

St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

OCTOBER 2024



Harvest Festival at St Andrew's

Sunday, 6th October at 10.30am

followed by a Bring & Share Lunch at 12 noon - All welcome

A Water Concert at St Andrew's

Saturday 12th October at 7pm

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

Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites.

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
 2 Weds 8pm online Compline
 3 Thursday 8pm online Compline
 4 Friday 8pm online Compline

12.30 Wedding at St Andrew's
 5 Saturday Decorating St Andrew's for Harvest Festival

6 + Sunday NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U
**10.30am Harvest Eucharist and Sunday Club
 followed by Bring and Share Lunch: St Andrew's H**
 10.30am Harvest Eucharist: All Saints' AU (NB please note the time)
 10.30am All Age Harvest Festival: St Michael's B
 11.00am Harvest Family Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 10.30am Online Harvest Benefice Service
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H
 7pm Youth Group: Benefice Office



Our ministry to children.

7 Monday 8pm online Compline
 8 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
 9 Weds 8pm online Compline
 10 Thursday 8pm online Compline
 11 Friday 8pm online Compline
 12 Saturday 7pm Water Concert: St Andrew's H

13 + Sunday TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Edward the Confessor

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Harvest Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.

14 Monday 8pm online Compline
 15 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
 16 Weds 8pm online Compline
 17 Thursday 8pm online Compline
 18 Friday 8pm online Compline
 19 Saturday 8pm online Compline

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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

A Wriggling Ferret with Sharp Teeth

A question for you: do you currently have a pet? Or have you ever owned a pet?

Pets can become such a well-loved part of family life. When I was growing up, we always had dogs. The first dog I can remember was a black and white spotted Dalmatian, who we named Hamlet. Later dogs included a long-haired Dachshund called Bertie, and a retired Greyhound called Malachi. This Greyhound had started life as a racing dog and had then been retired. We acquired him in his retirement. I think he took the view that he had had more than enough running

about in his early years, and so most of his time with us was spent lounging on a sofa and stretched out on the carpet. A walk in the morning and a shorter walk in the evening was all he asked for, and the opportunity to try and chase a squirrel or two.

In recent years, many churches have offered a Pet Service, as an opportunity to thank God for our pets, both living and departed. We will be holding a **Pet Service** this month at **St Mary's Upton, at 3pm on Sunday 20th October**. The service is informal, and suitable for all ages. There will be an opportunity for pets present to receive an individual blessing. There will also be a prayer for our departed pets. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Do bring your pet along - either in person, or via a photo. If pets are unable to attend in person, they can still receive a blessing! Every type of pet is most welcome, whether they are as small as a Stick Insect, or as large as a full-grown horse.

And in case you are wondering, the most challenging pet I have ever been asked to bless was a wriggling ferret, with particularly sharp teeth. And yes, I did indeed manage to give it a blessing – but it wasn't an entirely straightforward operation.

A Pet Service is one of many different ways in which we can show our appreciation for the animals with which we share our lives. God loves all life, and as human beings, we have been given a particular responsibility to care for other forms of life. Every species matters, and every species has its role to play. Let us strive to be good stewards of Creation, in all its wonderful diversity.

Father Jason



**Churn Benefice
All Souls' Service
St Michael's Blewbury
Sunday, 3rd 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 in the Benefice Office know if they wish to add name(s) to the list on 01235 850267 or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk Lists will also be available at the back of the Church.

20 +Sunday TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm Pet Service: St Mary's: U
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Ringers Sunday Service: St Andrew's H



*Our Youth Group
and teenagers.*

21 Monday

22 Tuesday

23 Weds

24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

8pm online Compline

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8pm online Compline

27 +Sunday LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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



*Our worship,
musicians,
organists and
choirs.*

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Weds

31 Thursday

SS Simon & Jude Apostles

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

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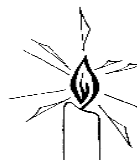
1 Friday

2 Saturday

8pm online Compline

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 Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am online Benefice Service
3pm All Souls Service: St John the Baptist SM



*Weddings and
God's blessing on
new and existing
marriages.*

4pm Benefice All Souls' Service: St Michael's Blewbury

NO 6pm Service at St Andrew's H due to the All Souls' Service at Blewbury

7pm Youth Group: Benefice Office

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.churnchurches.co.uk
If you go to What's On and click on Services you will find the online Compline details to log on.

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.

Ringers Sunday There will be a special Evensong on **Sunday, 20th October** to celebrate our bells and bell-ringers. All welcome to this lovely Service followed by light refreshments.



Anniversary Congratulations!



Congratulations to Alan and Pamela Hughes who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on the 5th of September.

Congratulations to Robin and Gillian Harries who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 10th of October.

Congratulations to Paddy and Joan O'Donnell who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 4th of October.

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.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Joe Corderoy who passed away peacefully at home on the 25th of September.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Diana Black whose Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on the 12th of September.

Baptisms in the Benefice

1st September **Louis George Hevicon** was baptised at St Mary's Upton

15th September **Jasper George Lysander Lesmoir-Gordon** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury

22nd September **Finley Elliott Stocks Samperi** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne

May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.

Wedding in the Benefice

14th September **George Marffy** and **Izzy Hatch** 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

3rd September at South Oxfordshire Crematorium **Anne Wilkinson** aged 92

12th September at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Diana Black** aged 84

16th September at St Michael's Blewbury **Maureen Joy** aged 89

24th September at St Michael's Blewbury **Harry Thomson** aged 93

27th September at All Saints' North Moreton **Shirley Wigley** aged 74

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



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.

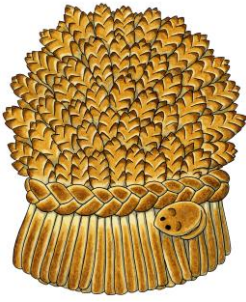
Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@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



Harvest Festival at St Andrew's



**Harvest Festival is on Sunday
6th October this year. It will be lovely
to see the glorious colours of late
summer and autumn filling the Church.**

Dear Flower Arrangers, please do come along so we can all get together on Saturday morning, 5th October to place some beautiful arrangements ready for the celebration of thanks for all good gifts around us for the traditional Harvest Festival Service time - also some lovely produce to fill the church would always be good. If a different day other than the Saturday suits you better, that is fine but please note that there is a **Wedding at St Andrew's on Friday, 4th October at 12.30 so please avoid decorating before 2pm on that day.** Thank you.
Regards, thanks and best wishes, Helen Clayson

**Everyone welcome to come and help decorate the Church for Harvest
on the Saturday morning**

**Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's
Sunday 6th October at 10.30am
followed by a Bring & Share Lunch at 12 noon
All welcome**

There will be a list at the back of the Church in September to enter your name if you wish to stay for the lunch and what you would like to bring.

There will also be a Service of the Word at 6pm



Tower Talk We are now into Autumn and the evenings are drawing in, the clocks go back soon. Hopefully Jill is back in her home in Didcot having lived the last eight months the other side of Wantage. It will be lovely to have her home.

A few events in Church before Christmas including the **Harvest Festival on 6th October, a Concert on the theme of Water in Church on the 12th October, Ringer's Sunday on 20th October, Remembrance Sunday on 11th November** and then **The Christmas Tree Festival.**

On Tuesday 10th 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 to 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 in early October following a shorter ringing practice. There is a wedding on Friday 4th October for which we will ring the bells.

Sunday 20th October is "**Ringer's Sunday**" and there will be a special evensong at 6pm to celebrate this special day. Everyone is welcome to join us for this lovely service, followed by light refreshments.

Shirley Goss.

Birthdays – None this month?

Dates for diary – Friday 4th October – **Wedding**, Sunday 6th October – **Harvest Festival**
Tuesday 1st/8th? October - **Tower Quarterly Meeting**, Sunday 20th October "**Ringer's Sunday**"



A Water Concert

St Andrew's Church

Saturday 12th October – 7pm

Featuring local musicians and artists

Refreshments

Donations to Water Aid and St Andrew's Church

If you would like to take part, then come along to the Rehearsals in the Church at 7pm on Fridays 4th & 11th October.
All welcome – come along and join in!

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 dates: Sunday 6th October and 3rd November. ALL WELCOME

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 and maybe join us at the 6pm Service.

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.

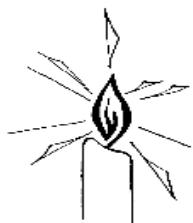
The Rector's Reflections sign up link is <http://eepurl.com/iEix4A>

ROTAS	6th October HARVEST FESTIVAL	20th October 21st Sunday after Trinity	3rd November All Saints' Day	GENERAL NOTES:
Readers	Genesis 2: 18-24 Jeff Powell Hebrews 1: 1-4 2 5-12 Justine Shepperson	Isaiah 53:4-12 Daniel Dawson Hebrews 5:1-10 Helen Clayson	Wisdom 3: 1-9 Andrew Kaye Revelation 21: 1-6a Sally Duncan	Harvest Flowers and Decorating: Friday 4th October – from 2pm Saturday 5th October – All day Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.
Sidesmen	Richard and Marian Powell	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
Coffee	Justine Shepperson Jeff Powell	Marian Powell Myra Hardiman	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand. If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know. The more the merrier.
Church Cleaning	Christine Wood Alice Smith	Richard Powell Marian Powell	Ellen Bolick Di Duff	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Joy Napper	Marian Powell	Jacqui Mackenzie	
Flowers High Altar	Mary Goy/Helen Clayson	Jenny Smith	Myra Hardiman	

Summer Teas at St Andrew's A big **THANK YOU** to all those who hosted one of the Summer Teas during the summer months. This included the Brownies, HUGS, The Bell-Ringers and HAMS plus Church members. Thanks also go to those who supported this fellowship on one or more Sundays during the summer months.

Unfortunately, they have not been as popular this year for some reason, whether it was the weather or sports events on TV I am not sure. It is quite a lot of work to set up the teas and make cakes etc... so we might do something slightly different next year. **Watch this space!**

This was never just about making money it has been a lovely fellowship, and I hope that you will support us again in whatever we decide to do next year. The teas did raise just over £684.00 for various groups and charities. Shirley Goss.



A Time for Reflection St Michael's Church, Blewbury will be open on Thursday evening **3rd October 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.

Coffee Mornings at St Andrew's All welcome to pop into St Andrew's on Wednesdays each week, after the midweek Communion, for a coffee and a chat. **This will start in November.**

Good News!

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

will take place from
**Friday 6th December to
Saturday 14th December**

Planning is underway and all the festival favourites like the **Carols in the Close**, the **Grand Raffle**, and the **Big Wassail** 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.



Christmas Films If you are looking for inspiration on how to decorate your tree, we have an optional theme of "Christmas Films". If you have other ideas that is fine.

What is it all for? Last year your brilliant support for the Festival helped us to raise nearly £6000. 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, 12th October at 10am in the Church.**

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



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 Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com or easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

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

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 and pick up dinner from the freezer with fresh local produce donated by community gardeners or choose a unique greeting cards by designed by local artists and a Village-themed tea towel for a gift occasion.

Shop Hours: Mon & Thu 9am – 4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 12:30pm
Thursdays: Home-made cakes; **Saturdays:** Bakery goods.



• • • LIMITED POST OFFICE HOURS DURING OCTOBER • • •

Due to delays by central PO administration, our PO will be operating on a limited basis for the next several weeks. Now-retired Postmaster Steve Smith has arranged to keep services running 4-5 mornings per week until the new Postmaster processing has completed. **October hours:**

W/C 29th September: Mon, Wed to Sat 9am – 12:30pm; **closed Tue & afternoons**

W/C 6th October: Mon, Wed, Thu & Sat 9am – 12:30pm; **closed Tue, Fri & afternoons**

Hours will change weekly – please check notices in the Shop or visit the East Hagbourne Shop Facebook page for more information.

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 - you can consult the product list in Shop or view it online at easthagbourne.net. Will it be Chelsea buns or Lardy cake this week?

Local Veg We are happy to offer your garden and allotment overflow to our customers, reducing waste and defraying operating costs. Looking for local produce? We're seeing fresh quince and a variety of apples, all perfect for autumnal crumbles and stews!

Interested in getting to know your community? Proudly volunteer-run, the East Hagbourne Community Shop was founded 20 years ago to help keep our community Post Office open by funding monthly lease costs. **To learn how you can help in an hour or two a month,** email easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Bringing hedgehogs home to the Hagbournes! How you can help!

Good news! A few hedgehogs are being spotted in East Hagbourne again - but sadly not the numbers we used to see in our gardens on summer evenings. Catastrophic population decline has led to the loss of at least half the UK's native hedgehog population over the past two decades, especially in rural areas - attributed to intensification of agriculture, fewer earthworms, bigger fields, fewer hedges, pesticides which reduce the amount of prey available and climate change.



Hedgehog populations are doing better in urban areas, city wastelands, cemeteries and railway land.

Ideal hedgehog homes are dry spaces: under garden sheds, near compost heaps, hedges or even an untidy patch of garden to live in and to hibernate in winter. They are voracious predators - eating worms, beetles, slugs, caterpillars, earwigs and millipedes, – and need lots of gardens to forage in.

Cute hedgehog facts: • Baby hedgehogs are called a hoglets.

- Hedgehogs have surprisingly long legs, they walk on average a mile every night to find food.
- Hedgehogs are nocturnal – they have poor eyesight but good hearing – and they snore!
- They have between 5000 and 7000 spikes. • They are lactose intolerant.
- Their body temperatures fall to under 10°C when hibernating.
- Much of their life is spent asleep. They hibernate from November to March.

Top tips to help hedgehogs

- Make hedgehog highways between gardens and paths. Put at least one hole at the bottom of your fence (13cm x 13cm).
- Go pesticide free - slug pellets in particular are directly toxic to hedgehogs – and also if they eat animals which have consumed them.
- Make your garden hedgehog friendly– they love making a warm, secure home in piles of leaves, a compost heap, behind wood against walls, or in a hibernation box
- Leave out shallow dishes of water.
- Watch out for hedgehogs when mowing/strimming longer grass and check before lighting bonfires.
- Drive slowly at night - watch out for hedgehogs on the road.

If you are lucky enough to find one of these wonderful animals in your garden, don't give them milk. Wet cat food or hedgehog food is best.

And finally – if you see a hedgehog in distress, call Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue's 24-Hour Wildlife Helpline 07549 322464 or Tiggy Winkles 24-hour emergency helpline: 01844 292292.



Native tree project – the ground is prepared!

Our working party managed to beat the rain on Saturday and prepared the ground for the next phase of the project. Competing grass and roots were cleared and over the next few weeks, oak friendly microbe-rich soil from nearby trees will be added to give the young trees the best possible start in life. Our 2-year-old trees will be delivered in the next few weeks and planting will be in November – date to be confirmed in the November Parish Magazine. We are very excited. **Do come and help if you would like to, or just drop by and see this amazing work in progress.**

HAMS

The New Season's Launch.

Pirates! Pirates! Who could forget the enthusiastic rendering of The Pirate's Song by the whole cast of twenty-six actors/musicians, which symbolised the success of last season's **HAMSFEST**? Last month we asked, **'What on earth are they going to perform this year?'**



The answer's simple: building on the format of **HAMSFEST**, we are exploring a whole new programme of material with the aim of bringing you joy and laughter to replace the doom and gloom of present-day life.

We will be launching **Jhamboree**, our March 2025 production, on **Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. Join us and enjoy a workshop session for members, both new and established, in which we'll be presenting material, exploring techniques, and casting roles to start the rehearsal schedule in earnest.

There's a wide range of ways to become involved: acting, costumes, backstage, technical roles and more. We're a very welcoming community-centred group and love new members coming forward.

Don't be shy, if you would like to be involved, come along or email us at:

Info@thehams.co.uk

www.thehams.co.uk

email: info@thehams.co.uk

Arts and Crafts Fair

St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne

Saturday 26th October 2024, 10:30 to 4:30

- Meet local crafts people, artists and writers.
- Free admission
- Refreshments available all day, (proceeds in support of The Friends of St Andrew's)
- Ample parking at the Village Hall



Payments by cash or cheque please (due to limited internet signal)

Further information: Linda Benton, 01235 817891, Linda.Benton@live.co.uk

A HISTORIC PRODUCE SHOW AND RECORD VISITOR NUMBERS!



Open for entries beyond the Hagbournes for the first time in the Show's history, we attracted enthusiastic visitors and entries from local villages and Didcot on Sunday, 8th September.

While our gardeners and gardens suffered this year under onslaughts of rain and hail, the quality of the entries was deemed the highest ever by our judge, Richard Jocelyn.

The atmosphere buzzed with a record numbers of visitors and a roaring trade at the Gardening Club's plant stall and the Village Shop stall.



The **Curry Cup** was again secured by village curry champion - David Brewer. Sarah Wright won the **Community Cup** with her indefatigable energy across most village activities, Christmas Trees, fabulous Scarecrows, a memorable Fun Run carrot costume and her ongoing championing of the French language with French Beanies.

The floral and herb displays – with fewer varieties than in years blessed with kinder weather and fewer slugs - nevertheless attained impressive heights in terms of quality and composition. Iain Duff secured the **Fruit and Vegetable Cup** with a myriad of high quality and beautiful entries; Jane Drewe's beautiful herb and floral arrangements secured her the **Flower Cup**, while Pat Elderfield's glorious foliage arrangement was much admired by the judge. We had record numbers of craft entries with Alison Vaughan and Vivian Callaghan jointly winning the **Craft Cup**; Nick Wright's fabulous orange, hazelnut and cranberry cake took top taste marks and the **Baking Cup**; the **Children's Cup** was awarded to Katherine Dore for her fine drawing of a mythical beast, closely contested by inspired vegetable compositions from Fran and Callum Lloyd. The **Best Allotment Cup** went to Anthony Gallagher.

Many thanks to our wonderful bakers: Jean Millar's delicious scones were demolished, as were the amazing chocolate cakes and Wendy's marvellous Victoria sponges.

We are also indebted to the well organised young helpers in the kitchen for all their hard work.

We are grateful to the Village Shop for the lavish bag of goodies for the raffle, and to Darren and Ruth at the Fleur for all their support.

Money raised at the show will enable us to make a charitable donation to a local charity and to the Christmas Tree Festival. Many thanks especially to the wonderful Produce Show committee, particularly to Ellie for the splendid new logo and banners, to Linda, Geoff and Mark for all their help, to each of you who brought entries to the show and to everyone who came on the day with their families to this unique community event.

Felicity Topping, Chair, Village Produce Show



Hagbourne Garden Club will be meeting on **Thursday, 24th October** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm The speaker this month is **Colin Roberts** and his topic will be: **Different varieties of Salvias and how to grow, care for and propagate them.**

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



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

Climate and Nature – The National Day of Action – Saturday 12th October

There will be an informal event, including short addresses from local experts on

Saturday 12th October from 10am to 1pm at Benson Parish Hall OX10 6LZ

There will also be an opportunity to raise concerns with local MPs Olly Glover and Freddie Van Mierlo. Just turn up or sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-and-nature-meet-your-mps-henley-and-didcotwantage-tickets-1010372048997?aff=oddtcreator>

The Downland Villages Transport Group

The Downland Villages Transport Group was formed in 2016 and operated a weekly community bus service to Wallingford market on a Friday morning. This was a very popular service and was enjoyed by its regular users – forming friendships and a chance to go shopping. The drivers of the minibus were very helpful, particularly with loading all the shopping trolleys on the return journey!

But, following the Covid disruption, the level of interest in the service declined to a level where its continuation could not be supported, some regular users having moved away, some had become unable to travel and no longer able to benefit from the service.

So, the time has come to wind-up the group, and this will be done at a public meeting on **Monday, 7th October, 7:30pm** in East Hagbourne Pavilion. Thank you to all who contributed to supporting this service.

The public bus service (94 & 94A), operated by Thames Travel, continues to provide a valuable service connecting East and West Hagbourne to Didcot and neighbouring villages. Its future depends on having sufficient passengers to make it viable - we encourage you to use it where you can.

You can connect in Didcot to catch the service 33 bus to Wallingford.

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 aannanjoness@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 BOWLS CLUB We have come to the end of a very successful and enjoyable season of bowling at Hagbourne Bowls Club. Together with some new members we have had great success in men's and ladies' regional leagues with members reaching county and national finals. The sun shone for our club finals day with some exciting and competitive bowling. This was followed by our annual Harvest Home auction raising funds for charity and ongoing maintenance of the green not to mention our annual visit from Father Jason! Much fun was had by all. We are always looking to welcome new members particularly for our ladies section for next season. 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

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**. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, 15th October – Morris Minors in the Media** a talk by Ann and John Ford.

For further information you can 'Google' u3asites.org.uk

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 17th October**.

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.

Earth Trust Farm Pumpkin Patch This October, come down to the farm for a whole host of great activities for visitors of all ages to enjoy at the Pumpkin Patch, with heaps of harvesting fun to be had! As well as the all-important growing field, where you can pick your perfect pumpkin and select your favourite squash direct from the earth it grew in, there's a storytelling teepee with autumnal stories and harvest-time tales, in Earth Lab's Discovery Zone science experiments and testing tables to delve into the hidden world of soil, plus a mini scarecrow trail around the farm to take in the lovely views, and a mega MAIZE MAZE – will you reach the centre and find your way out!

Dates: Sundays 13, 20, 27th & Monday 28th to Thursday 31st October - 10am-1pm & 1pm-4pm

Tickets: £3 per person in advance (plus booking fee), £5 on the gate. Under 3s free.

Earth Trust at Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ
earthtrust.org.uk/whats-on/

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Flooding As I am writing this towards the end of September, it is good that so far, the rains have not caused any flooding in houses and I really hope, since it is still raining, that this happy situation is continuing when you read this. Certainly, floods on roads have caused serious disruption to travel but that is very minor compared to having flood water in houses. When this last happened in early January, there were justifiable complaints concerning flood warnings and general lines of communication, and it is pleasing that at least to some extent these are being addressed. The County Council has produced a very good information sheet on flooding and has provided several links for getting flood information. These have been broadcast by our Parish Clerk on Mailchimp and Facebook and a news article on this can be found on the village website: <https://easthagbourne.net/important-information-occ-flood-briefing-note/> but here are direct links that you can use for access.

The information sheet with its many links can be found on: <https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/OCC-Flood-Briefing-Note-25092024.pdf>

Among these links is the OCC Flood Toolkit which includes a useful tool for finding out your risk of flooding: <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com/>

There is also a link to sign up to get flood warnings that you can receive by phone, text, or email. The link for this is: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Footpaths Feedback from the work on Footpath 4 between Wilcher Close and the linear path going alongside the allotments has been very positive so it is great to report that similar works will very shortly commence on Footpath 12 between Parsonage Lane (the two streams) and Fieldside. This should be completed this month, and there will also be remedial work on Footpath 15 between Fieldside and Blewbury Road (the so-called Grange Path). The earlier works were done by OCC contractors and largely funded by the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), whereas the current work will be done by a contractor for the Parish Council using a small proportion (under 7%) of your CIL money. If this is similarly successful, we will be encouraged to continue work on other village footpaths. However, some require minor work that could be undertaken by villagers so it would be great to let the clerk, or any councillor know if you have the interest and energy to help, and even better if you have some skills or equipment that might help.

Footways Footways (aka pavements) are sadly more complicated because they are much more under the direct control of the County Council and the regulatory framework induces higher costs. We are, however, in continuing contact with the County Council on efforts to improve these and are on the list for major slurry seal work on Main Road. The OCC waiting lists can compete with the NHS for length but there should be an opportunity to combine this work with repairs to more seriously damaged parts of the footways when we reach the top of the list. In this respect, we are optimistic that following on from the Oxfordshire Councils Charter, with a designated OCC Highway Engagement Team, that some real progress might be made on this long overdue and frustrating problem of providing safer and more accessible footways. Some councillors will be meeting our representative on this team in early October. Wish us luck!

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 18th October from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. 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 17th 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. Iain Duff



**East
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MAIN ROAD CLOSURE 26th OCTOBER – 6th DECEMBER

(ESTIMATED 6 WEEK COMPLETION SCHEDULE) The Parish Council have been informed that as part of SGN's ongoing gas maintenance works in the village, Main Road from Lower Cross to Upper Cross will be closed for an estimated 6-week period starting on 26th October. Access for Emergency vehicles and properties within the closure zone will be maintained.

The hard closure (where active works are being carried out) will be completed on a rolling basis, with approximately 200m fully closed at any time, and residents will be kept updated during the works. Diversion signage will be in place at both ends of the village for the duration of the works for all through traffic. The contractors are currently working on Blewbury Road with traffic lights in place until 15th November. The TTRO information can be found [here](#) and the diversion map for the road closure can be found [here](#). Further updates on all roadworks can be found on [one.network](#)



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 18th October 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 and other venues

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

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

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbourneccovid19@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: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October 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

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)																This journey starts at St Birinus School on school days only.		
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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0646	0739	0752		0931	1028	▼	1228	▼		1428	1603		1749	1838	▼		
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Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610		1756	1845	1948			
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers		0755	0808			1044		1244			1444	1619		1854				
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North Moreton Bus Shelter		0805	0818			1054		1254			1454	1629		1904				
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Didcot Orchard Centre	0710	0812	0826		0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1637		1812	1912	2004			
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No service on Sundays or Public Holidays																		

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: 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 14 for useful details on how to get to the various Oxford Hospitals via public transport.

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. 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 2023/2024 Committee
8. Decision as to whether the management of the Hall can continue, and what the alternates are.
9. Chairmans Closing Remarks
10. Close of Meeting

Didcot Volunteer Drivers DVD is a local transport scheme run by volunteers using their own cars. Could you spare a little time to drive for us? If you like driving and helping people, why not join our team of volunteer drivers and office staff? Visit our website to find out more: www.didcotvolunteerdrivers.org.uk or email: info@didcotvolunteerdrivers.org.uk Didcot Volunteer Drivers would love to hear from you! Office hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 12noon.

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)

Next Meetings will be on Sundays, 6th October and 3rd November at 7pm.

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
and Shirley Goss – 815605 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

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

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

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

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

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

All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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 in the autumn. 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 our fundraiser if you would like to take a look: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-appeal-save-oxfordshire-wildlife-rescue?qid=0ff7edeccafd8cd7188d0302e22e10a2>

There is a CHRISTMAS FAYRE at Benson Village Hall on SATURDAY 7th December 10am to 4pm in aid of Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue

Their 2025 CALENDAR is now available for pre-orders from the online store. Comprising with over 30 beautiful pictures of some of the patients they have helped this year. The A4 Calendar is a fantastic way of not only supporting this charity but will also make a wonderful gift too. The calendars do tend to sell quickly, so this year, they are offering the option to pre-order them to gauge the amount they need to have printed. Release date will be 10th November.

24-Hr Wildlife Helpline. 07549 322464

Email. oxfordshirewildliferescue@gmail.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 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 **12th October**.



NOVEMBER 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

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

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