder of the sheer horror of war. But it is not just a piece of information. It should lead us all to re-double our efforts to be peace makers, in our communities and our world. I believe we can never try hard enough to do all that we can to avoid armed conflict taking place in the first place, and where it has occurred, to bring it to an appropriate end as soon as possible.

Jesus told his followers: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God".  
Indeed, they shall.

*Father Jason*



## Churn Benefice All Souls' Service St Michael's Blewbury Sunday, 3rd November,



### Remembrance List

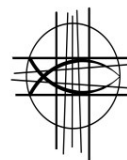
**All are very welcome at this Service, which includes the lighting of commemorative candles and reading out of names of those to be remembered.** Anyone who would like to have a loved one remembered at this service is invited to let Elaine in the Benefice Office know if they wish to add name(s) to the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

**Please note** there is no parking on Church Road and the Benefice car park will be reserved for those with mobility issues. Please use the village hall car park if possible.

## Church Calendar and Diary for November 2024

### **17 + Sunday SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

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



### **Prayer Focus:**

*PCC's, all in leadership and our Benefice Operations Manager.*

18 Monday

19 Tuesday

20 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

21 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B

22 Friday

23 Saturday

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

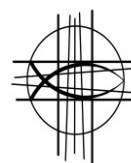
8pm online Compline

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### **24 + Sunday CHRIST THE KING**

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
12.30pm Baptism: All Saints' NM  
4pm Benefice Candle Making Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Pastoral care and visiting.*

25 Monday

26 Tuesday

27 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

28 Thursday

29 Friday

30 Saturday **St Andrew**

8pm online Compline

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**Online Compline** This is a short time of Evening Prayer online every weekday at 8pm – time to wind down from the day and relax. Join using the details from [www.churchchurches.co.uk](http://www.churchchurches.co.uk)  
If you go to [What's On](#) and click on [Services](#) you will find the online Compline details to log on.



### **Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024**

**There will be an Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the Hagbourne War Memorial, Lower Cross, East Hagbourne at 12noon on 10th November.**

**6pm – Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's**

**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.**

**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.

**Coffee Mornings at St Andrew's** All welcome to pop into St Andrew's on Wednesday mornings each week, after the midweek Communion, for a coffee and a chat.



## How to contact the Churn Benefice:

**BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267**

**Churn Website: [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

**Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267** – [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

**Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730** – [revlouiseb@aol.com](mailto:revlouiseb@aol.com)

**Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073** – [jphclarke@gmail.com](mailto:jphclarke@gmail.com)

**Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267** – [mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk)

## Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service!

This service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship. The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. If you haven't joined us recently, please note that your "GoToMeeting" software will need an update. The process is very straight forward but will take a little bit of extra time. **Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link:**

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

**New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>

**Weekday evening Compline** at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via <https://meet.goto.com/312446493>

If you would like to be added to our weekly mailing list to receive the **Churn newsletter**, please contact Elaine or you can sign up here <http://eepurl.com/iEcD8A>.

You can also sign up for the **"Rector's Reflections"** which are sent out most weekdays.

The Rector's Reflections sign up link is <http://eepurl.com/iEix4A>



## Evensong to remember the fallen and pray for peace

**St Michael's Blewbury – 14th November 6pm**

Following Remembrance Sunday we continue to pray for those who lost their lives. We also pray for peace during these turbulent times.

**Everyone welcome!**

**A Time for Reflection** St Michael's Church, Blewbury will be open on Thursday evening **7th November from 7pm to 8pm** for anyone to join a small group for some shared time for reflection, silence and prayers. This is a very informal prayer group where anyone is welcome to come along and share the silence of the beautiful Lady Chapel. Please join us.

**This will be happening every month on the first Thursday.** Everyone is welcome.

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Philip Jackson whose Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on the 29th of October.

## Wedding in the Benefice

4th October **Matthew Bianchini** and **Laura Pickett** were married at St Michael's Aston Tirrold  
*We pray for God's blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together.*

## Funerals in the Benefice

18th October at St Michael's Blewbury **Jacky Freeborn** aged 88

21st October at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium **Peter Corderoy** aged 83

24th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Joe Corderoy** aged 88

29th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Philip Jackson** aged 60

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





## Tower Talk

We held our tower quarterly meeting on Tuesday 8th 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 20th October, the bells were rung for the Ringer's Evensong at 6pm. The congregation were treated to a comical ringing song 'The Hagbourne New Year' written by John Napper, one of our ringers. He played his ukulele and was accompanied by two other ringers Kelly and Shirley, the congregation joined in with the chorus and a good laugh was had by all. Many thanks to Fr Jason who took the Service which was followed by light refreshments.

We rang the bells for the Funeral of Joe Corderoy on Thursday 24th October at 10:30 before the Service that was at 11am. Joe supported the tower and often came on our ringing trips with us with his wife Janet who was a bellringer. Joe used to love coming to all the different churches and having a good look around while Janet was ringing.

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, 10th November, Remembrance Sunday

## Advent Candle-making Service

The whole Benefice is invited to our annual candle-making service. **This year we will make beeswax candles to use at home during Advent!** Please join us at **All Saints' North Moreton on 24th November at 4pm**. Donations to All Saints' North Moreton.

**Organ Recitals at St Andrew's** There will be a monthly Organ Recital at St Andrew's on the **first Sunday of each month starting on 1st December at 5pm**. The Recital will last about 30 minutes, and everyone is welcome to stay and have a cuppa afterwards.

**Thank you** to all who helped to decorate St Andrew's with flower displays, fruit and vegetables and groceries for the **Harvest Festival**. The Church looked very colourful and welcoming. Thank you also to all who took part and came along to enjoy the **Water Concert** at St Andrew's.

ROTAS	3rd November All Saints' Day	17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	1st December 1st Sunday of Advent	GENERAL NOTES:
<b>Readers</b>	Wisdom 3. 1-9 Andrew Kaye  Revelation 21.1-6a Sally Duncan	Daniel 12. 1-3 Jenny Smith  Hebrews 10. 11-25 Margaret Antcliff	Readings to be announced Jeff Powell  Justine Shepperson	<b>The Church will be prepared for the Christmas Tree Festival on Wednesday 4th December – lots of help will be required.</b>  Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.  If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.
<b>Intercessions</b>	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Robin Harries Jane Blond	Wendy Price Christ Price	Myra Hardiman Jacqui McKenzie	
<b>Coffee</b>	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Justine Shepperson Jeff Powell	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	---	Jean Millar Mary Hands	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	Jacqui McKenzie	Jacqui McKenzie	---	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	Myra Hardiman	Shirley Goss	---	

# Time to join in with the TreeFest Fun

## St Andrew's Tree Festival is coming soon!

Note especially the following dates:

**Festival Week – 6th to 14th December**

**Carols in the Close – 6th December**

**Carols in the Farmyard – 8th December**

**The Big Wassail – 13th December**

**Christmas Raffle** and lots more going on too...  
full programme of events to follow in soon.



## 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 **Christmas Films** 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 of our Festival Trees in your front gardens for everybody to enjoy. It's a real festive treat to wander around East and West Hagbourne and marvel at how everybody supports the Festival and its fundraising.

## Didcot Emergency Foodbank and First Steps Baby Bank

This year the proceeds of the Christmas Tree Festival will be shared between the Church, The Didcot Emergency Foodbank and First Steps Baby Bank.

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



## Come and join in! Order your tree(s) today!

We are keeping the cost to sponsor a tree the same as last year - £26 for a 4ft tree.

**Whether in the Church or for your own front garden please find the sign-up form on page 12.**

**Thank you to our generous sponsors:**



**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 3rd November. ALL WELCOME.**

**Christmas Tree Festival Raffle** Raffle tickets will soon be available to buy to support our Festival charities. Lots of great prizes. Tickets will be available to buy at the Community Shop.

## HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

### Go outside and take a deep breath!

#### How nature reduces anxiety and improves health – proof at last!

We know intrinsically that nature is good for us but now botanist Kathy Willis, Professor of Biodiversity at Oxford University, has delved into how this magic works (\*). Her research links the amount of green space in our lives and better health, mood and longevity.

Fascinating facts include:

- Our heart rate and blood pressure fall, stress hormones decrease and our brainwave activity is calmer and clearer when we are in nature
- Hospital patients recovering from surgery improve three times faster when they look out of windows at trees rather than seeing walls
- Cedar enhances cancer-fighting cells in our immune system
- The scent of roses helps people drive more calmly and safely
- Touching trees makes us feel calmer

Why not get out for more walks locally or visit some of the amazing (and free!) Earth Trust and BBOWT nature reserves near us. Enjoy surrounding yourself with green space and improve your health! Check out our HUGS 3 Village Wild Walk (including seasonal guides) -

<https://www.hugsustainability.org/walk>

Our nearest nature reserve is the Earth Trust managed Mowbray Fields, in Didcot. Beautiful wildflower meadow in summer and ponds and marsh to explore from raised boardwalks -

<https://earthtrust.org.uk/visit/mowbray-fields/>

If you want to explore further afield, these BBOWT reserves are 15 miles or less from the Hagbournes -

**7 miles Cholsey Marsh** Wallingford, OX10 9HH. Beautiful riverside marsh full of birds, plants and even the nationally rare Desmoulin's whorl snail.

**10 miles Dry Sandford Pit** Cothill, Oxfordshire. Amazing mosaic of fossil-packed cliffs, ponds and streams, grassland, scrub and woodland in an old quarry.

**11 miles Hitchcops Pit** OX13 5QF north-west of Abingdon. An old sandpit with fascinating plants and insects.

**12 miles Hartslock** (Goring on Thames) RG8 0EP. Great views of the River Thames, sloping chalk grassland full of national plant rarities.

**14 miles Iffley Meadows** 1.5 miles south of central Oxford OX4 4B. Ancient wet meadows.

**15 miles Snelmore Common Country Park** 4 miles north-west of Newbury RG14 3BQ. Multiple pathways across beautiful heathland.

\* *Good Nature: The New Science of How Nature Improves Our Health*, Kathy Willis. 2024. For more nearby nature reserves see: [Nature Reserves | Berks Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowt.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowt.org.uk) .



**Hagbourne Garden Club** will be meeting on **Thursday, 28th November** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The speaker this month is **Steve Relton** and his topic will be: **How to extend your vegetable production so you can eat something home grown all year round.**

Visitors most welcome at £5 per person. Plenty of parking at the Pavilion.  
For information call Sally on 01235 352275





## 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 for 1 or 2 hours a month: email: [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office)**

**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-making essentials you need on hand. **BRAND NEW** local artist Christmas cards in stock as well as seasonal favourites from all of our local artist ranges. Early sightings of lebkuchen and stollen have been rumoured!

**SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL Saturday 14th December from 9am–12:30pm** Free mince pies and mulled wine or hot drinks while you peruse bakery and homemade treats, locally crafted organic guest soaps, hand-made wreaths and luxe chocolates. And don't forget to pick up **St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Raffle tickets coming soon.**

### Locally produced goods, convenient essentials and hot take-away drinks.

What do award-winning Calnan's Cumberland sausages, Mary's hand-made Marmalade, The Beesmith's local runny honey, free-range eggs and home-made cakes have in common? They're available at East Hagbourne Community Shop! Stop in for hot coffee while you choose a unique greeting card by local artists or a Village-themed tea towel for a gift occasion.

### NOVEMBER SHOP HOURS:

**Monday & Thursday 9am - 4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am - 4pm; Saturday 9am 12:30pm**  
**Thursdays:** Home-made cakes **Saturdays:** Bakery goods.



**Artisanal locally baked breads, savouries and pastries from Heritage Bakery each Saturday in the Shop.** Avoid disappointment by pre-ordering favourites by 4pm each Wednesday either in the Shop or by email to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) - check the product list in Shop or view it online at [easthagbourne.net](http://easthagbourne.net).  
**Too soon for mince pies? Surely not!**

### **LIMITED POST OFFICE HOURS DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

#### **Week Commencing 3rd November:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am – 12:30pm**  
**Thursday 9am – 12pm; closed Tuesday and afternoons**

#### **Week Commencing 10th November:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9am – 12:30pm**  
**Thursday 9am – 12pm; closed Tuesday and afternoons**

**Please check hours for the current week:** Posted in the Shop, on the outside bulletin boards, on the East Hagbourne Shop Facebook page or the East Hagbourne WhatsApp group.

## EAST HAGBOURNE IS SEEKING A NEW POSTMASTER!

**Do you enjoy working with people? Are you looking for a new challenge?**  
**East Hagbourne Post Office offers a unique opportunity to provide**  
**a valuable service as part of this vibrant community!**

**East Hagbourne is a Community Post Office, sponsored and supported by the local community, serving East and West Hagbourne, Upton, Didcot and neighbouring communities**

- The independent, not-for-profit Community-run Shop which shares the premises raises funding to cover lease & utility expenses for the PO
- Relevant Skills include Retail Experience or Customer Service, Financial Awareness and basic computer literacy
- 30 Hours/Week, averaging £18-£20K p.a.

**Interested? Email your CV to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) then stop in to speak with current Postmaster Steve Smith on Wednesdays at 10am or 12pm to learn more, or email [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) to arrange alternative dates**

**\*Applications accepted through 15th November\***

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

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

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)  
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 [keith\\_davies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk)

**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 Bowls Club. For more info please contact our Ladies Captain:  
Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or [sandybudd@sky.com](mailto:sandybudd@sky.com)



### **Native tree project – ready for planting!**

The ground is all prepared for the next phase of our tree project. Twenty new native trees will be planted to the east of the village alongside footpaths 16 & 17 which over time will provide a lasting asset and focal point for the village, as well as providing valuable wildlife habitat. Our planting session is planned for Saturday 16th November, roughly 10.00-12.30 - but no problem if you need to leave earlier or stay later - meet at 10am outside the Recreation Ground. We welcome your involvement!

**If you can help, or are just interested, please contact**  
[felicitytopping@gmail.com](mailto:felicitytopping@gmail.com) or [david.rickeard@easthagbourne.net](mailto:david.rickeard@easthagbourne.net)  
You can read more about the project on the village web site at  
<https://easthagbourne.net/new-trees-for-east-hagbourne/>



**March 2016** Do you remember this view? The photo was taken the last time HAMS presented its annual production in a conventional theatre stage setting. Set in a radio recording studio, it featured two of Alfred Hitchcock's memorable radio plays, namely **Sabotage** and **The 39 Steps**.

At the launch of **Jhamboree** on 10th October we decided that the variety of the acts would benefit from a more traditional theatrical setting with a slightly modern twist, hence the trawl through our files to find out when we last used the stage as a stage!

The launch itself was very successful; we learned a lot from the mime workshop, which even got hardened non-acting members of the crew and helpers to join in with the actors in using techniques to improve their future performance. Since then, lots of midnight oil has been burned, finalising the provisional list of acts to include in the programme. Thoughts are now turning to casting the various roles.

There's still a lot of work to be done before the first rehearsal on **7th November**, but **it's not too late to be involved in any role:** acting, costumes, backstage, technical roles and more. We're a very welcoming community-centred group and love new members coming forward.

**Give us a ring on 01235 815 943 or email us at: [info@thehams.co.uk](mailto:info@thehams.co.uk).**

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



## Carols in the Close

**6.30pm – Friday 6th December**  
**Church Close, East Hagbourne**

**Sing along with**  
**Blewbury Brass Band**

**Followed by the Christmas Tree Festival "Big Switch On"**

**Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and gingerbread for all!**

IN SUPPORT OF:

**The Church, Didcot Emergency Food Bank & First Steps Baby Bank**

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:**





St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne

## TreeFest 2024

6-14 December

# CHURCH & VILLAGE TREE ORDER FORM

Thank you for taking part in this year's St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival.

**Church Trees:** Please complete & return the slip below to **Rosie Gardiner** at Rowan, York Road, West Hagbourne OX11 0NG or email it to [the4gardiners@btinternet.com](mailto:the4gardiners@btinternet.com) by Thursday 28th November 2024.

**Village Trees:** Please complete & return the slip below to **Sarah Wright** at 1 Church Close, East Hagbourne OX11 9LP or email it to [sarahreefest@gmail.com](mailto:sarahreefest@gmail.com) by Thursday 28th November 2024.

**ALL TREES ARE £26 for a 4ft live Norwegian Spruce. *Please note – your tree order is not confirmed until payment is received, thank you.***

**Church** trees will be in place & available to decorate from 9am-5pm on Thursday 5th December and 9-3pm on Friday 6th December. Optional theme is *CHRISTMAS FILMS*.

**Village** trees for front gardens will be available for collection from The Pavilion in East Hagbourne on Tuesday 3rd December from 2pm-6pm.

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**Please complete section/s applicable to you & return to relevant person (see above).**

**If you would like a tree in the Church AND a village tree just fill in one form and send to either Sarah or Rosie:**

**CHURCH TREES:** Please state the name of Family/Business/Organisation that you wish to appear on the name card next to your tree in church:

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**VILLAGE TREES:** quantity required: .....

**Location Address of Tree:** .....

**Please could ALL participants also complete the following:**

**Contact Person:** ..... **Tel:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Price - £26 per tree:** BACs: Account Name: HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Account Number: 39110863. Sort Code: 30 98 97. **Please use your name or organization as a reference.**

Alternatively enclose cash/cheque with this form & drop at relevant address.

Cheques are payable to: **HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**





**Back for 2024 – Opera-lele** warmly invites you to join them for their updated **Opera-lele Christmas Show** on **14th December at Hagbourne Village Hall** which is suitable for all the family. The show will feature sizzling operatic highlights alongside festive favourites and carols for all to sing and play along. Come along and get that festive feeling at the jolliest singalong in town! It's the sure-fire way to sprinkle some sparkling seasonal spirit on a dark December day. A unique blend of opera, ukulele, and lots of laughter. Not to be missed. Please note that you do not have to own or be able to play the ukulele. Just come along and join in the fun.

Tickets available from: <https://tinyurl.com/opera-lele>.



## Collection for Oxfordshire Homeless

Can you imagine Christmas without a present? Here are some items Homeless Oxfordshire have requested.

**The Hamper at St Andrew's will be in place for Advent Sunday, 1st December.** If you put your items in the hamper the Action Group will take them to Oxford, where Homeless Oxfordshire will make up personal care boxes and Christmas gifts.

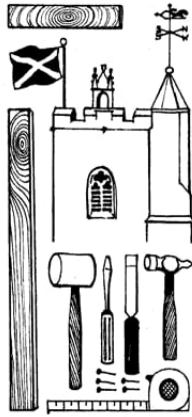
**Items needed for personal care boxes: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, liquid handwash (not soap). New towels, jogging bottoms, hoodies and sweatshirts, socks, underwear. NO second-hand items. Toilet rolls, sanitary items.**

**Donations by 11th of December please so that the Action Group can get them to Oxford in time to be wrapped for Christmas Day.**

**Your gift will brighten someone's day!**

**Homeless Oxfordshire** is the county's largest not-for-profit provider of accommodation for people experiencing homelessness throughout Oxfordshire. They also provide a wide range of specialist support services beyond bricks and mortar.

The residents are mothers, brothers, aunties, cousins. They are artists, cooks, teachers, veterans. Their lives have been shaped by trauma and disadvantage, and **Homeless Oxfordshire** offers an open door when they need it most and support to help people rebuild their lives.



## Quiz at the Fleur

**Monday, 25th November, 7.30pm**

**Teams up to 6 people, £5 per person  
(numbers of teams limited)**

### **Raffle**

Meals available before the quiz. Booking required.

Contact the Fleur de Lys to enter: 01235 813247

[info@thefleurdelyspub.co.uk](mailto:info@thefleurdelyspub.co.uk)



Proceeds to the Friends of St Andrews. We look after the Hagbourne Church building.

## 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

**Monday 11th November 2024, starting at 8 pm.**

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

There will be wine served!

**Whilst this is an Annual Meeting, if you care about your Village Hall, please make every effort to attend, as decisions will be made on the night as to how, or whether, the Village Hall will be managed in the future – or not!**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Agreement of previous AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report, followed by Questions
4. Treasurer's Report, followed by Questions
5. Booking Secretaries Report followed by Questions
6. Other Competent Business [open to the floor]
7. Retirement of 2023/2024 Committee
8. Decision as to whether the management of the Hall can continue, and what the alternates are.
9. Chairman's Closing Remarks
10. Close of Meeting

## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Conservation Area** We have had a Conservation Area in the centre of the village since December 1970. This was expanded in October 1993, and an outline map of the area is in the file:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m4z17ps2gf8h82sl04e4u/East-Hagbourne-ConservationArea.jpg?rlkey=phb22727drepziayq1a5n1sdx&st=0nmit1st&dl=0>

SODC did a nice Character Study of the Conservation Area in December 2000 which is included as Appendix 6 in our Neighbourhood Plan. There are currently 72 designated Conservation Areas in South Oxfordshire, and you might ask what does this mean? I got the following information from going to <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk> and click on Conservation Areas <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk> and clicking on Conservation Areas.

**According to SODC:** "Conservation areas are areas of special architectural or historic interest which have a specific character or appearance which enhances the local area. By designating a conservation area, it means these features are better preserved and helps to ensure it will continue its valuable contribution to the wider district." Perhaps it becomes clearer when we see from SODC that: "When we designate a conservation area it means that extra planning controls will apply to that area."

**There are several headings for this in the SODC website.** The main one's concern planning applications where one must provide sufficient detail to enable SODC to assess the impact of the proposed development on the character of area. Normally this is done through Heritage Appraisals and Impact Assessments or as part of a Design and Access Statement. There are also stronger controls on biodiversity. In principle, it should also include stricter controls on new developments that should preserve and enhance the conservation area.

Perhaps the area that causes most confusion for planning applicants and parish councillors is the implementation of permitted development where planning permission may be needed for works that do not normally require consent outside a conservation area, including the insertion of new dormers, roof extensions and cladding. Normally, the controls would be enforced if the change is visible from roads or footpaths and has a potential impact on the character of the conservation area.

However, this is often difficult to assess so the recommendation would be to consult with SODC planning to see whether an application should be made. In the cases where SODC recommend that a planning application is not necessary, then it would be advisable to keep evidence of this, in case someone thinks otherwise and lodges a complaint to the Parish Council. In the case of Kingsholme Close, a particularly iconic setting in the centre of the conservation area, an Article 4 Directions was made to make clear what applications normally covered by permitted development would need planning applications. See ...

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/wsayfnywub4qs70jabom6/article-4-Direction-Kingsholme-Close.pdf?rlkey=zxtzvo4dzndk5krsc2h7xrl74&st=ng8ht8tf&dl=0>

Listed buildings also have much more restrictions and nearly always require a planning application.

The General Permitted Development Order which governs all this is very detailed and quite hard to navigate but a useful website to find whether a planning application is needed is:

<https://www.planningportal.co.uk/permission>

Another area where extra controls are enforced is for trees in the conservation area that we already discussed in the September Parish Magazine. This means that a formal application must be made if you are intending to top, lop, or fell a tree over 75mm in diameter at 1.5 metres from ground level. Of course, for chapter and verse on this, refer to the SODC webpages but among the more interesting controls are restrictions on outdoor advertisements, control over demolition or partial demolition of buildings over 115 cubic metres, and the power to seek repair of unoccupied buildings.

**Parish Surgeries** The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on **Friday 15th November from 5.00 to 6.30pm**. However, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

**Parish Council meetings** The PC 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 14th 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



**East  
Hagbourne  
Parish  
Council**

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**CONTACT DETAILS:**

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd

Telephone: 07891 551 851

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



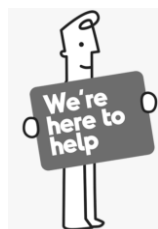
**FOOTPATH WORKS IN THE PARISH**

Following the successful resurfacing of FP4 at Butts Piece in June, resurfacing of FP12 (Fieldside to the causeway) and FP15 (Grange Footpath from Fieldside to Lower Cross) has been scheduled for early mid-November. This will be funded using the Parish Council's CIL reserves.

Both paths will be resurfaced at the same time and the works will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. These improvements will provide durable footpaths that are accessible all year round, offering greater connectivity to the village centre and wider footpath network.



**CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER:** Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 15th November from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

**SOFEA Didcot Community Larder** is open on Thursdays see [here](#) for information.

**Didcot Emergency Foodbank** is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for information.

**First Steps Baby Bank** at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for information.

**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](#)

**Warm Welcome Space** at Didcot Library, see further info [here](#) for opening times & other venues  
**Hagbourne Charities** – [hagbourne.charities@gmail.com](mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com) or 01235 814024

**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email [hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com](mailto:hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com)

**East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group** - [easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbournecovid19@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 LINKS:**

<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:*

**P24/S2655/FUL** 89 New Road, East Hagbourne – Proposed erection of a detached dwelling

**P24/S3395/FUL** South Grange, Main Road, East Hagbourne - Erection of a replacement self-build dwelling and associated external works.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 14th November 2024 at The Pavilion, Great Mead.**

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

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





## JAZZ IN THE HAGBOURNES FIRST JAZZ JAM SESSION AT THE FLEUR



Following on from the wonderful Ronnie Scott Allstars gig, look out for the launch of the **JAZZ JAM SESSION** in the Fleur de Lys, on **13th November 2024 at 8.00 pm.**

**We look forward to welcoming an enthusiastic and energetic audience or as a participant for one or two songs.**

**Cost:** This is free entertainment.

**House Band:** There will be a house band to support anyone who wants to sing or play. The band will even hand over the piano, double bass and/or drums to anyone who is competent to play them.

**Participate:** We are looking for anyone who can sing, play any instrument, or who would like to sing any popular jazz song. We are hoping to get the wonderful Fleur Stevenson to sing the first song.

The band is prepared to play almost any popular jazz.

Please contact me if you want guidance as to how and what to prepare for. Otherwise, just arrive and register with me at The Fleur, so that I can fit you into the Jam.

**Folk Music:** We are welcoming the Folk Music community to join with us and provide some background music, and possibly a full blown performance to try and achieve Folk Jazz!

### **All ages are welcome**

Remember, you are always amongst friends at a Jam session, even if you have not met them all yet.....

**Peter Hands**

**Peter.hands3@btinternet.com**

**Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT)** The Ladies Thirsty Thursday meets on the third Thursday of each month in The Fleur from 7.30pm for a friendly drink (or two) and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us, and spread the word. and we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering which will be on **Thursday 21st November.**

### **Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals**

**The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times.** You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15 is** <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

**CYGnets Youth Group** A regular Sunday evening group in the Benefice Centre, Blewbury, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month from 7-8.30pm, but this does vary depending on the activity. The Group is for all young people of secondary school age. *Coming to one session doesn't mean you have to come to all and you don't have to go to church to come along. Friends welcome.*

Do let us know if you intend to come as we are now quite a small group.

For details please email Elaine or Father Jason via the Benefice Office ([office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk))

**The next Meeting will be on SATURDAY 2nd November – Blewbury Bonfire Night**

**Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.**  
**TEMPORARY TIMETABLE WHILE THE MAIN ROAD IN EAST HAGBOURNE IS CLOSED**

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Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4		0835	0859	0959	1110	1159	1310	1359	1510	1559	1710	1759	1910	1959			

**The temporary bus timetable in operation while the gas works takes place on Main Road in East Hagbourne.** On school days, the morning 94A trip will now leave Didcot Parkway at 0717 and serve Sandringham Road as an alternative for students who normally board in East Hagbourne. Both school journeys will then operate via Park Road and serve the Moor Lane bus stop in West Hagbourne for students who board here.

**These school journeys will not serve East Hagbourne at all.**

During the day, service 94A will operate via normal route to East Hagbourne, then divert via Blewbury and Upton to The Horse & Harrow pub in West Hagbourne, before returning towards Blewbury and resuming normal route. A map of the diverted route can be found [here](#). The bus company apologise for any inconvenience this causes. The current aim is for Main Road to reopen around Christmas, from when service 94A will return to its normal route.

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: [www.oxfordbus.co.uk](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk)  
There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.

**Thames Travel bus service to the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32** The X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - still every half hour. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR. **Please see page 17 for useful details on how to get to the various Oxford Hospitals via public transport.**

### **Didcot Emergency Foodbank**

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

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

**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](mailto:foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk) or use the [contact form](#) on the website.

**All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

**Didcot and District U3a** There are over **30 active Interest Groups** offering plenty of opportunity for all newly retired or semi-retired individuals. Come along to the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30.**

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th November** with a talk on **The Ridgeway; The Oldest Road by Russell Cherry.** For further information you can 'Google' [u3asites.org.uk](http://u3asites.org.uk)

**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. We look forward to seeing you.

We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 [hjgarlick@gmail.com](mailto:hjgarlick@gmail.com)

and Shirley Goss – 815605 [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com)

**Wednesday Sewing Class** Places available in The Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact [sue.somani@sky.com](mailto:sue.somani@sky.com) 07748 771188

**Didcot Farmers' Market** takes place in the Orchard Centre, Didcot on the second Saturday of the month from 8.30 to 1.30pm. The next one will be on **9th November.**



**Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue** is a local charity dedicated to saving injured, sick and orphaned UK wildlife. They have been given notice to leave their current rented premises. So, they need to raise funds to buy land and build Oxfordshire's first wildlife hospital. **They help 1000s of patients each year within Oxfordshire and Berkshire, so finding a new home for the charity is vital for local wildlife.**

They have been fundraising desperately since November 2023 and still have a long way to go, here is a link to their fundraiser if you would like to take a look: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-appeal-save-oxfordshire-wildlife-rescue?qid=0ff7edeccafd8cd7188d0302e22e10a2>

**24 Hr Wildlife Helpline. 07549 322464**

**Email. [oxfordshirewildliferescue@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordshirewildliferescue@gmail.com)**





## DECEMBER 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the December 2024 parish magazine by  
**Monday 18th November to magtemp5@gmail.com**  
Thank you, the magazine committee.

### Builders and House Maintenance

**D. BARTLETT BUILDING SERVICES** Customer driven and friendly local builder for all your general building needs from kitchens, bathrooms and plastering to extensions and loft conversions. Please contact David Bartlett on **07816 413166**  
**David.bartlett23@hotmail.co.uk**

**MR HANDY SERVICES and G.F.S fencing** All timber fencing and decking, especially close boarded, sheds, garden maintenance. Hedge and grass cutting. Property maintenance to painting and decorating. For all the jobs that you do not get around to doing.  
**Les Giles, Tel: 07879 451301 les.giles@yahoo.co.uk**

**BRIAN WINDSOR Carpentry, repairs and general maintenance**  
47 years in the trade, jobs carried out in a tidy and efficient manner. £28.50 per hour.  
**Phone: 07749 197172**

### Care and Domestic Duties

**CARING TOUCH - Personal Assistant.** Ex NHS Nurse. Providing all aspects of Personal Care, washing and dressing, application of creams, help with medication, travel to appointments or social events, companionship. Cover for main carer if they need time out. Domestic duties, such as cleaning, ironing, laundry, shopping, pet care, collection of prescriptions. DBS checked and fully insured. Available to meet to consider your needs with no obligation.  
**Please call Karyn 07947129409**

### Carpet Cleaning

**GRIMEBUSTERS. Professional carpet, upholstery and rug cleaning.**  
Most carpets dry within the hour. Unbeatable results, removing almost all spots and stains. Free estimates and friendly advice. **www.grimebusters.co.uk**  
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