St Andrew's Hagbourne PARISH MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2023



HARVEST FESTIVAL at ST ANDREW'S – Sunday 1st October AUTUMN CONCERT at ST ANDREW'S – 14th October

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2023

The Prayer Intentions in September are for all who live in Blewbury

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Children, our village 1 + Sunday 8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B schools and 9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U Sunday clubs. 10.30am Harvest Festival: St Michael's AT 10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist followed by bring and share lunch: St Andrew's H 10.30am All Age Harvest Festival: St Michael's B 11.30am Online Harvest Festival 11.30am Harvest Festival and lunch: All Saints' NM No afternoon Service at All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H 7pm CYGnets Youth Group: Benefice Office, Blewbury 2 Monday 8pm Compline 3 Tuesday 8pm Compline 4 Wednesday St Francis of Assissi 8pm Compline 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 5 Thursday 8pm Compline 8pm Compline 6 Friday 7 Saturday 8 + Sunday **THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** Those recently 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U baptised and 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B baptism visitors. 10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist and lunch: St John the Baptist SM 10.30am Online Benefice Service 3pm Outdoor Animal Service: Blewbury Playclose 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H 7.30pm Conversations around Christianity: Benefice Centre, Blewbury 9 Mondav 8pm Compline 8pm Compline 10 Tuesday 11 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline 8pm Compline 12 Thursday 13 Friday 8pm Compline 14 Saturday 10.30am Baptism: St Michael's B 7pm Autumn Charity Concert: St Andrew's 15 + Sunday THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CYGnets group 9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT and teenagers. 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B 10.30am Parish Service: St Andrew's H 10.30am Online Benefice Service 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H 7.30pm Conversations around Christianity: Benefice Centre, Blewbury 8pm Compline 16 Monday 8pm Compline 17 Tuesday 8pm Compline 18 Weds Luke the Evangelist 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline

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Prayer Focus:

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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 Learning from Each Other

Sometimes the simplest ideas are the most easily overlooked. Take, for example, the question of how we should tackle the big issues facing our communities and our world. There are always lots of people willing to tell us what the issues are, and what we should do to solve them. This is the season of political party conferences, and there will be lots of speeches in which the powerful and influential stand up and tell us the answers – or what they think the answers are.

But I wonder whether this is a particular helpful exercise? On most of the big issues facing our society and our world, there is room for a variety of approaches and a variety of answers. What we need to do is to create a space in which different answers can be proposed and discussed – a space in which we can listen to a variety of perspectives and lived experience. Furthermore, we need to create a space in which we can think carefully about the ways in which we are framing the questions which we are asking. Are we actually asking the right questions? Much time can be wasted discussing the wrong question.

So the model I think is best for these purposes is not the model of a public lecture, where the designated expert stands at the front and everyone duly applauds at the end of their speech. Rather, the model which I think is best is that of a group of people sitting around a table, listening respectfully to each other and sharing individual insights and experiences. This conversational model allows a variety of expertise to be brought to bear on an issue. For such a group to work, it needs an effective and facilitative chair. But when it is well-chaired, I think the conversational model is the best way to tackle complex issues. Of course, you may disagree, and that's absolutely fine!

In the spirit of this conversational approach, you may notice that I am hosting a series of short discussions about the Christian Faith. They will take place at the Benefice Centre in Blewbury on Sunday evenings between 7.30pm and 8.30pm, starting on Sunday 8th October. They will run for 4 weeks, and will provide an opportunity to discuss key areas of Christian belief. They are designed for anyone who would like an opportunity to discuss what Christians believe, in a gentle and informal context. Everyone is most welcome - whether you believe in God or not! Father Jason

Conversations around Christianity

7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Benefice Centre, Church End, Blewbury. OX11 9QH Starting Sunday 8th October for 4 weeks

Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Would you like to learn about the basics of the Christian faith? **Everyone welcome** to this new group led by Father Jason, no matter what your background or beliefs are! You can come with questions or just come along to enjoy lively discussions and to learn together.

8th October: **God.** Who or what is God? 15th October: **Jesus.** What is the significance of Jesus? 22nd October: **The Church.** Who is the church and does it matter? 29th October: **Christian life.** What does it mean to follow Jesus?



Contact Elaine in the Benefice office to book a place: <u>office@churnchurches.co.uk</u> or 01235 850267

Calendar and Diary for October 2023 continued . . .

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22 + Sunday THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U 10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B 10.30am Online Benefice Service 2pm Baptism: St Andrew's H 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's 7.30pm Conversations around Christianity: Benefice Centre, Blewbury

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H



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Our worship, musicians, organists and choirs.

- 23 Monday
- 24 Tuesday
- 25 Weds
- 26 Thursday
- 27 Friday
- 28 Saturday Simon and Jude, Apostles

<u>29 + Sunday</u> <u>BIBLE SUNDAY</u>

10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B 10.30am Online Benefice Service 2pm Baptism: St Andrew's H 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H



Churchwardens, fabric and churchyards. Church cleaners.

7.30pm Conversations around Christianity: Benefice Centre, Blewbury

Please note: 8pm Compline is online – www.churnchurches.co.uk to see how to join.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

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

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours. Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – rector@churnchurches.co.uk Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

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.

Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Sunday, 1st October at 10.30am followed by a Bring & Share Lunch at 12 noon All welcome

There will also be a Harvest Evensong at 6pm

Churchwardens chatter . . . September - The so-called quiet month for us!! Wasn't it just too hot to do much though? A Christmas tree festival group had their first (and second) meeting. There were 3 baptisms, the roof alarm annual maintenance was carried out, a PCC meeting was cancelled, a very successful Pet Service (thank you so much to the Allen family for hosting us so well) and a Safari Supper which started at our Church.

Looking forward to the next few weeks to see what it brings. God Bless You all. Jill and Jane.

Online Services The Benefice Online Services will continue on Sundays at 10.30am. Login after 10.00am to chat before if wished. We are doing a trial to see if a permanent link will work for everyone. Depending on how well this works, we hope to continue using this link. **Computer, tablet, smartphone** <u>https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice</u>

> Home phone: 0330 221 0088. Access Code: 975-579-069 New user https://meet.goto.com/install. Access code above

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Climate Change Prayer (Collect)

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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



Remembrance List

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

Baptisms in the Benefice

3rd September Tegan Ivy Waterhouse was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.
10th September Eleanor Grace Farmer was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.
17th September Cosmo Alexander Harry Morrison was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury.
30th September Freya Inéz Gibson and Stella Rose Terry were baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne





Good News! St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Friday 8th December to Saturday 16th December

Planning is underway and all the Festival favourites like the grand raffle, the tree votes and the Christmas café will return and a special part of the Festival is the illumination of the villages by people placing a tree in their front gardens for all to enjoy. We need sponsors (tree angels) for the 30 trees on display in the Church, and also main sponsors for the Festival.



All Creatures GREAT and SMALL

If you are looking for inspiration on how to decorate your tree, we have an optional theme of "All Creatures Great and Small".

What is it all for? Last year your brilliant support for the Festival helped us to raise nearly £5000. This year's charity will be announced soon.

Want to join in the fun? Help is needed for all the various jobs before and during the Festival and we need some more volunteers – If you would like to help in any way please come to our next meeting on **Saturday, 21st October at 10am in the Church** or email us on <u>magtemp5@gmail.com</u>

Order Forms and more information will appear in the November parish magazine, and keep an eye on the village websites and facebook.

Summer Teas at St Andrew's

A big THANK YOU to all those who hosted one of the Summer Teas during July, August and early September. This included four clubs in the villages this year, HUGS, The Garden Club, The Bellringers and HAMS. Thanks also go to those who supported this fellowship on one or more Sundays during the summer months. They have been very popular especially with our regulars and I am sure some are quite disappointed that they have now come to an end. We raised just over **£1000.00**; the money will be used towards the upkeep of the church and to the various clubs within the villages. This was never just about making money it has been a lovely fellowship and I hope that you will support us again if I/we decide to run them again next year. Shirley Goss



CYGnets Youth Group

Hot chocolate and games! Benefice Office, 1st Oct 7-8.30pm

"CYGnets" is the Churn Youth Group network - an informal gathering of young people from in and around our Benefice, having a chat with a hot chocolate and playing board and card games. Aimed at secondary school young people. Those who recently left school or college are most welcome too! Enquiries: contact Elaine or Father Jason, see page 4.



St Andrew's Church Autumn Charity Concert and refreshments



Saturday, 14th October, 7pm – Donations at the door

Local musicians, readers and choirs - raffle Donations to the Didcot Emergency Foodbank and to St Andrew's Church

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

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

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

There is very high demand on the Foodbank at the moment. You can leave items in the supermarkets in Didcot, at Blewbury Post Office or make a money donation via the Foodbank. Contact details if you need to use the Foodbank or you would like to make a donation: You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the <u>contact form</u> on the website. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

October Rotas	1st October Harvest Festival	15th October Trinity 19	General Notes <u>:</u> Christmas Tree Festival
Readers	Ezekial 18, 1-4, 25-end Jeff Powell Phillippians 2, 1-13 Justine Shepperson	Isaiah 25, 1-9 Doug Amos Phillippians 4, 1-9 Helen Clayson	meeting in Church on Saturday, 21st October at 10am. Come along if you would like to help with the Festival.
Intercessions	Graham Goy	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Robin Harries Jane Blond	Jackie Mackenzie Sally Duncan	Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on
Coffee	Justine Shepperson Jeff Powell	Myra Hardiman Donna Clifford	Thank you.
Church Cleaning	Marian.Powell Richard Powell	Viv Stocks Sally Barksfield	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Coral Powell	Marian Powell	If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement
Flowers High Altar	Mary Goy	Jenny Smith	

This is a popular Service - all welcome.

UNDAUNTED BY CONFUSING WEATHER -ANOTHER GREAT PRODUCE SHOW!

Gardeners certainly found the weather confusing this year. Against a background of the driest February in England for 30 years, the wettest March for 40 years, and the hottest June since 1884, our green fingered gardeners nevertheless rose to the challenge to produce stunning floral displays and an impressive array of fruit and vegetable entries. We also welcomed a plant stall from the Gardening Club for the first time this year, as well as the Village Shop stall - laden with village goodies.

Darren arrived hot foot from the Fleur de Lys to judge the highly contested Curry cup – awarding David Brewer a hat trick as winner for the third consecutive year, this year with a lamb shank Rogan Josh – containing 3 types of garlic and over 10 spices! **The Community Cup** was awarded to a rather surprised Joy Napper, for her sterling work as editor and stalwart of the Parish magazine, as well as her myriad other activities including running the Knitwits group who send blankets, hats, jumpers and gloves to Knit for Peace who send them to people in need in the UK and globally.

The floral displays, including single dahlias and roses, looked glorious - as did the colourful, extensive and perfect fruit and vegetables. Jenny Smith won the **Fruit and Vegetable Cup** with her usual high quality and beautiful produce, including some wonderful raspberries; Jane Drew's glorious and perfect blooms took the **Flower Cup**; Gillian Harris secured the **Judge's favourite cup** for her fun floral entry displayed artfully in a cat food pouch; Kizzie Jones won the **Craft Cup** for her beautiful drawing; Ellie Gover's brownies were rewarded with the **Baking Cup** for the second year running; the **Children's Cup** was awarded jointly to Fran and Callum Lloyd, regulars on the Produce Show craft circuit, for their impressive clay sculptures, great hedgehog and imaginative garden on a plate.

Richard Jocelyn kindly came to judge the fruit, vegetables and flowers, Jean Millar was a keen judge of brownies and bread – as well as baker of delicious scones for the cream teas; Jeremy Wood dashed from Oxford to East Hagbourne to cast an expert artistic eye over the high-quality crafts and children's entries. Money raised at produce show will enable us to make charitable donations to Helen and Douglas House (chosen by Joy) and to the Christmas Tree Festival. Huge thanks must go to Wendy Price and the wonderful cake bakers for many delicious cakes, to the hard working young helpers in the kitchen, to our wonderful sponsors - Darren and Ruth at the Fleur de Lys and the Village Shop, to the Produce Show committee and their untiring enthusiasm and commitment, to Linda and Geoff for their help, to all the wonderful entrants to the show and particularly to the community of the Hagbournes who turn up on the day to enjoy not only the cream teas, but to support this very special village event.

Felicity Topping, Chair, Village Produce Show

If you have feedback or ideas for new categories, please email us at: hagbourneproduceshow@gmail.com



Hagbourne Garden Club will be meeting on Thursday, 26th October at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7.00 p.m. A conservationist and environmental volunteer, Gerry Tissier will talk about how to create pollinator corridors and patches in our gardens. The talk will start at 7.30pm Visitors most welcome at £5 per person For further information call Sally on 01235 352275



Tower Talk

We are now into Autumn and the evenings are drawing in, the clocks go back soon, a day that Jeff always looks forward to (only joking Jeff). A few events in Church before Christmas including the Harvest Festival on 1st October, a Concert on 14th October, Ringer's Sunday on 22nd October, Remembrance Sunday on 12th November and then The Christmas Tree Festival.

On Tuesday 12th September the Old North Berks branch practice was held at St Andrew's, East Hagbourne. There were visitors from local towers who came to ring our lovely bells. Unfortunately, I was away on holiday that week but I understand that the tower welcomed quite a few ringers and there were over 19 ringers in the tower which was fortunate as a few of our usual band were away. A good ring enjoyed by all.

The next quarterly meeting of HSCR will take place on Tuesday 3rd October following a shorter ringing practice. **Sunday 22nd October** is **"Ringer's Sunday"** and there will be a special evensong at 6:00 to celebrate this special day. Everyone is welcome to join us for this lovely Service, followed by light refreshments. Shirley Goss

Dates for the diary – Sunday 1st October – **Harvest Festival**, Tuesday 3rd October - **Tower Quarterly Meeting** Sunday 22nd October "**Ringer's Sunday**"



East Hagbourne 5th Safari Supper

On Saturday, 23rd September, 95 villagers safaried around East Hagbourne stopping first at St Andrew's Church for drinks and canapés, then on to enjoy the hospitality at 23 houses and finally meeting up again at the Fleur de Lys for coffee, mints and after-dinner drinks.

The Safari Supper enabled us to get to know new villagers and catch up with old friends over excellent food and wine whilst raising money for two good causes. Over £2000 will be shared between Friends of St Andrew's which raises funds towards the upkeep of the fabric of Hagbourne Church and Mission10forty, a Humanitarian Aid charity with a Hagbourne connection supporting civilians affected by war and turmoil, currently focussing on Ukraine.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.

Hagbourne Action Group

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 1st October. ALL WELCOME.**



Didcot and District U3A The next meeting is at **2.30pm, 17th October** at Didcot Civic Hall with a talk on **George Orwell** by Richard Blair. U3a Thames Valley network offer a wide range of talks, study days and quizzes. Visit the website to discover more: www.u3asites.org/didcot



.... Outdoor Church Celebration of Animals

8th October, 3pm

Blewbury Playclose

Pets welcome!

A time for all ages to praise God as we focus on our wildlife, farm animals and pets at home. Some chairs for older people available. Please will families bring rugs. All Welcome!

A collection will be taken for Blewburybased Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.



HAMS – Launch of HAMSFEST

FANFARE! DRUMROLL!

We are launching $\mathcal{HAMSFEST}$, our March 2024 production, on Thursday 5th October in Hagbourne Village Hall from 7.30pm to 9.15 pm.

Instead of a play, we will be putting on a fabulous variety show over two evenings featuring sketches, playlets, monologues, song, live music, extreme silliness and YOU (we hope) in an extravaganza of glorious entertainment.

With the accent on comedy, we will read through a very funny playlet, watch a few clever and amusing video clips, share any of your ideas and perhaps have a go at a song.

If you would like to take part on stage or behind the scenes with lighting, sound, props, costume or in any other way, we would be delighted to see you for drinks, chat and much more. Everyone welcome.

We look forward to seeing you.

www.thehams.co.uk

email:info@thehams.co.uk



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

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

2023 EHCS Community Fund – Nominations welcome until 7th October!

Since 2020, the not-for-profit East Hagbourne Community Shop has used our annual surplus profit to support local organisations and projects benefitting our community through our Community Award Fund. Despite significant inflationary pressures, this year we are delighted to be able to offer a total of £500 to 3 winners, to be selected by our Customers in November. **If your organisation has a project, or you know of a local enterprise you wish to nominate, please email Eileen Mahoney** at <u>easthagbourneshop@gmail.com</u>, with your name and contact details, the name of the organisation and a short description of the project.

Overflow Produce? THANK YOU for all of your generous donations of overflow fruits and veg! We're delighted to offer your delicious produce for a modest sum to share the community bounty, reduce waste and defray a bit of our operations expense.

Thursday is Cake Day! Need a mid-week pick-me-up, or a weekend treat? Stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes, available every Thursday—but hurry, they don't last long!

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

NEW PO & SHOP operating hours effective from 15th OCTOBER

To accommodate upcoming holiday shipping dates, the PO will be adding back Thursday afternoon hours from 15th October, as a result, Shop hours on Thursday afternoons will be extended also: **Current Operating Hours through to October 14th:**

Shop: Mon 9am to 5pm; Tues – Fri: 9am to 4pm; Sat: 9am to 12:30pm Post Office: Mon - Sat 9am to 12:30pm + Monday afternoon 1:15pm to 4:45pm

Holiday Operating Hours From October 15th:

Shop: Mon & Thu 9am to 5pm; Tues/Wed/Fri: 9am to 4pm; Sat: 9am to 12:30pm Post Office: Mon - Sat 9am to 12:30pm + Mon & Thu afternoon 1pm to 4:30pm

Date for your diary: FLEET MEADOW CHARITY GIFT FAIR, Saturday 28th October, at Fleet Meadow Community Hall, 11am to 4pm.

The Fair is in aid of **Restore** (working for mental health). **Restore** have a site next to the hall and use the allotments. To find out about **Restore's** work visit <u>www.restore.org.uk</u>

Look out for jigsaws, Christmas cards and more on Linda Benton's stall.



East Hagbourne Community Shop Celebrating Twenty Years

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

This month we feature recollections by Shop Director Pat Elderfield:

"Within the first week of my moving to the village in 2010 my three neighbours all told me of the benefits of the village shop. Alice Smith, who oversees Volunteer recruitment, asked me if I was interested in joining, and several others also asked me over the years, which made me feel genuinely welcomed and wanted as part of the Shop community.

I was still heavily involved with two charities in Leicestershire, so it was not until 2014 that I joined the shop team, initially doing a two-hour shift on a Friday, joining the Committee and assisting Jenny with the buying.

In June 2015 I took over the finance role from Tony Smith and in 2017 I became the buyer.

The pandemic saw a great change for many of us. I stepped down from my shop shift role putting my time into the finance and buying roles and committee activities.

I know I have gained a great deal from my involvement with the shop.

- The chance to meet and know many people from the village and beyond.
- To keep my finance and Company Secretary skills current.
- And provided a structure to my day/week, I am an early riser and could fit the shopping in before my grandma duties.

Where else on your doorstep could you add so much to your life?"

Thank you Pat, and thanks to all of our volunteers - we appreciate all you do and have done for the Shop and for the community across our 20 years of service! East Hagbourne Community Shop is entirely run by volunteers – and we need your help if we are going to survive! If you are interested in becoming part of our Shop Committee or Volunteer team, please email us at <u>easthagbourneshop@gmail.com</u> or stop in for a chat with the Volunteer on duty to learn more about how you can help!

Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group will reopen at St Andrew's Church on Fridays in term-time from Friday, 6th October from 9.45 to 11.15am. For children from birth to 5 years with their parent/grandparent/carer. £2.00 per family session – includes a healthy snack for children and hot drinks for adults. The group is a long-established friendly parent run group. We have a variety of toys including ride-ons, slide, dolls, toy cars, Duplo, baby toys, mats and bouncers. On occasions a craft activity is also offered. Our current children really enjoy their weekly play together (for some it is their only interaction with other children) and they look forward to Friday mornings and meeting their friends. **Please contact: <u>hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com</u>**

HELP NEEDED! Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group will reopen on a trial basis from Friday 6th October. We really do need help and support to keep it running and provide a valuable way for our local younger children and parents/carers to meet and if you can help in any way, however small please do let us know at <u>hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com</u> Many thanks in advance!

HUGS October News

Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Supporting biodiversity in Wilcher Close

In September it was great to meet the Board of Soha at Wilcher Close. HUGS have been working with Soha and The Poet's Trail in the village. At Rymans Crescent we planted wildflower turf last autumn which has had a fantastic first flowering season this year.

At Wilcher Close, we started last winter with letters to each home and a meeting to explore together proposed plans to make two areas of mown grass more attractive to nature (and humans too!) Together with residents we planted out in March and April. This included semi-dwarf fruit trees, edible hedging, native shrubs, perennial wildflowers, and native bulbs.

As the planting matures it should provide shelter and food source for a range of wildlife across the year. In Spring, early wildflowers such as dandelions and blossom from fruit trees and hedging provide vital nectar to pollinators. Hedging is a place of shelter for birds and insects.

The flower nectar in summer helps feed butterflies, moths, hoverflies, bees, wasps and other insects. Supporting insects means supporting other wildlife higher up the food chain such as birds and bats. The leaves of some plants also provide food for caterpillars of butterflies and moths. Longer grass itself feeds crickets and grasshoppers and gives home to insect life. In autumn and winter, the seed heads of flowers are left to feed birds. Fallen fruit on the ground will be enjoyed by both birds, insects as well as any passing mammals such as hedgehogs. Some longer grass and the shelter from hedging and trees also helps create habitat for insect life through the colder months.

Two beautifully painted lecterns made from recycled plastic have now been installed at Wilcher Close. These have been illustrated by Linda Benton from The Poet's Trail. Wilcher Close was home to the late poet Roger Phipps and part of his poetry is celebrated on one of the lecterns.

Why not wonder round and take a look?! Plus more info on our website.

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

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

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

Hagbourne Pre-School News We run every weekday termtime only in the Village Hall, Main Road, East Hagbourne. Monday-Thursday 8.45– 2.45, Friday 8.45–11.45. **We will be opening on Friday afternoons from 31st October.** Rated outstanding by ofsted. We run a weekly mini explorers session for the older children in the grounds of Hagbourne School. We will be taking our Harvest donations to St Andrew's Church for the Harvest Festival. Please visit our website <u>www.hagbournepreschool.org</u>

or email enquiries@hagbournepreschool.org Playleader@hagbournepreschool.org

Hagbourne Village Hall

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is herby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hagbourne Village Hall will take place in the Small Hall at the Village Hall on

Wednesday 22nd November 2023, starting at 8 pm.

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

There will be wine served!

Agenda

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

Help Wanted to run the Village Hall

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

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

Richard Elliott - 01235 814140

Linda Benton - 01235817891

Upgrading our Village Hall - we need your input and help.

Our building needs upgrading. The original wooden village hall was built in 1924, then what is now the large hall was rebuilt in brick in the 1950s. The small hall was added in the 1980s, and the last extension, which added the meeting room and entrance hall, was completed in 2010. So, the hall has evolved over time to meet the increased needs of our villages.

We had a regular survey carried out on the roof (which we do every 5 years): the surveyor told us we needed to add a new insulated roof over the whole building, as the roof covering was beginning to peel off. This has happened in the last few years, as the last survey carried out in 2018, indicated the roof was generally sound. There are no leaks at present, so we believe the roof is sound in the short term, but we will have to think about an upgrade.

This has also made us think about what other areas of the hall should be addressed. A new roof would have to be insulated to the latest standards, so this would greatly reduce the heat loss from the building. But, the walls in the main hall are only single skin, so insulating these would then become a priority. The other parts of the building, being built later, have better insulation, although improvements to the insulation can also be looked at in the longer term. With energy costs escalating we know we need to think about how to improve the insulation.

Our heating is at present provided mostly by gas, which allows us to quickly raise the temperature in the large hall as required. For the long term, perhaps we need to look at more environmentally sustainable heating. We have considered this in the past, but the present technologies do not really match our specific needs. As the technology evolves, perhaps this will change.

Can we create more space? The hall is well used at present, and we do have requests for regular slots which we are unable to accommodate - would an upgrade be an opportunity to create more space? This could only really be done by adding another floor, but this would depend on the ability of the foundations and walls to support it.

What do you think are the most important needs for our villages?

How can we afford it? We have many things to consider, but whatever we decide to do, it will certainly require a significant amount of money. The surveyor estimated the cost for a new roof would be about £80K, which we simply do not have at the present time. If we extend the project, it will cost even more. So, we need to think about how to raise money -

- By raising our prices.
- Through fund raising events and asking other groups in the village to help.
- By seeking grants and/or loans to cover at least part of the cost.

We hope to celebrate our centenary next year, and any ideas on how we do this would be most welcome. The hall is managed entirely by a committee of unpaid volunteers, and if you think you would like to become involved in helping as a trustee, you are more than welcome to join us. We have only about 3 to 4 committee meetings a year, together with an annual meeting in November, so the time commitment is not large...

As our ideas evolve, I will let you know what we plan, after carrying out consultations with users, as well as the wider village community - Your views on any of the above are welcome at bookingsvhhagbourne@gmail.com.

Alternately, you can call me, Richard Elliot on 01235814140.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Public Consultation on grass cutting. Friday 8th September I have had a lot of feedback about the public consultation meeting on grass-cutting organized by the Parish Council in the Church on 8th September. This feedback has been very positive. There was a large attendance filling the main part of the church and justifying the venue move from the much smaller pavilion room. After a short introduction by myself, our District Councillor, Ben Manning, gave a very well received talk on biodiversity management at the district level. Our clerk, Laura Lloyd, presented the current grass-cutting regime and answered immediate questions. Councillor Natalie Milner then opened the floor to comments and worked hard to make sure everybody who wanted to had their say. One highlight was Ben's very balanced presentation where he showed that biodiversity could be supported while still maintaining a safe and tidy environment. In the feedback, the support for his remarks from all participants was very welcome and impressive.

The survey on the Parish Council grass-cutting schedule was launched at the meeting. The deadline for responding to this survey was 29th September. We will carefully take all points, from the meeting and the survey, into account when formulating future grass-cutting schedules.

Footways (aka pavements) We have spent some time discussing possible footway repairs with the County Council. Bad though they seem to many, they are not as bad as many other villages so we have trouble getting OCC to cover the costs, which can be very high. We are now exploring the options available to us if we want to proceed at our own cost.

Footpaths We have an extensive network of footpaths in the village and are aware of concerns over path surface and problems with vegetation. In this we interact with another part of OCC and are liaising with them to try and improve the situation.

Housing development by the Village Hall Because Park Road is closed until 13th October, there may be a few site vehicles coming through the village, although Deanfield are rescheduling things to keep this to a minimum. Seven of the houses will be occupied by the end of September with another two in the first week of October. It will be the end of January before any of the rented or shared ownership houses will be occupied. The site was awarded a "Pride in the Job" recognition by the National House-Building Council on Friday 22nd September.

Parish and District Surgeries The surgeries at the Fleur de Lys continue to be lively, and so I will hold the next one there from 5.00 to 6.30 on Friday 6th October. Feel free, however, to contact me, the clerk, or any councillor should your concerns be more urgent.

Parish Council meetings Parish Council meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th October. 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.

DOWNLAND VILLAGES TRANSPORT GROUP

7th Annual Public Meeting

East Hagbourne Pavilion – 7.30pm – 16th October

We will be discussing the future of the Wallingford Community Bus which never managed to return as a viable service after Lockdown and also the future of our local 94 Bus.



CONTACT DETAILS:

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd Telephone: 07891 551 851

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PARKING IN THE PARISH COUNCIL CAR PARKThe car park next to the village hall is owned and managed by the Parish Council.Please click here to view the Car Park Management document on the village website, which covers the car park terms of use. The Car Park is for the general use of the community, including church, village hall, school, and village events, but not for residential parking.Recently, concerns have been raised relating to accessibility for the disabled parking spaces.There are 3 spaces clearly marked for disabled parking and it is crucial that all users of the car park ensure that these are kept clear for use by Blue Badge holders, some of whom are school parents and need to use the spaces at peak times.
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It is noted that the car park can get very busy but this is not an acceptable reason to use or block access to the disabled parking at any time.
This is an ongoing issue and the Parish Council appreciates the efforts made by both Pre-School and School staff to increase awareness of this issue and encourage considerate parking.
CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – Friday 6th October Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE: Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found here The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help. Details can be found here Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024 East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com Coronavirus Community Support Group - 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.
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Planning applications received since the last newsletter: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th October 2023 at The Pavilion, Great Mead.

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

Our Local Bus Service – route 94 Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. **Didcot – East Hagbourne – Blewbury – Upton – West Hagbourne - Chilton – Harwell Campus**

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

Our Local Bus Service – route 94 Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. Harwell Campus – Chilton – West Hagbourne - Upton – Blewbury – East Hagbourne - Didcot

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

Route 94: Saturdays – to Harwell Campus

Didcot, Parkway Station		10:10	11:40	13:40	15:10	17:10
Didcot, Orchard Centre		10:14	11:44	13:44	15:14	17:14
Didcot, Sandringham Road		10:18	11:48	13:48	15:18	17:18
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	08:51	10:21	11:51	13:51	15:21	17:21
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Chilton, Main Street		09:31	11:01	12:31	14:31	16:01
West Hagbourne, The Horse & Harrow PH		09:37	11:07	12:37	14:37	16:07
<u>Upton, Village Hall</u>		09:39	11:09	12:39	14:39	16:09
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East Hagbourne, War Memorial	08:20	09:51	11:21	12:51	14:51	16:21
Didcot, Sandringham Road	08:23	09:54	11:24	12:54	14:54	16:24
Didcot, Orchard Centre	08:28	09:59	11:29	12:59	14:59	16:29
Didcot, Parkway Station	08:32	10:03	11:33	13:03	15:03	16:33

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

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