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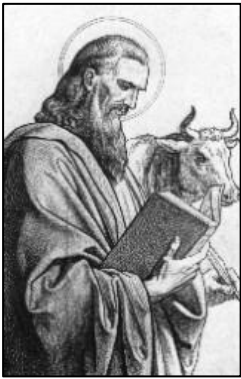
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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 The Doctor and the Artist

On the 18th October, the Church traditionally celebrates the feast of St Luke, the author of one of the four gospels in the New Testament, and also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, a historical work telling the history of the early Church. Not much is known of Luke's life, although in one of the other books of the New Testament he is described as Luke the Physician. Down the centuries, Luke has been regarded as the patron saint of doctors and others in the medical profession.

By the early Middle Ages, Luke was also regarded as the patron saint of artists. It's not clear why this came about. It might be a sign of respect for Luke's skill as a writer. Luke's gospel is full of passages of great artistic beauty, and these passages have inspired artists down the centuries to produce significant works of art. For example, it is in Luke's gospel that we read of the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Annunciation, and it is Luke's gospel which includes the parable of the Prodigal Son. Both these stories have inspired memorable works of art.

So, Luke has become the patron saint of Doctors and Artists, and it is his feast day on 18th October. It is an opportunity to give thanks for our Doctors and other medical professionals, and to pray for them and for their work. These Coronavirus times have made us even more aware of the vital role played by all who work in our health services. It is also an opportunity to pray for all artists, and to give thanks for all who work in the creative industries - the painters, sculptors, musicians, actors, and writers who do so much to improve the quality of our lives. The restrictions brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic have had a serious impact on the financial viability of much of the cultural life of our country. Our artists certainly deserve our prayers, and our financial support, too.

The fact that Luke is the patron saint of both doctors and artists reminds us that our well-being as human beings has many dimensions. Of course, our physical and mental health is important. But the arts also play a role in our well-being. So too do our relationships with one another, and the wider well-being of our communities and our society.

Father Jason.



October Pram Service

**Hosted by The Churn Mothers Union
12.30pm on Wednesday 7th October**

The service will be held outside **Blewbury Church**, on the grassy area by the North Door, but we shall be able to go inside church if it is too cool or wet. Please be prepared to wear face covering inside the church. Parking is available at the Benefice Centre. It is the time

of year to celebrate St Francis and his love of animals, so this will be our theme.

After a short service we will have a socially distanced lunch together. HAPPY MEALS are going to be prepared in boxes for you - or bring your own. Please bring a rug to sit on. Mothers Union are sponsoring Advent Calendars which will go to a local charity "Children Heard and Seen", who support the children of families where a parent is in prison. We welcome any small donations to this project.

Let us know in advance if you would like a HAPPY MEAL: Revd Louise Butler 07837 009 730

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2020

The Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury

1 Thursday		8pm Compline	Prayer Focus
2 Friday		8pm Compline	Chapel Lane B
3 Saturday			Church End B
			Church Road B
4+Sunday	<u>THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>		<i>Children & Sunday Schools.</i>
.	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
.	4.00pm Parish Worship: All Saints NM		
5 Monday		8pm Compline	Churn Estate B
6 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Cossicle Mead B
7 Wednesday	12.30 Pram Service: St Michael's B		Dibleys B
		8pm Compline	
8 Thursday		8pm Compline	Eastfields B
9 Friday		8pm Compline	Grahame Close B
10 Saturday	S. Paulinus, Bishop and Missionary		Ladycroft Park B
11+Sunday	<u>THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>		<i>Church Wardens, fabric church yards & cleaners.</i>
.	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
.	4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM		
12 Monday		8pm Compline	London Road B
13 Tuesday	Edward the Confessor	8pm Compline	Our Nation
14 Wednesday		8pm Compline	Millbrook Close B
15 Thursday	S. Teresa of Avila	8pm Compline	Teachers of the Faith
16 Friday		8pm Compline	Nottingham Fee
17 Saturday	S. Ignatius Bishop and Martyr		Pilgrims Way B
18+Sunday	<u>LUKE THE EVANGELIST</u>		<i>CYGnets group and teenagers.</i>
.	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
.	4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM		
19 Monday		8pm Compline	Robinson Close B
20 Tuesday		8pm Compline	South Street B
21 Wednesday		8pm Compline	Watts Lane B
22 Thursday		8pm Compline	Westbrook Green B
23 Friday		8pm Compline	Westbrook Street B
24 Saturday			Whites Orchard B
25+Sunday	<u>THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u>		<i>Our worship, musicians, organists and choirs.</i>
.	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
.	4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM		
26 Monday	Alfred the Great	8pm Compline	Woodway Road B
27 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Berry Lane B
28 Wednesday	Ss. Simon & Jude Apostles	8pm Compline	Bessels Way B
29 Thursday		8pm Compline	Bessels Lea Road B
30 Friday		8pm Compline	Blewbury Hill B
31 Saturday			Bohams Road B

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

'Bring your pet to church Sunday!'

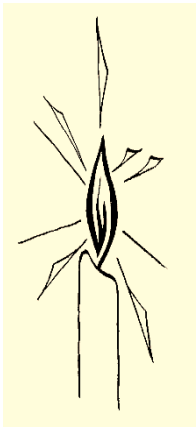


Hagbourne Church Pet Service

York Farm, West Hagbourne
Sunday 25th October, 3-4 pm



You may be required to wear a mask.
Seating will be set up to allow social distancing.
People will be asked to follow national guidelines - which can change.



Churn Benefice All Souls' Service

The annual All Souls' Service will take place this year at St Michael's Blewbury on **Sunday 1st November** at 4pm. This Service includes the lighting of commemorative candles and reading out of names of those to be remembered. If you would like loved ones remembered please could you email or ring the Churn Office with their names, 850267 or office@churnchurches.co.uk There may be a list to add names to available in St Andrew's on the days when the church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays 10am to 12noon and Saturdays 2pm to 4pm. There may be changes to the above depending on the restrictions at the time – more information next month.

Churn Benefice Online Church Services

Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect at 10am to chat before the service.

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

www.churnchurches.co.uk



Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email: www.churnchurches.co.uk

Dawn, the Office Administrator is in the office from: 4pm Monday and 9am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

You can contact The Revds Jason and Louise by telephone or email:

Jason **01235 850267** office@churnchurches.co.uk

Louise **07837 009730** revlouiseb@aol.com

Midweek Communion at St Andrew's, Hagbourne

This will take place on some Wednesdays following Private Prayer, 12.15 at the High Altar. Space is limited. Please email Dawn at office@churnchurches.co.uk or ring 850267 stating your name(s) and contact number to book your place. **Services in October will be on Wednesdays the 14th and 28th.** During communion the congregation will remain in their places and only bread will be administered. For the safety of others please wear a face covering.

St Andrew's Church Open for Private Prayer

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

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

St Andrew's Harvest Festival Thank you to all who decorated the Church with flowers and fruit and vegetables and donated food items. The Harvest Festival Service was well attended – thank you to all who arranged and took part in the Service.

Funerals in the Benefice

28th August at St Michael's Blewbury

Robert Osborn

aged 82

8th September at St Andrew's Hagbourne

John Cooper

aged 88

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Hello! We've been busy at HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability).

We've been out canvassing local opinion at the Hagbourne Produce Show back on 13th September. Popular choices of future projects for **HUGS** and our growing band of volunteers included tree planting, a repair cafe, a pop-up refill station and wilding of verges and other areas.

Right now, we're now launching our **3 Village Wild Walk!** It's a 2-mile circular route connecting the three villages along footpaths and the cycle track. Details can be found at:

<https://www.hugsustainability.org/walk> It's mainly metalled path so will be great for autumnal and wintery walks as well as spring and summer.

The website has a printable map and directions to follow. You can join the walk at any point, depending on which of the three villages you live in. If you're driving, the East Hagbourne village car park is the start and end point.



Photo of a juvenile wheatear taken by Steve Gozdz on our Wild Walk route

The route offers expansive views of the area and the chance to look for wildlife across the seasons. There are several hidden gems to find including the cemetery wildflower meadow in summer and Mowbray Fields Nature Reserve. There's a top 10 wildlife spotting list for kids too, making it a great family activity! Do have a look and we'd be delighted to see any pictures you take and to hear about wildlife you find along the way! We've already walked our route with Steve Gozdz of Goring Gap Wildlife Walks, who's now offering guided tours of the route and has described it as a 'haven of wildlife to be discovered.'

Happy wild walking! The HUGS team

<http://www.hugsustainability.org>
hugsustainability@gmail.com

Hagbourne Garden Club will be holding our next meeting (subject to any further lockdowns), on Thursday, 22nd October at the Pavilion. The talk by Hugh Warwick on '**Wildlife Gardening and specifically Hedgehogs**' will commence at 7.30pm. We will obviously be adhering to government restrictions regarding distancing and wearing of masks and members will be contacted by the chairman, Sally, beforehand with further information. Sally can be contacted on 01235 352275 for any queries.



Tower Talk Our Churches are open and our bells will ring again on 11th October. We had a virtual quarterly meeting of the HSCR on Tuesday, 29th September when we discussed our future for when the Church Services resume. There will be a Service for '**Ringer's Sunday**' on Sunday 11th October and bells will be rung in accordance with guidelines. Four bells will be rung to allow social distancing, masks will be worn and they will only be rung for 15 minutes.

The four bells will be raised on 7th October ready for the Service ringing on the Sunday. It will be lovely to hear the bells again. No Birthdays or Anniversaries this month. Shirley Goss.

Lockdown and the Aftermath – Impact on Church Finances Update

As we enter the seventh month of this pandemic the impact on church finances is becoming increasingly clear, in the absence of significant activities and events normally associated with the life of the Church. The deficit currently stands at over **£8,000** and will accelerate as fixed costs continue to mount and could reach upwards of £19,000 by the end of the year. It is becoming a continuing battle between burning cash and preserving cash. However, on a positive note, we are fortunate to have the cash reserves to fund this deficit without threatening our financial solvency this year.

It has also been encouraging that regular Giving from supporters has held up throughout this period for which we are very grateful. And we appreciate donations some of which have come from surprising quarters. If anyone wishes to make a donation, a cheque should be made payable to 'Hagbourne PCC' and sent to me at 45, New Road, East Hagbourne, OX11 9JX. Alternatively, phone me on 01235 815605 and I can provide details for a bank transfer.

Due to Lockdown there was no point in distributing the individual boxes of weekly Giving Envelopes which started in April. As this situation is likely to persist for a while longer, envelope users who wish do so (and many have) can make out a cheque or a bank transfer, as detailed above. Thank you all for your continuing support to St Andrew's Church in these challenging and uncertain times, and I will provide further updates through future editions of the Parish Magazine.
Trevor Goss, Treasurer



St Andrew's Church Hagbourne

invite you to the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

of the Parish of Hagbourne

(postponed from April 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions)

preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting to appoint Church Wardens

Sunday 25th October, 2.00pm

Please note venue: York Farm, West Hagbourne

There will be a short business meeting before the Pet Service at 3.00 pm to elect new members onto the Parochial Church Council, Sidesmen and Deanery Synod Representatives, and to hear reports on what has been happening in the Parish during the last year.

Hope you can come along to hear about past, present and future activities in the Parish. All welcome.

Under Church Representation Rules, in order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, please complete enrolment application form, which must be returned to the Electoral Roll officer.

HAMS Spam

“All right, Mr DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up.”

This month, HAMS holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and to sweeten the pill, we will also indulge ourselves in getting (Safely) together to view a video recording of “Our Day Out”; the last play we performed, and possibly the last play you saw live as well.

To commemorate the screening, below we present a short quiz of quotes from famous films. How many can you get?

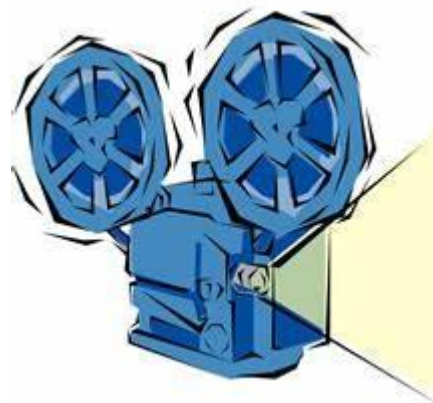
Opportunities to meet up are rare these days but if you were considering joining in with HAMS, our AGM might be a good place to come meet the team. It's at 7:30 on Thursday, 15th October. You'd be made very welcome.

Why not drop us a line via one the links below?

All the best from HAMS.

HAMS Fan Film Quote Quiz

- 1) From which film does the quote at the top of this HAMS Spam originate?
- 2) From which film is the famous one-liner “I'll have what she's having”?
- 3) Which character sang “Just keep swimming”?
- 4) The quote “Shut up - you had me at Hello” comes from which of these films . . .
 - a. Love Story
 - b. Jerry Maguire
 - c. Sleepless In Seattle
 - d. Notting Hill
- 5) In which film does James Bond first ask for “A martini; shaken, not stirred”?
- 6) What was the final occupation of the character that said, “Are You Not Entertained!?”
- 7) “Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room!” comes from which cult classic?
- 8) From which film comes the line “Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die!”
 - a. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
 - b. Puss in Boots
 - c. The Princess Bride
 - d. The Mark of Zorro



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

Answers: 1)Sunset Boulevard – 2)When Harry Met Sally – 3)Dory in Finding Nemo
4)Jerry Maguire – 5)Goldfinger – 6)Gladiator – 7)Dr Strangelove – 8)The Princess Bride



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

Update - Postmaster Steve Smith Steve suffered a fall in August, and is now recuperating at home, and sends his thanks to everyone for their good wishes. And many thanks also to Margaret Maytham, who has kindly stepped in to cover for our Post Office. All of this has been causing changes to our operating hours, thank you all for your support and understanding!

Post Office Opening Times (Tel. 811815)

To 3rd October: Monday and Thursday ONLY, 1pm to 4pm; Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.

From 5th October: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12pm; Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.
CLOSED FRIDAY.

Shop Opening times unchanged Monday to Friday 9-4pm, Saturdays 9-12:30pm.

Announcing the EHCS Community Fund A proud supporter of our community, we are pleased to announce the EHCS Community Fund, which will donate £1000 in total to 3 local community charities, projects or organisations. The winners will be selected by our volunteers and voted for by our customers. The organisation with the most votes will receive equipment or goods to the value of £500; 2nd place £350; and 3rd place £150.

Customer voting starts 12th October and runs through 12th December - spend at least £1.00, then vote for your favourite inside the Shop! Winners will be announced before Christmas. Visit our website or the Shop for more information.

Village Christmas Cards It's that time again: We are once again producing seasonal cards featuring the Village, we hope you enjoy them! All of our Christmas cards will be available in the Shop from October.

Marcopolo Bakery Stall Moves Indoors In another sign of the season, our popular pop-up moves indoors during October. Sadly, this means we will need to reduce inventory for walk-up buyers. **To avoid disappointment pre-order your Marcopolo breads, savouries and pastry by Wednesday 4pm**, by email to easthagbourneshop@bopenworld.com or order inside the Shop.

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

The "Alternative" Tree Fest 2020 – 10th Anniversary



The Idea: To Make the Hagbournes Shine Bright
Light is a symbol of hope, of brighter days to come! And we quite like the idea of providing some hope in these strange times – so let's make the Hagbournes sparkle!

HOW?

You can sponsor a live **4ft** Norwegian Spruce to go in your front garden to decorate and 'light up'. If you are a business or if you belong to a group or club, you could nominate someone from your group to 'host' the tree in their garden. Or maybe you could club together with neighbours and sponsor lots for your street? And don't

worry - if you'd like to be involved but don't know anyone to host your tree, just let us know and we'll find a garden for you. As the Festival isn't taking place in the Church we're not limited by space so the more trees the merrier **across both villages!**

COST: 4ft tree for front gardens - £25 (you can order more than one!)

There's no prize or 'theme' as such this year (apart from the 10th anniversary), we would just love a community effort to make our lovely villages twinkle at Christmas! Clearly any decorations would have to be waterproof (they can still be used to advertise your business or group activity) but our main emphasis this year is on the lights. Any monies raised from the sponsorship of the trees will be shared between a local charity and St Andrew's Church.

There will also be 10 – **6ft** Norwegian Spruces in the church yard of St Andrew's – each one representing a year of the Festival. These are all now sponsored and will show the sponsor's name.

What do you need to do now? At this stage we simply want to know if you like the idea in principle. Are you, your business, your group, your family or your street 'in'? If so, could you email Sarah Wright on sarah@frenchbeanies.co.uk or leave her a message on 01235 813340 so we can just get an idea of how many trees we might need to order. This needs to be done by mid-October. Once we have an idea of numbers we will send out further information and sponsorship forms. We hope this all makes sense. **Please spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbours to sponsor a tree. Let's make the Hagbournes the most Christmassy villages in South Oxfordshire!**

Any questions, please get in touch and we will do our best to answer them.
St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Committee



The Poets' Trail

18th October 2020 at St Andrew's
2:30 to 4:30pm.

We are looking forward to an afternoon of music, words and hopefully refreshments.

We will also be launching our latest **Poets' Trail Book** on the **The Four Seasons** with poems from twelve local people and illustrated by Linda. The book will cost £5 and would make an ideal Christmas present. This event will be subject to covid regulations in place at the time.



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

The Trust was set up in 1964 to encourage a wider interest in our historic religious buildings and provide financial help for their repair and practical enhancement.

Every September there is a sponsored event – **Ride and Stride for Churches** - organised by Oxford Historic Churches Trust.

As most years, several people / families from across the Benefice take part in the event. Some people set themselves ambitious targets and worked out a route to visit 50-100 churches. My ambitions were more modest. It was a beautiful Saturday in September and my route included:

Hagbourne, Didcot (English Martyrs, All Saints Didcot) Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon (St Helen's, Trinity, St Michael & All Angels, Baptist Church, Our Lady & St Edmund, St Nicolas'), Clifton Hampden, Long Wittenham, North Moreton, South Moreton, Aston Upthorpe, Aston Tirrold (St Michaels, United Reformed), Blewbury and Upton.

Because of the current regulations not all the churches were open. Two of my favourite churches were closed but had kindly left out some provisions for visitors. At one, I enjoyed a delicious carton of caffe latte which gave me a boost when I was starting to sag. It was also interesting to peek inside a couple of local churches I had never been to, such as Culham, Sutton Courtenay and Clifton Hampden (that idyllic setting above the river).



Thanks to everyone who sponsored me to raise over £300 for OHCT. I don't have the final total yet. It is a very enjoyable day out and takes place every year in September if you are interested <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>. . .
Jenny Balshaw

The Churn Benefice Youth Group **CYGnets** also took part in the Ride and Stride and in three hours they walked to St Michael's Blewbury, St Mary's Upton and All Saint's Chilton – and back again! Some of the group also made plans to do a second walk to visit other churches in the Benefice on Saturday 19th September.

Janet Corderoy, our local OHCT organiser would like to thank everyone who took part in the Ride and Stride and has sent the total of £470 to OHCT from St Andrew's.

Astronomy Notes – Mars coming close



One of my first images of the planet Mars for the current season. I am refining techniques with filters etc, and awaiting that very rare night when the atmosphere is nice and steady.

But pleased with the results so far. Mars is fast approaching opposition, when it will be at its nearest to us. This happens approximately every two years. This opposition, which is on 13th October, will bring our two planets within 62 million Km

**John Napper – 01235 818853 napperjohn@gmail.com
www.flicker.com/photos/67647466@N08/**

Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

Mactaggart and Mickel development by the Village Hall

The Parish Council continue to have a dialogue with Mactaggart and Mickel. They have just submitted a revised plan for the building of 74 dwellings on the land by the village hall. This is currently being reviewed by the Case Officer and will shortly be posted on the SODC Planning website for the plan P19/S0357/RM. Although this is a long-awaited re-submission, the changes from the previous submission in May seem very minor and address many technical issues primarily raised by Oxford County Council officers.

One question that I am often asked is when building will start. Clearly, not until after the plan is passed and at least some of the conditions are discharged. However, as this development has been a very long time in the planning stage, Mactaggart and Mickel have placed us down the queue of their other Oxford sites, so we are currently behind Milton under Wychwood, Challow, and Marston. They normally would not want to start two projects at the same time so, however fast the plans are passed, I would be very surprised to see much site activity before well into next year. We will, of course, let you know as soon as we have dates for this.

Local, national, and regional plans

The preliminary report from the Inspector of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan confirmed what we believed would happen, which is that the plan is essentially sound and only a few modifications are required to make it fully so. These will not involve any radical changes to the proposed strategic sites so the Didcot area should avoid further planning applications although many more houses will still be built as a result of earlier accepted plans, including Didcot North East and Ladygrove East. SODC are now running a statutory consultation on the amendments they have been asked to do and, for those of you with an appetite for such things, details can be found on the [link https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/SouthLocalPlanMainMods/?m=483634614zio7](https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/SouthLocalPlanMainMods/?m=483634614zio7)
The deadline for this consultation is 2nd November.

In addition to the two major Government papers on planning that I mentioned last month, and which the Parish Council will shortly be responding to, comments are being requested on a draft Transport Strategy for England's Economic Heartland. The area is defined by a map on their web site and runs from Swindon in the South West to Cambridge and Peterborough in the North East. The link to this is

<http://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/Pages/transport-strategyconsult.aspx>

One item of good news is that there is no mention of an Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. It might be worth having a quick look and registering your comments on this strategy. The deadline is 6th October.

Village improvements

At the Parish Council meeting last week, it was agreed to post an updated version of the Community Projects document on our website. This is very much an ongoing and developing activity and I highly recommend that you give it a quick scan and send the Clerk your comments. It will be used as the basis for our next annual Parish meeting to discuss the projects that we should prioritise when receive our infrastructure money from the Mactaggart and Mickel development.

The bridge over Hacca's brook on the path between Lower Cross and Fieldside was repaired on schedule by OCC, and hopefully we will soon have some success in getting the leaning trees on the footpath between the Croft and Bakers Lane removed.

It was good to see that the road markings near the School and by the Lower Cross were repainted by OCC again on schedule. The refurbishment of village benches is now in its second phase with work on the wooden benches now underway. The memorial bench to Steve Bennett at the bottom of Shoe Lane is a good example of this refurbishment *Continued on next page*

Parish meetings The Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line and, as in normal times, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting through the Zoom link that will be included on the agenda. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th October.

I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me.

Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council.

Iain Duff

Haunted Hagbournes

The East and West Hagbourne

Halloween Trail



**24th October to
1st November 2020**
**A spooktastic stroll
through the villages**

Decorate your house, carve your pumpkins & join the half-term fun!

Who will have the creepiest creations??

To have your house included on the trail map (it's free!) please email your name and address to:

Laura Lloyd at lauralloyd07@gmail.com or Michelle Bowden at michellem1303@gmail.com

Closing Date for Trail Entries: Friday 16th October.

Maps will be made available on the village websites and Facebook groups from Friday 23rd October.

Please enjoy the trail and remember that social distancing rules must be followed at all times!

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



CONTACT DETAILS:

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: Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



Keeping our Village Tidy and Accessible

Several concerns have been highlighted recently relating to dog waste, weeds on pathways and inconsiderate parking in particular. Our network of footpaths throughout the village is very well-used and should be accessible and a pleasure to use.

- Keep an eye out for new signs on all dog waste and general waste bins which aim to encourage proper dog waste disposal.
- Now is the time of year when weeds are particularly prevalent so please ensure that you maintain your own property frontages and trim back overhanging vegetation. All efforts are noticed and appreciated by those who use the paths - thank you for your efforts.
- A polite reminder to all residents and visitors who park on the road - please ensure that you do not block pavements or driveways at any time, as there are many users who need to utilize the full width such as those with buggies or electric scooters.



Community Project Strategy – Don't forget to Have Your Say!

The Community Project Strategy has recently been updated, please view the document here: https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EHPC_Community-Project-Strategy_20200918.pdf

A review of wildlife and landscape assets in East Hagbourne has also been prepared and can be read here: https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EH-wildlife-habitats-landscape_20200903.pdf

The Parish Council welcomes written comments. Please take this opportunity to voice your opinions and submit any feedback to the Clerk. Your input is valuable even if we can't discuss the matter face-to-face at this time.



CORONAVIRUS: The Coronavirus Support group is still active although requests for assistance have dropped, so please do get in touch if you need help. easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 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**

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

Planning applications received since the last meeting:

P20/S2866/LB 21 Main Road, East Hagbourne – New ensuite to existing bedroom, new external SVP, local repairs to external timber and brickwork.

P20/S2870/LB Blewbury Mill, East Hagbourne – Reduction in the size of previously approved extension.

P20/S3136/FUL Field near 96 New Road, East Hagbourne – Change of use from agricultural to a 1 acre dog agility paddock with 2 storage sheds. 2 metre high deer fencing.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 15th October 2020. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom details will be included on the agenda for anyone wishing to join the meeting.

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation. Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net

As Autumn arrives, some free/ low-cost ways to save energy

We all want to do our bit for the planet – and recently a group of us, all with affiliations to local churches, got together to talk about easy actions that are also effective. One top tip was to switch to a green energy supplier, and Jo Lakeland also pointed us towards the Blewbury Energy Initiative's website - blewbury.co.uk/energy/ and especially its free energy saving tips. We've put together a few simple thoughts in a chart. We're looking forward to trying them out – the idea of saving energy (and money) at the same time as cutting carbon emissions feels like a winner!



TAKE BACK POWER.

SWITCH TO A GREEN ENERGY SUPPLIER

It's easy to do at <https://bigcleanswitch.org>



LAST ONE OUT? ...

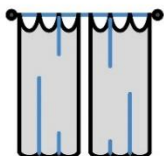
TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!

Flick the switch as you leave a room. (Switching to LEDs is also good value and good for the planet)

TACKLE DRAUGHTS

ESPECIALLY WINDOWS AND DOORS

Close curtains at dusk - and use draught excluders on doors (whether fitted or a simple 'sausage dog')



DON'T OVERFILL

JUST GIVE THE KETTLE WHAT IT NEEDS

Only putting the necessary amount of water into a kettle (though being sure to cover the elements if it's an electric kettle) saves water and energy.



TURN DOWN THE HEATING

AS AUTUMN APPROACHES

If your health permits, turn the heating down by 1 degree. You'll probably save about 10% on energy bills!.



COMING OFF STANDBY

SAVES ELECTRICITY

Turn appliances and gadgets off at the plug.

LOVE THE SUN

INDOORS AND OUT

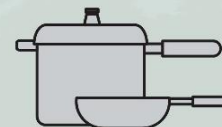
Opening internal doors of rooms which get the sun lets warm air travel through your home. And on a sunny day, the outdoor clothesline is a friend!



SMART COOKING

SAVES TIME AND ENERGY

Choose a pan that fits your hob (and put on its lid) use microwaves and slow cookers, and, cut food into smaller pieces so it cooks faster.



Pre-School Vacancy - Are you an aspiring or experienced Early Years Assistant? If so, Hagbourne Pre-School Needs You!

We have a great opportunity for an Early Years Assistant to join our busy, friendly Pre-School on a temporary contract (minimum of 6 months) to provide maternity cover, starting in October 2020. You will be working mornings (8.15 – 12.15) Monday to Friday and will be joining a team of passionate, highly experienced and qualified professional staff.



Applications close **Friday 9th October**. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us on either: enquiries@hagbournepreschool.org or Tel; 07881020752



Meow

"What is your cat's name, Sam?" asked the visitor.

"Ben Hur," said Sam.

"That's a funny name for a cat. Why did you name it that?"

"Well, we just called him Ben – until he had kittens."



Job redundancy: check your rights and talk to Citizens Advice

One of the most serious outcomes of the current pandemic problem is that thousands of people in the UK are losing their jobs. If you are one of these people, and are made redundant or offered voluntary redundancy, it is important that you thoroughly understand your rights and options.

The first thing to do if you are at risk of redundancy is to look at your contract of employment, which will spell out your basic rights. Make sure that your company abides by these conditions. Also, consider other sources of help such as your union if you belong to one. Bear in mind that if you have been in the job for less than two years you do not have as much job protection, but if for more than two years, your employer has to follow certain procedures, e.g. find you another job in the company if possible.

You can't be made redundant in an unfair way or for discriminatory reasons. The reason must be a genuine one, i.e. the job you do or the skills you have are no longer needed, or the employer can't afford you, or the business is failing. With technology advancing, sometimes fewer people are needed to do a given job.

You might be entitled to receive redundancy pay, which increases with length of service and has two elements – statutory and contractual. Statutory pay (not paid to those who have less than two years' service) is the minimum that the law says you are entitled to, and is based on your age, weekly pay and the number of years you have worked in the job. Contractual redundancy pay is the additional amount to which your contract may entitle you. If you have been furloughed, the law says that your redundancy pay must be worked out according to your usual wages, not the 80% furlough figure. Bear in mind that if your employer offers you a suitable alternative job and you refuse to take it without good reasons, they can refuse to give you redundancy pay. You can check that your redundancy pay is fair by using the calculator at <https://www.gov.uk/calculate-your-redundancy-pay>.

You are also entitled to a paid notice period or pay in lieu of notice, and the employer should give you paid time off for attending job interviews.

All the implications of redundancy are helpfully described on the Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/work/leaving-a-job>. The website also gives advice about claiming benefits or dealing with your debts if you need this. You can talk to an adviser on our Adviceline, 0300 330 9042. Visit www.ca.org.uk to find your local Citizens Advice office.

NOVEMBER 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

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

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

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

