

St Andrew's Hagbourne
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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 **Beginning Afresh**

Well, it's now September and we might well be wondering where the Summer has gone!

For me, I feel that September is a time when a new year is starting. Perhaps you feel the same. The children are going back to school and a new school year is starting. The fields have been harvested, and new crops have been planted.

I have always felt the new year starts in September rather than January. Although I would also add that part of me also thinks of the new year starting at the end of November or early December, with the First Sunday of Advent. In the Christian calendar, the First Sunday of Advent marks the official start of the new year.

I wonder how you are feeling about the months that lie ahead? A sense of hope and excitement over new beginnings and new opportunities? Perhaps you might have started a new job or moved to a new house, or perhaps there might be a new addition to the family. Or perhaps you're worried about what the next few months might bring, in terms of your personal life or the life of the country. Or it might be that you simply don't know how you feel about the months ahead - there's so much uncertainty around, that it takes all our energy simply living from week to week.

Our personality can also come into play. Some of us tend to be more on the pessimistic side, while others tend to be people who see the glass half full rather than half empty.

Whatever our circumstances, and whatever our personalities, I think that for all of us there will be some opportunities ahead to make a fresh start. It might be that the fresh start involves some major project, or it might be that it's something small, but still significant, nonetheless. Perhaps we're going to make another attempt at mending a broken relationship or taking better care of our physical or mental health. Perhaps we're going to do more to care for others, in our families and in our communities.

There are always opportunities to make a fresh start. God is about new beginnings. In the final book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, Jesus speaks the following words: "See, I am making all things new!".

I wonder what new thing God is wanting to bring about in our own lives?

Father Jason



September Pram Service, Wednesday 2nd September at 12.30pm – Hosted by The Churn Mothers' Union

We hope the weather will be fine as the service will be held outside Blewbury Church, on the grassy area by the North Door. If you come by car, park at the benefice centre, and walk through the gate towards the church. After a short Service we will have lunch together. HAPPY MEALS are going to be prepared in boxes for you - or bring your own. Don't forget a rug to sit on. We welcome older brothers and sisters too as for some the school term has not started. Let us know in advance if you would like a HAPPY MEAL:
Revd Louise Butler 07837 009 730

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and the Moretons

| | | Prayer Focus |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Tuesday | | Clements Green SM |
| 2 Wednesday | 12.30pm Pram Service: Blewbury Churchyard | Crown Lane SM |
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| 3 Thursday | Gregory the Great - Bishop | Fulscot Cottages SM |
| 4 Friday | S. Birinus - Bishop | Fulscot Manor SM |
| 5 Saturday | 6pm Holy Eucharist: St Michael's B | Haddon Hill SM |
| <u>6 +Sunday</u> | <u>THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> | <i>Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.</i> |
| | 10.30am Online Benefice Service | |
| | 4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM | |
| 7 Monday | | High Street SM |
| 8 Tuesday | Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Hithercroft Road SM |
| 9 Wednesday | 12.15pm Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | Kirby Close SM |
| 10 Thursday | | Papermill Lane SM |
| 11 Friday | | Sand Road SM |
| 12 Saturday | | Foxglove Lane WH |
| <u>13 +Sunday</u> | <u>THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> | <i>Outreach and parish magazines.</i> |
| . | 10.30am Online Benefice Service | |
| . | 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM | |
| . | 4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM | |
| 14 Monday | Holy Cross Day | Grove Terrace WH |
| 15 Tuesday | | Main Street WH |
| 16 Wednesday | | Manor Close WH |
| 17 Thursday | | Moor Lane WH |
| 18 Friday | | The Square WH |
| 19 Saturday | S. Theodore of Tarsus - Archbishop | York Road WH |
| <u>20 +Sunday</u> | <u>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> | <i>Families, pram service, family services & Mothers' Union.</i> |
| | 10.30am Online Benefice Service | |
| | 4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM | |
| 21 Monday | S. Matthew - Apostle | Alders Farm Barns NM |
| 22 Tuesday | | Bear Lane NM |
| 23 Wednesday | Ember Day | Dunsomer Hill NM |
| . | 12.15 Holy Communion: St Andrew's EH | |
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| 24 Thursday | | Elm Road NM |
| 25 Friday | Ember Day | High Street NM |
| 26 Saturday | Ember Day | Long Wittenham Rd NM |
| <u>27 +Sunday</u> | <u>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> | <i>All the churches in the benefice & our relationships together.</i> |
| . | 10.30am Online Benefice Service | |
| . | 3pm Harvest Festival: St Andrew's Hagbourne | |
| . | 4pm Parish Worship: All Saints' NM | |
| . | 6pm Patronal Harvest Festival: St Michael's B | |
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| 28 Monday | | Queen's Way NM |
| 29 Tuesday | St Michael and All Angels | St Michael's |
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| 30 Wednesday | | Sires Hill NM |



Churn Benefice Online Church Services

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

Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm.

You can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check with the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week. www.churnchurches.co.uk

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email www.churnchurches.co.uk Dawn, the Office Administrator will be available via emails during her normal office hours.

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

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

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

John **01235 512987** jphclarke@gmail.com

Dawn, the Benefice Administrator is working from home with full access to Benefice emails during her normal office hours. The Churn leaflet and Readings along with information about Benefice activities for the current week are distributed by email – please ask family, friends and neighbours to contact Dawn at: office@churnchurches.co.uk if they would like to receive them. For details of **online Sunday Services** and other online events please look at the website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

Midweek Communion at St Andrew's, Hagbourne

This will take place on some Wednesdays following Private Prayer, 12.15 at the High Altar. Space is limited. Please book your place through the church office either email: office@churnchurches.co.uk or ring 850267 stating your name(s) and contact number.

Services in September will be on Wednesdays the 9th and 23rd.

During communion the congregation will remain in their places and only bread will be administered. For the safety of others please wear a face covering.

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



St Andrew's Harvest Supper Because of the current situation we have decided to cancel our HARVEST SUPPER booked for the end of September this year. Although the Village Hall will have reopened by then, the restrictions, and the need for social distancing makes it too difficult to ensure that everyone is safe. Hopefully we will return in 2021. Keep well everybody.
St Andrew's Social Committee.

Funerals in the Benefice

30th July at St Michael's Aston Tirrold

Rosita Haynes

Aged 90

6th August at St John the Baptist South Moreton

Gladys Rouse

Aged 92

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

Harvest Service

at Hagbourne Church



Join others for a short service of thanksgiving
Sunday 27th September, 3-4 pm
in the church yard if fine

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Everyone invited to celebrate
God's goodness during difficult times.

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

HAMS Spam

“Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, Creeps in this petty pace”

Everything comes to those who wait, it is said, but it looks like we’re going to have to wait a while longer before we can get HAMS back into production mode.

Who can guess the manner of the socially distanced regime by March next year, and thus how we might be able to perform in our hall, and to what size audience, with or without a bar, and so forth.

Even before that, how would we rehearse, what size cast could we accommodate; is singing allowed; what budget should we risk given that it might all end in lockdown-part 2?

But, enough of our challenges; at least it gave us something to think about over the summer. As soon as we have any news or plans to share, you’ll read it here first.

In the meantime, we thought you’d enjoy this little Shakespeare quiz (answers upside-down below). Have fun!



HAMS Fan Shakespeare Quiz

- 1) From which play does the quote at the top of this HAMS Spam originate?
- 2) Which King’s history did Shakespeare spread over three “parts”?
- 3) In A Midsummer Night’s Dream, by what nickname is Robin Goodfellow known?
- 4) How many of Shakespeare’s 39 plays were set outside of the British isles?
 - a. 4
 - b. 14
 - c. 24
- 5) What is the number of the sonnet that begins “Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day?”?
- 6) Which character delivers the line “The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones”?
- 7) Which play’s action takes place mostly in Elsinore?
- 8) What is widely acknowledged to be Shakespeare’s final -play?

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

Answers: 1)Macbeth – 2)Henry VI – 3)Puck – 4)24 – 5)Sonnet 18
6)Mark Antony – 7)Hamlet – 8)The Tempest

Post

The Show will go on!

LOCKDOWN VILLAGE SHOW

Sunday 13th September 2020

Hagbourne Village Hall Car Park 2pm



Prize for Best in Class for each category

◆ Overall Prize for Best in Show ◆

**5 CATEGORIES ONLY: FLOWERS, PLANTS, FRUIT,
VEGETABLES, LOCKDOWN PROJECTS**

(lockdown projects include: photos, art, models, crafts,
anything you have made during lockdown)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER CATEGORY: 5

ENTRY: Entrants must be resident in the Hagbournes, children (& their families) attending Hagbourne School, members of Hagbourne Garden Club, anyone who gardens an allotment in the Hagbourne Parish.

◆ Special prizes for children ◆

Staging from 9-11am. The show will open from 2pm-4pm. Tea & cakes.

Entry is free. No entry forms needed.

Just bring your produce or exhibits on the day!

Social distancing will be observed.

Government guidelines in operation at the time of the show will followed.

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED (raffle/teas)

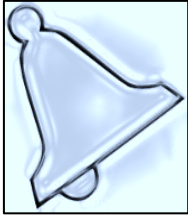


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<https://www.facebook.com/hagbourneproduceshow/>



Tower Talk Our churches are open but our bells are still silent. We are hoping to have a quarterly meeting of HSCR in September when we can discuss our future as and when Church Services resume. Obviously, we would want to advertise the fact that there is a Service but we must follow guidelines laid down by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and the Oxfordshire Diocesan Guild. This is not going to be easy and must be agreed by the team. **Watch this space**

Birthdays: 13th August – Jazzie Gover (belated Birthday wishes)
30th September– Matthew Addison

Anniversaries: 6th September - Trevor and Shirley Goss
24th September - Joe and Janet Corderoy Shirley Goss.

Hagbourne Garden Club are planning to hold our next meeting on **Thursday, September 24th** at the Pavilion, when Ray Broughton will be giving us a talk on **'Growing Soft Fruits'** (including new varieties). The talk will commence at 7.30 but due to government restrictions, will only be open to club members. Obviously, we will be adhering to the restrictions and distancing as currently laid down and members will receive information in September prior to the meeting, to advise you how this will be implemented. For further information please contact Sally on 01235 352275



Diamond Congratulations Many congratulations to Joe and Janet Corderoy who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 24th September. Janet and Joe were married on 24th September 1960 at St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy in Warwickshire. Best wishes for a very happy day.

Diamond Congratulations Many congratulations to John and Doreen Watling who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 17th September. Doreen and John were married on 17th September 1960 at Sidcup Registry Office. Best wishes to them for a lovely day of celebrations.

The "Alternative" St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival 2020 - we're taking the show OUTSIDE!



Can you believe this year is the 10th Anniversary of our lovely villages' Christmas Tree Festival? And this year, maybe more than any other in recent history, we could all do with some cheering up especially during the dark winter months ahead. Given our uncertain times we know we can't host our usual event in St Andrew's Church but we would love to mark the anniversary in some way whilst also cheering up the village in a socially-distanced, responsible way.

So, the Tree Festival committee elves are scratching their heads (*in August!*) to come up with an **'Alternative' St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival'** which will take the Festival outside and make East and West Hagbourne shine bright!

This will be a team effort – we're going to need your help. This year in particular we'd love more families to be involved. So, watch this space for more information and let's make the Hagbournes SPARKLE this Christmas!!!



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

Make the Most of Summer! Whether you need to pick up a few basics, find a treat, or bank, save a bit of time and hassle by stopping by the Shop and Post Office.

- Chill out with cold drinks and ice cream for your walk, bike ride or picnic
- Pop in Thursday mornings for a delicious homemade cake – they go fast!
- Browse fresh local produce, and try our latest local delicacy, Lauren’s Premium Brownies!
- Pay up electric and gas, or top up prepaid cards and keys at the Post Office

Pre-order your Marcopolo’s fresh-baked breads, savouries and pastries to avoid disappointment by Wednesdays 4pm, either in person at the Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com. Of course, you can still take your chances, and visit our Saturday stall between 9-11am.

| | Shop | Post Office |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Monday | 9–4 | 9–1 |
| Tuesday | 9–4 | 9–12:30 |
| Wednesday | 9–4 | 9–1 |
| Thursday | 9–4 | 9–1 |
| Friday | 9–4 | 9–1 |
| Saturday | 9–12:30 | 9–12:30 |

Extra Veg? If your garden or allotment is overflowing, please consider donating excess to the Shop, so our customers can enjoy the fruits (and veg) of your success. Special thanks to our July/August donors for french beans, courgettes, cucumbers, pears, cooking apples, hot peppers and more!

Looking to get involved in your community? Or just to get out of the house?

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if only an hour or two each month. Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) programme participants welcome!
If interested, please contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com

HUGS . . . Hello! We'd like to tell you about a new sustainability group – called HUGS, the Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability. We formed in lockdown having had the time to appreciate nature more as well as to think about the future. We also took part in the Climate Coalition's 'The Time is Now Campaign' to ask MPs for a greener recovery from Covid-19. This is for an economic recovery that works to tackle both the climate crisis and the dramatic decline in our UK wildlife.



HUGS has 3 main aims -

- 1.** To work with other groups in the area to ensure plans and policies for our communities are compatible with achieving a healthy, nature-rich, low-carbon future.
- 2.** To help nature through supporting existing conservation work around our 3 villages, and also starting new projects that promote greater biodiversity.
- 3.** To share information about how we can all live more sustainably - whether in our homes, our gardens or our lifestyles. And to develop projects that help us live more sustainably together (e.g. a local pop-up refill station to reduce plastic use).

To find out more do read our first blog on our HUG Sustainability website! <http://www.hugsustainability.org>.

If you'd like information about our events and meetings, send us an email at hugsustainability@gmail.com



**HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 27th September 2020**

**Decorating St Andrew's for
Harvest Festival**

Please do come along and join us to help decorate St Andrew's for this most welcome service.

We will open the church on the mornings of **Friday 25th September** between 10am and 12noon and **Saturday 26th September** also between 10am and 12 noon.

So, whichever time suits you best we will be most pleased to see you. Please wear a face covering when you enter the church. With all good wishes, Helen Clayson.



Tribute to Muriel Stanley

27th April 1951 to 11th March 2020

In the words of friends, Muriel was as “genuine and good hearted as they come”, “a loyal and true friend”, and a “true warrior made of amazing stuff”. Muriel had a *joie de vivre*, a positive spirit and always tried to live life to the full even when faced with challenges.

Muriel was born in Widnes, Lancashire in 1951 to Olive and Albert Lyons. She was the oldest of three siblings and remained close to her sister Pam and brother David until her untimely death. Family was important to Muriel and she loved being an aunty to her nieces and nephews, and was especially proud to have become a great aunty in 2018!

In 1968, aged 17, Muriel met John Stanley – a friend of her then boyfriend. Needless to say that after their first date at a folk club, the aforementioned boyfriend was out of the picture! Although young, Muriel and John were immediately smitten and their relationship blossomed. After completing her A Levels, Muriel gained a place at Sheffield University to study Geography. John was working in Widnes but spent every weekend visiting Muriel, making the 140 mile round trip on his bike. Muriel and John married in December 1972, and enjoyed a long and happy marriage until John passed away from leukaemia in 2017.

Muriel and John had two children: Elizabeth and Jonathan. Muriel was always very proud of both her children, and was delighted when Jonathan married Rachel in 2011. She was even more delighted to become grandma to William and Elsie, and enjoyed nothing more than days out with her grandchildren visiting parks, museums and taking them to the theatre, particularly going to the pantomime at the London Palladium.

After graduating from university, Muriel trained to become a primary school teacher. She and John moved several times due to John’s work meaning that Muriel taught in Oldham and Durham before taking a career break for several years to spend time bringing up her children. She returned to work in 1987, working at Cedar Street Junior School in Blackburn, Lancashire.

The family relocated to East Hagbourne in 1990 and Muriel took a position at Greenmere School (now Willowcroft School) in Didcot, where she worked until her retirement in 2010. Muriel enjoyed a varied career at Greenmere that included taking a subject coordinator role, mentoring trainee and newly qualified teachers and undertaking a secondment to help improve a school in Oxford. She was most proud however of her role as the school’s International Coordinator and enjoyed the opportunity to indulge her passion for learning and travel through setting up partnerships and joint curriculum projects in schools around the world including Romania, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Sweden and Uganda. Her work resulted in the school being awarded the British Council’s International School Award. Most importantly, Muriel made many close friends through her work and one of the highlights of her retirement was her regular ‘Greenmere Girls Night Out’ catching up with all the news and gossip.

Muriel really blossomed in retirement and took the opportunity to pursue many interests that working had not allowed the time for. Her passion for travel and adventure knew no bounds and she took every opportunity to explore the world with John. Together they took trips to India, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada, the USA, Morocco, South Africa, Botswana, Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. They visited their daughter Elizabeth in the UAE and travelled to Oman, as well as enjoying many shorter visits to Europe. They also shared a love of going on cruises and enjoyed several cruises and holidays with friends from East Hagbourne. Muriel continued to travel after John’s death and remained determined to learn as much about the world as possible visiting Europe and also travelling further afield to Tanzania and Israel – when chatting to Muriel she would always be sharing her travel stories (or posting them on Facebook!) and talking excitedly about the next adventure she was planning.

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Tribute to Muriel Stanley *continued*

Muriel was not afraid to try new things and during her retirement took up art and pottery, attending weekly art classes in the village. She had a great interest in art and enjoyed regular visits to exhibitions and galleries and was also a member of the Arts Society in Wantage. She particularly enjoyed combining visits to galleries in London with the opportunity to indulge in a posh afternoon tea or lunch, and over the years worked her way round most of the top hotels and restaurants with her friends! Muriel also dabbled in amateur dramatics as a member of HAMS later becoming the committee secretary. She loved the theatre and often enjoyed visits to London to see plays, musicals and operas. She frequently supported local productions in Newbury and through volunteering as an usher at Cornerstone in Didcot. Muriel enjoyed weekly Pilates classes and even took golf lessons alongside John, although her golfing career was short lived due to her need for a hip replacement in 2017. Muriel felt very strongly about giving back to the community and therefore took the opportunity to become a volunteer at Citizen's Advice in Didcot for several years.

Muriel enjoyed village life in East Hagbourne and was often seen at social events, parties and village gatherings. Of course, she shared a love of folk music with John and could always be found supporting him at the monthly folk nights at the Fleur (often covering her face in embarrassment when he decided to sing!!). She was the voice of reason behind many of his projects and many would say was the only person who could rein him in!! However, she shared his sense of fun and love of life.

Muriel was diagnosed with Stage 4 Melanoma in August 2018 and despite the poor prognosis, frequent hospital visits and gruelling treatment she was determined not to let her illness stop her from enjoying life. In fact, many people were not aware of her illness or how serious it was. She absolutely refused to give in participating in two clinical trials with the view that even if they didn't help her, they would help others. Muriel was admitted to the Churchill Hospital in February suffering from the side effects of her treatment. She remained typically upbeat during her hospital stay and enjoyed her many visitors but sadly was told in March that her cancer had spread to her liver. She passed away peacefully at Sobell House Hospice on 11th March surrounded by her family. She leaves a huge hole in the lives of all those who knew and loved her.

A small Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Muriel's Life, led by The Revd Jason St John Nicolle, was held at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 23rd March. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the family plan to hold a party to celebrate Muriel's life, as per her wishes, at a later date. A 'virtual toast' was held on 23rd March with friends and family raising a glass to Muriel and sharing their photos via social media - a fitting tribute for a lady who loved keeping in touch via Facebook! Elizabeth and Jonathan would like to thank all who attended, and all those who have sent their well-wishes and thoughts - we have been truly overwhelmed by all the care, love and support. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to Sobell House Hospice in Muriel's memory. She would have been very proud of the money raised, totalling £1,724.



The Poets' Trail **Change of date to 18th October 2020** **at St Andrews 2:30 to 4:30pm.**

Since the first main Church Service since lockdown is happening on 27th September, in the Churchyard if fine, we are moving the Poets' Trail date to 18th October. We are launching our latest **Poets' Trail book** on the Four Seasons with poems from many local people. It will be an afternoon of music and words and hopefully refreshments. More information to follow.

Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

In normal years not much happens in August. We all know this is not a normal year and one effect of this has been that there has been quite a lot of activity at District, County and National level, particularly as regards planning matters.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan Examination (www.southoxon.gov.uk/examination) has concluded the public hearing stage and we now await the report from the inspector. It is possible that he might propose changes to the planning to ensure its soundness but we are still assuming and hoping that there will be no radical changes.

At the public hearing there were submissions by most of the developers who have been trying to fill the gaps between East Hagbourne and Didcot. Ironically, they were arguing that the Didcot Garden Town proposals would require more building in Didcot. Happily, there was a strong defence of the plan by the SODC Council Leader Sue Cooper and by planning officers from SODC who made the point that there are already many sites allocated for building in Didcot. Indeed, the combined number of sites from SODC and VWHDC, is easily sufficient to cover all housing aspirations for the Garden Town.

Another consequence of the COVID constraints has been an increase in responses to online surveys. For example, there were 930 responses to the South Oxfordshire Corporate Plan 2020-2024, and there have already been 950 responses to the lockdown leisure survey that is open until 8th September. https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/LockdownLifestyle_HowActiveAreYou/

There have been two major papers recently published by central government. The main one is a White Paper entitled "Planning for the Future" that proposes a fundamental reform of the planning system. There has already been some press reaction to this although it is not clear whether all commentators have read the 84 page document. Although it is a long document, I recommend that you have a look at it <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> and submit comments by the deadline of 29th October. The Parish Council will be discussing the paper with our district councillors to decide how best to respond. Since a major claim of the new proposed policy is to enable and strengthen local influence it is particularly important to respond robustly to challenge this claim!

The other Government consultation is entitled "Changes to the current planning system".

This consultation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system> sets out proposals for measures to improve the effectiveness of the current system. This includes a rather detailed suggestion for changes to the standard method for assessing local housing need. The deadline for responses to this consultation is 1st October.

Mactaggart and Mickel development by the Village Hall

There was a great deal of excitement and much speculation when large digging equipment was delivered to the site in mid-August. Several people thought it might be the start of the building and commented on the timing with respect to the start of the school term. However, this was not the case and indeed Mactaggart and Mickel still have not submitted their latest version of the plan. Only when this plan has been passed and other conditions have been met could building commence. The planning consultant for Mactaggart and Mickel has said that the digger is on site to fill the trenches left after the archaeological investigation. That said, I was concerned that the Parish Council was not warned in advance of this activity and have requested that communication is improved for future site activity.

Village improvements

As you can see on the Parish Council page of this newsletter, we do not anticipate being able to discuss community projects in a face-to-face meeting, but we are still keen for input on these.

The link details are on the Parish Council page.

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Comments from the Parish Council Chairman *continued* . . .

Hopefully, by the time you read this magazine, the Grange Path (FP 197/15) between Lower Cross and Fieldside will have been re-opened. The County Council are responsible for footpaths. They have scheduled a renewal of the broken bridge across Hacca's Brook on the footpath after many weeks of prompting from the Parish Council. We also await promised action from the County Council in removing the other trees that are leaning badly across the Law Path (FP 197/8) between the Croft and Bakers Lane.

Parish meetings Following strong advice from the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, the Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line but details of the zoom connection will now be included when the agenda is posted. As always, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th September.

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

Iain Duff

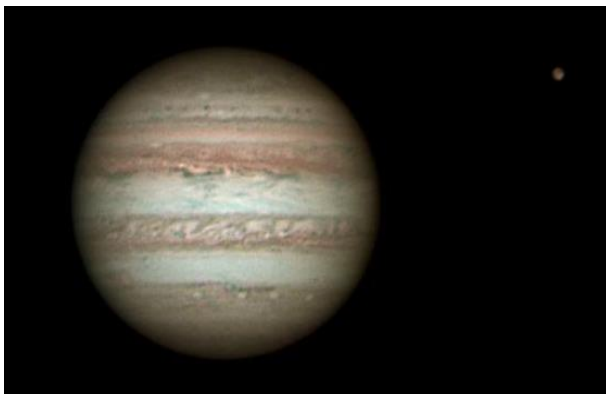
Memorial Bench in St Andrew's church yard

A new memorial bench has been installed in the church yard in memory of Michael Bishop. Michael was born in East Hagbourne and lived all his life here. He was a member of the church choir in his younger days and also followed the family tradition of bell-ringing in the Hagbourne Tower. The Bishop family hopes that everyone will enjoy using the bench.

With Sympathy

John Cooper We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of John Cooper. John's Funeral Service will take place at St Andrew's at 11am on the 8th September.

Astronomy Notes – Jupiter the largest planet in the solar system



Many of you will have noticed Jupiter shining so brightly, low down towards the south this summer. If you have a look with a telescope, the largest planet in the solar system can be such a rewarding sight, but you will have to do it soon, because it will soon begin to drift away from view until next year. While you have the telescope set up, have a look at the bright object to the left of Jupiter, and you will see the beautiful rings of Saturn.

This is an image of Jupiter, taken back in 2017, when it was much higher in the sky. If you look closely at the orange object to the upper right, you may be able to see some surface markings on Ganymede, the largest of Jupiter's moons. I was really pleased to capture this, and it shows that the seeing conditions must have been very good that night. Unfortunately, Jupiter has been too low for any serious imaging this year.

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CORONAVIRUS

With many of the restrictions having been lifted over the summer months, please continue to follow government guidance to protect the more vulnerable members of society. The Coronavirus Support group is still active although requests for assistance have dropped, so please do get in touch if you need help.
easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



Annual Parish Meeting Update

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing restrictions in place regarding public meetings due to Coronavirus, the Parish Council have agreed that there will be no Annual Parish Meeting this year. We remain hopeful that the situation will improve and allow a meeting to be held next year and we are sure there will be much to discuss!



Community Project Strategy – Have Your Say!

As reported in last month’s newsletter, the Parish Council is working on a strategy to address the needs expressed by the community, including those raised in the Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey. A lot of work has gone into the current document and as there will be no Annual Parish Meeting this year to discuss potential projects, the council urges you to view the draft document here:
https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EHPC_Community-Project-Strategy_20200716.pdf.

Some of the topics included are long-standing and have been the subject of on-going efforts over the years. Others are new, reflecting the perspectives and priorities of our changing world. The council’s task over the next few months is to identify priorities and strategies for the coming years. The Parish Council will take the lead and welcomes written comments. Please take this opportunity to voice your opinions and submit any feedback to the Clerk.

Your input is valuable even if we can’t discuss the matter face-to-face at this time.



Defibrillators

The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road

Hagbourne Village Hall next to the main entrance

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

Planning applications received since the last meeting:

P20/S2169/HH 31 Bishops Orchard, East Hagbourne – Garage conversion to include utility space

P20/S2499/HH 4 Bishop’s Orchard – Single storey front and rear extension

P20/S2530/HH 38 Blewbury Road – Single storey rear extension

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 17th September 2020. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom details will be included on the agenda for anyone wishing to join the meeting.

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

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net



Ride and Stride for Churches
Saturday 12th September 2020
Over 500 churches and chapels
in Oxfordshire taking part.

Help preserve the history on your doorstep by raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust by taking part in a sponsored cycle or walk around our local churches, or further afield around Oxfordshire. Visit as many churches as you can and get sponsored per church. All funds raised go to OHCT and 50% can be passed on to a church or chapel of your choice.

In light of current events there has been much uncertainty around holding the Ride+Stride this year but it has now been decided to go ahead with a modified Ride+Stride. It will not be the usual way but by carefully taking all the right precautions and complying with the Guidelines in place at the time it should be an enjoyable event.

How to take part Everyone welcome to take part – as an individual, family or group of friends. Please register online or use the paperwork obtainable from your local church coordinator:

Mrs Janet Corderoy, Hagbourne Mill Farm, East Hagbourne – Tel: 01235 813140 or email: jcorderoy@btconnect.com. Janet has sponsorship forms and a list of all the churches taking part.

St Andrew's is taking part on the day and there will be a table in the porch which will hopefully will be manned all day for information and signing sponsorship forms. The church itself will be open from 2pm to 4pm.



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Lots more details on:
www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride

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

Knitwit News Many thanks once again to all for the knitting contributions. We have sent a further five blankets to Knit for Peace and are building up a collection of hats and scarves ready to send nearer to the winter.

East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground

Following a thorough risk assessment and installation of sanitiser and other cleanliness features the Pavilion will reopen from 1st September for regular users only, where those activities are permitted and can be adapted to operate safely. At this time we are not able to take any casual bookings.

We are still in uncertain times and have put special booking conditions in place. All users will need to take some responsibility for cleaning before, during and after use to minimise the risk of infection. The organiser will need to keep a record of those attending so we can be quickly informed should anyone test positive after attending the Pavilion. If this does happen, the Pavilion will have to close temporarily while appropriate cleaning is carried out.

We will post new information on the web site as it becomes available.

Important Information for all Patients who are registered at Woodlands Medical Centre, Didcot

The volunteer committee of the Patients Participation Group (PPG) is supporting the Surgery and its Patients, therefore you will not be surprised to learn that the last few months has been extremely difficult. First and foremost those who are able to access the Woodlands website please do so as often as you are able as this is being used as **the main conduit for advising Patients** of changes as they occur.

Website address: www.woodlandsmedicalcentre.com

The PPG members meetings have been unable to be scheduled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The moment that they can be resumed all members will be notified.

Practice staff at all levels have been working extremely hard since mid-March. Bank Holidays were cancelled, and all staff worked those holiday periods and gave up their annual leave to make sure that appropriate staff were available. They were also having to deal with the tsunami of directives from NHS England which bombarded all Medical Practices during lockdown. Many of the usual systems which are operated by all Medical Centres, including Woodlands, have had to make on-going changes based on Government advice. Not a single member of Woodlands staff is working from home but whilst they are tired they remain resilient to the current ever changing situations.

NEW WOODLANDS APPOINTMENT SYSTEM Changes had already been made alongside the lockdown period but the pressure on appointments because of demand and PPE requirements means the system needs to be altered for patient benefit. The pressure remains high. As lockdown eased the demand has increased. The following system will be active from the 5th October:

1. The current arrangement for patients phoning with an immediate need remain. Patients will be called back by the Duty Doctor and assessment of the issue will be dealt with in the most appropriate way for the current climate: phone/face to face/telephone consult/text messaging as decided by the clinician.
2. Frustration by some patients evolves around the difficulty of arranging an appointment to see **their** GP swiftly. The NEW arrangement will be that the patient who is calling in the morning/afternoon will receive a call back from **their** GP if available on that half day. Otherwise the patient has the option of speaking to the duty doctor that half day for urgent medical problems or waiting until the next half day their own doctor is available. Patients should therefore check the **Woodlands website** and obtain notification of Doctor's shift pattern and attendance. Patients will need to understand that doctors also have holidays and may not always be in the building when expected.

Please again refer to the Woodlands Website: www.woodlandsmedicalcentre.com

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS The swiftest way of obtaining repeat prescriptions is via the NHS app or the website.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME 2020 The Practice is well advanced in developing a 2020 Programme. Vaccination supplies are due during the latter part of September with a vaccination programme being prepared starting at the end of September. The practice will have inside, outside and Blewbury flu clinics. As a result of Covid-19 the practice will notify patients by text, email, or posted correspondence, inviting them to an appointment. Each vaccination will take longer now as a result of infection control measures in the Covid pandemic. Appointments will be between two and four minute intervals (hopefully). Details will be on the Woodlands website as soon as possible but are subject to change at short notice.

The PPG Committee has also been working hard to assist at this anxious time. We are all volunteers. If anyone who is a Patient at Woodlands would like to volunteer and become part of the Committee helping the Patients, Doctors and Staff at this Surgery please email the Secretary at: **pgsecretarywoodlands@gmail.com**

St Andrew's Church Open for Private Prayer

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

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

Stewarding for private prayer We will need some more volunteers to steward the Private Prayer sessions at St Andrew's. We have managed to steward this very well so far and many thanks to all who have volunteered. This will be continuing for at least two more months so the need for volunteers continues. It may be that you can only do 1 hour – that is fine. Please let Jill know if you are able to help out with dates and times you can do. Thank you. Jill Garlick.

The Village Hall has now reopened Following the lockdown due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Village Hall is now able to reopen. Because the virus is still amongst us, there are several changes which have had to be made, to try to keep us all safe.

We have installed a sanitiser gel dispenser at the entrance to the hall, as well as providing soap, paper towels and bins for each of the sinks in the hall designated for hand washing. There are also signs reminding everyone how to properly wash their hands.

As of 8th August, it is a requirement for everyone entering the hall to wear a face covering. The advice is specifically: - *On entering a village hall, you will be required to wear a face covering, unless you are covered under a "reasonable excuse". This could be for a gym class, if you need to eat or drink something, or if you have a health or disability reason to not wear one.*

When a booking is made, the person must also provide a risk assessment, to show that their groups specific risks have been considered, and steps taken to minimise the risks as far as is reasonably practical. The hirer must also provide, if asked to do so, contact details for everyone who has entered the hall in the event a case of the virus is identified.

The kitchen facilities will not be available for use at the present time, although there is soap and paper towels provided by the handwashing sink.



A cup of joy!

A tea shop is a wondrous place
Where I for one just love to be!
A place to rest from life's harsh pace
And sit and drink a cup of tea!

Indeed, it's time to take a rest!
From all life's pressures, take a break!
And just today it might be best
To have a slice of home-made cake!

Nigel Beeton

OCTOBER 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Please let us have any copy for the October parish magazine by **18th September** to **magtemp5@gmail.com**

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