

West Hagbourne newsletter

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New Bus



From July 4th *the village will have an improved bus service* – a 2hrly off peak bus service daily to Didcot and back of course! The timetable will be posted on the notice boards as soon as available and printed in the next newsletter. The weekly Friday service to Wallingford will continue unchanged.

New members are wanted for Patient & Public Involvement Forums in Oxfordshire (PPIF):

Would you like to help shape local health services in ways people want?

Local PPIFs are seeking more members of the public to join this important initiative to help influence development of our health services, making them sensitive to the wants and needs of patients.

If you would like to find out more, or would be prepared to give some time to the work of a local PPIF, please contact Alison Bell, the Community Involvement Officer on 01993 886 643

Closure of in-patient beds at Didcot Hospital

Plans for possible closure of beds at Didcot Hospital have been temporarily shelved by Rosie Winterton, Secretary of State for Health. However, this does not mean that the threat has been lifted in the longer term.

Didcot Town Council has set up a Hospital group to oppose any future move to close the beds at Didcot Hospital that are of such benefit to our local communities. West Hagbourne is represented on the group, and you will be kept informed of developments.

www.westhagbourne.net

the Parish Council has launched its first web site giving you access to the latest set of minutes of its meetings and links to Councillors.

This is only a basic start and, we hope, will develop into a resource for the whole Parish.

Didcot Area Forum

At the last meeting of the Didcot Area Forum on 20th May, a presentation on Affordable Housing in Rural Areas outlined the assistance and funding available to develop very small schemes of 6 – 8 homes located in villages for village residents. Local need for affordable housing is growing as younger family members grow up and need affordable places to live.

New homes are also needed to help prevent the decline of local service industries, and to house lower paid staff in health, education and other social services. Affordable housing for workers at the new Diamond project at Harwell will also be needed. Supporting local employment is important for our local communities.

West Hagbourne residents may wish to consider whether we would benefit from a small affordable housing development in the village for village people who may need it.

Simon Pratt of Sustrans raised the issue of the illegal use of motorbikes which are causing severe problems to residents, especially at the Didcot end of the track. There was a general discussion involving representatives from the Police, who ask people to phone them every time they become concerned. The number to phone is **08458 505 505**. All calls are logged and even if no-one gets back to you immediately, your call will be added to a dossier upon which the Police are committed to act.

There was also a presentation on the Didcot Integrated Transport Strategy.

This confirmed that while some traffic calming measures have been agreed for West Hagbourne in the initial phase, these are not going to solve our through traffic problems and the Parish Council has to keep up the pressure to ensure that eventually we get the bypass we need.

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The *Parish Meeting* was held on Saturday 22nd May at Broomsticks.

Over thirty people attended from the Parish

Full report inside

Parish Council April

At the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** on the 29th April Phil Taylor was re-elected Chair and Marion Judd re-elected as Vice Chair, Sue Totterdell, Bernard Mead and Keith Little continue in office.

The following reports were presented:

East & West Hagbourne Cemeteries (Sue Totterdell)

Hagbourne Village Hall (Keith Little)

Hagbourne Charities (Marion Judd)

Hagbourne School Governors report



Their reports have been reproduced in full and further copies are available if required. Please contact the clerk.

The Parish accounts were presented to the Council and accepted as a true account of finances for the financial year 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004. Balances carried forward on the 1st April – Business Account £4497.16 and Current account £1012.58. The audit date, with the external auditors, has been set for 26th July 2004.

This was followed by the regular **Parish Council Meeting**
Planning applications

Thatch Cottage, Moor Lane – change of use from a dry area and lean-to for dogs (formerly a domestic garage) to a Dog Parlour – retrospective.

The main change to the wording of the amended proposal is the size and the stated area but the previous concerns raised were still the same. Discussion followed on parking of vehicles, noise and the existing planning restriction. Government policy on alternative use for property in rural areas should not be considered in this case as this is out of context with the policy, the building is within a conservation area, is a listed building and most importantly already has a planning restriction in force. The additional hazards of access and parking were also pointed out. The Council agreed to refuse the application as previous objections were still valid.

Sustrans – cycle path – installation of artist designed seats and artworks – amendments to seating and the shelter.

The specific changes to the revised application are to move the seating further away from dwellings and the shelter will have openings in the structure and will be orientated so that occupation can be easily seen. Discussion followed on safety issues. The Police report on this project stated 'the art work piece will not cause a fear of crime for users of the path' and went on to add 'the shelter, some distance away from dwellings, will initially be an attraction like the seats but again this is likely to fade after time'.

The Council agreed that refusing this planning application would not prevent the shelter being erected on the path and agreed to approve this application but previous concern for safety issues remains and would be repeated again and stated vigorously in writing.

Since this meeting, SODC have requested the scale of the shelter be adjusted, and SUSTRANS have amended the proposal and put forward a smaller size shelter.

14 Manor Close – conversion of loft to include provision of dormers to the front, side and rear elevations.

Council approved planning application

The Square, The Square – erection of car port

2 York Road –erection of two storey rear extension and a single storey extension

Limecroft, York Road – demolition of conservatory and erection of conservatory

The above have been granted planning permission by SODC
Village Maintenance and footpaths

The Parish Council will continue to chase up repairs to the kerb edging along Main Street between Lizard Bank and the Horse and Harrow.

All avenues available will continue to be pursued in order to try and get some of the traffic calming measures implemented in the short term.

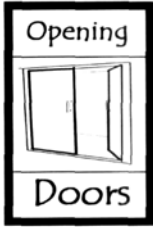
Local Plan 2011

Developments at the Enquiry will be kept under review. The second phase is likely to start in November to hear objections to the Didcot West expansion that will be held jointly with the Vale of White Horse.

Date of next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday July 8th at Hagbourne School** starting at 7.30 to allow half-an-hour open discussion with attending public.

Opening Doors
a confidential
information and advice centre for under 25's



Available every Tuesday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Didcot Baptist Church Centre 43 Wantage Road

**Immediate information & support
on issues relating to:-**

Drugs & alcohol ~ Housing & benefits ~ Sexual health
Relationships ~ Employment & education ~ Counselling

**No appointment needed
Just drop in!**

Leaflets available here or ☎ 07919487223

Supporting agencies:- South West Oxon. P.C.T. / Didcot Citizen's Advice Bureau
D.A.T. (Drugs and Alcohol Team) / specialist GP's / Cranstoun Drug Services
Oxfordshire Basic Skills Service / TRAIN Didcot's detached youth worker project
FAD (Families Against Drugs) / DISH project

The font at St Andrew's has now been restored to its former glory and it is looking beautiful! The grime of centuries has been removed to reveal a lovely warm, honey-coloured stone. Holes and cracks have been filled in at the base so that it no longer looks shabby and neglected. The shields look gorgeous, repainted in their original colours – silver has replaced the old white paint and the real gold leaf is stunning. Do pop in to St Andrew's and see for yourself.

The History Group has undertaken this restoration because both the unique armorial font and the south aisle have special historical significance for West Hagbourne. The font bears three coats of arms belonging to the Drokensford, Windsor and York families. Clarice Drokensford married Richard de Windsor, lord of West Hagbourne who died in 1367. Her second husband was John York and together they founded the south aisle and Lady Chapel at the beginning of the fifteenth century. The font was also built at the same time. Clarice is buried in the south aisle.

You can read much more about the lives of Clarice de Windsor and John York in *Windsor Hakeborne: the Story of West Hagbourne*. Copies are still available from Mary Wiley at Silva Felix.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Village History Group will take place at 8pm on Tuesday 13 July at Silva Felix, York Road. The meeting is open to all villagers.

Please let Mary Wiley know if you intend to come on 850 451



Glorious Gardens in the village

Walking around the village it is clear that the yellows of the early spring daffodils and forsythia have given way to the colourful ranks of tulips and the blue haze of the Ceanothus or Californian lilac. The ponds in the village provide an excellent wildlife haven and frog spawn and tadpoles continue to fascinate new generations of children.

The recent warm and wet weather mean that everything seems to be growing fast, with green shoots one day becoming a full grown plant the next. It is an exciting time of year when you can begin to take stock of what has survived the winter and what has given up in the cold and damp. It is a good time to

rearrange borders, divide congested plants and pot on seedlings for redistribution. The soil is wet and warm, ideal conditions for planting.

Lawns are beginning to recover too from the hot dry conditions of last summer. The recommended treatment seems to be raking out the dead grass and moss followed by regular mowing. Apparently, it is important in dry weather to make sure that the blades are kept high. What will this summer bring, I wonder?

It is too early to put out the tender plants and hanging baskets, but by the next newsletter I imagine that the village will be moving into its summer colour. With little 'public' space in the village, gardens are very important to the look of the village, so keep up the good work.

West Hagbourne is represented on these committees. If you would like to see minutes of any meetings attended or discuss any of this in more detail please

feel free to contact the appropriate Councillor directly. Their details are on the back page.

Hagbourne Charities

There is very little to report on activity as the Committee has not met during the past year. The next Committee meeting is on Wednesday 28th April.

The Butt's Piece land remains unused. No interest has been expressed in rental or purchase and no one has applied for an allotment.

There has been no dispersement of income during the year and attempts to assist people with transport problems have had no response.

Marion Judd

the East & West Hagbourne Cemeteries committee

This committee has met twice in the past year. The summer meeting, held in the cemetery, provided an opportunity to review the appearance of the area and the graves and the newly re-surfaced lay-by (now adopted by OCC).

The committee also visited the Wild Flower Meadow and agreed to delay its cut until after judging for the Britain in Bloom competition.

The winter meeting was held in Kingsholme, East Hagbourne. The right to burial in the cemetery (e.g. all village residents, plus people who had lived in either village for most of their lives)

and to the reservation of plots (e.g. when a partner is already buried there) was discussed.

It was decided that, due to a shortage of space, in such cases people should be encouraged to consider double (depth) plots, rather than two separate plots.

After a review of accounts, an increase in the clerk's salary was agreed.

The next meeting will be June 21st, at the cemetery.

Sue Totterdell

Hagbourne Village Hall

It had been a good year for the Village Hall with various renovations taking place, during the year, the finances were in an health position, but we are concerned with what impact there will be on future bookings with the new football club having a bar and licence .

Accounts David Ford presented the accounts and copies were distributed to all that were present. It was suggested that more interest be sought for our outstanding credit balance. All of the committee agreed to their re-election. John Lawson suggested that they are elected en-block (seconded by Monica Lawson) and this was done.

A request was made for an active East Hagbourne, parish council representative. We would also

welcome one or two additional independent members on the committee.

Road crossing a reply from the Charity Commission as to whether or not we can 'dedicate' this small piece of our property, this is on going along with the stage refurbishment. Climbing Frame Inspections – It was asked: 'Who holds the records of these inspections?' There was no clear reply but it was suggested that this should be of no concern to this committee

Deeds for Village Hall – We do not appear to have these. An increase for Iris was proposed to £210/month and agreed.

Keith Little

The Annual *Parish Meeting*

This year the meeting was held in the village. In years past the event used to be held in the Horse & Harrow and more recently in Hagbourne School. Last year there was a request that this meeting should be held in the village if possible.

This was made possible by Marion Judd's generous offer to use her garden as the venue. The weather was kind, sunny and dry, and people gathered in the Marquee kindly provided by the Village Association.

About 35 parishioners attended and were given written reports from the Chair of the Parish Council, the West Hagbourne Village Association, the West Hagbourne History Group, the William Tyrrell Trust and the South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council from County and District Councillor Patrick Greene.

Phil Taylor, Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting at 2.30pm welcoming everyone and explained the meeting had been planned to avoid long speeches but instead give the time to the people of the village to voice their views and concerns in the Open Forum...

Open Forum –

the following topics were debated

- Parked vehicles at top end of Moor Lane, to monitor
- Didcot Hospital – a temporary reprieve to closure
- Land opposite Horse and Harrow – the area lets the village down. Owned by Brewery but the upkeep is the responsibility of the Landlord. One suggestion was to make it into a carpark and the carpark into a garden. It was also suggested that we should encourage it to be cleared and grassed and then kept regularly cut., Chris Lay offered help.
- The small piece of ground next to the Bus Shelter needs attention. Ivy is growing over the roof. Volunteers needed to help clear area and keep it tidy.
- Asbestos in the in ceiling of the bus shelter– has been investigated, and no action at present is needed.
- Wheelchair access to Sustrans track – it is almost impossible to access path with a wheelchair. Church path is crumbling and needs attention. A link track

from WH to access has been put forward to Sustrans and this could be from top of Foxglove Lane to the access to the path at the railway bridge. This will be pursued.

- Trees along bank bordering Nappers land need attention. An electric fence or barbed wire to stop cows from damaging the trees was suggested. The landowner will be consulted.
- Flooding in Brook Lane – Highways are responsible for clearing the drain – it has been cleared once this year.
- The drain at junction of Foxglove Lane and Brook Lane is not adequate when there is a heavy downpour of rain. This will be pursued and monitored and pressure will continue to be applied on the Highways department.
- General clear up of all drains/kerbsides is needed.

Traffic issues:

- Increase of traffic through the village is still one of the greatest concerns for the parish.
- Finance for improvement will not be forthcoming in the near future, from the Didcot Integrated Transport Study - other action is in progress
- Large vehicles travelling through village is still a problem
- Didcot expansion – traffic planning and possible bypass
- Diamond Project – expansion will inevitably lead to further increase of traffic through village

Parish Plan

Initial copies of the Parish Survey were discussed and circulated for feedback before distribution to all households during the summer.

The meeting agreed that the venue and location was a good idea and it was hoped this could be repeated next year.

A formalised meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting commenced at 6.10 pm and Items raised at the Open Forum were duly noted for future consideration.

If you would like copies of all of the reports distributed at this meeting - including the Chair of the Parish Council and the Village Association, as well as from the District and County Councillor Patrick Greene - please ***contact the clerk***. Details on back page

Hagbourne School Governors Report

My how the time flies. Last year's Class 6 have now settled in to their new schools, and I have already heard some of them have made their mark; a "good" one, I hasten to add.

Our Reception Class is on the way to a wonderful experience of learning and sharing with others. What an opportunity Hagbourne School offers to them. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers who unstintingly give of their experience and time to create a background of learning. Through their home life, our little ones have already gained a framework of good behaviour and we continue to hold up this good example of sharing and working with others. We ask for your support in all we do.

As a Church of England school, we are closely linked with St Andrew's. Fr Edwin and the Headteacher lead collective worship and classes lead a "sharing" assembly in school each week. Each term the children organize and run a service in the church. They attend services on several other occasions celebrating the church calendar. The explicit, positive Christian ethos of the school ensures a sense of a caring and considerate community. It is successful in providing a secure environment in which children can work, and learn about others' beliefs, and play. This caring and supportive atmosphere encourages their own self-respect and respect for others. Governors support and foster Christian values in all aspects of school life.

Achievements Our achievements, as usual, are outstanding and numerous. Congratulations to our last year's website team in Year 6 for their outstanding success not only in winning the Junior Oxfordshire category for the best website, but also the overall silver challenge cup for "Site of Excellence". Children represented school at the "Healthy Oxfordshire" schools' conference. They gave an outstanding Power Point presentation on the work of the school. We were requested by Didcot Power Station to design safety posters that encourage employees to wear eye protection. We reached the finals of the Community Safety Action Group: we won the top schools' award in the Thames and Chiltern Country in Bloom competition for the nature board relating to "Shovel Spring". We won first prize in the junior category of the British Computer Society's web page design competition. We won the silver trophy in the Didcot and District Running events, and also the silver award in the swimming. Our excellent kitchen staff won the title for "Best School Meals in Oxfordshire". Mark Sutherland, one of our parents and a school governor, was nominated by the children for a top national award for promoting "Safer Ways to School". Mark has organised our Walking Bus and encouraged cycling to school. 17% of our children cycle to school. A "bus" leaves Fleet Meadow Community Centre at 8.1 Oam each morning. We would be very grateful if more parents, grandparents and friends could help on a rota basis.

Happenings We are an international school with links to Spain, Italy, Australia, Greece, Czech Republic, Uganda, Germany and the USA. Spain and Italy have been celebrated in school with 'International days. Children dress up in national costume, eat food from each country, learn about their customs, learn to speak

their language and have been entertained by Flamenco dancing. These days stem from our "Tasty Tuesdays". Each Tuesday children sample pieces of fruit and vegetables (some of which they have never tasted before and some they think they do not like!) Thank you to all those parents who run this valuable service.

We are an Eco-School. We have been re-awarded the Green Flag which you can see flying from our flagpole. This is now ours - we have won it three times in a row. We are still the only school in Oxfordshire to hold this coveted award. Because we are an Eco-School, we have an Eco-Council. One child from each class (selected by their peers) meets regularly to discuss what we do and what else we can do to help the environment. We switch off lights, make sure taps aren't running, collect aluminium cans, car batteries (cans and batteries can be left at "Kingsholm", behind the gate), mobile phones, textiles, used stamps, ink cartridges, we use paper on both sides, shred waste paper, compost all apple cores, banana skins... make sure Mrs Spurrett and the staff do not throw away anything that is compostable. We have been presented by ASDA with an industrial paper shredder. Children fill bags for use in their animal hutches.

Village pensioners lunch here every Wednesday during term times, two courses for £2.20, served by the children. Please come - it is open to all pensioners. Phone the school office beforehand on 813367; we would love to see you. TV chef Antony Worrall Thompson visited school, spoke to the children and sampled a school lunch, pronouncing it very good. Pupils opened the new Sustrans cycleway between Didcot and Upton. They have also visited a landfill site in Bicester to watch materials being sorted for recycling, and launched "Soxon", a waste recycling video for schools. At the end of the Summer Term the parents of Class 6 generously donated a sum of money. This was invested in atomic clocks, one for each classroom and the playground, the benefit being that they will all be accurate to the second throughout the year. No more classes late for hymn practice! The Life Education Centre's mobile classroom paid us a visit. All classes were taught to think about themselves, about healthy diet, and the effects that medicines and other drugs, including cigarettes, may have on the body. We were awarded a grant of £1,460 from OCC towards the "Living Churchyard" project. This involves creating a wildlife area, and will cover all areas of the curriculum, culminating in the production of a book. Hagbourne was chosen as regional winners in the "Computers for Schools" category in Tesco's own school awards. Annual World Book Day will be on 13 March this year. Our sponsored swim raised £2,300, which was divided between our new TA centre, The Charlton Centre, and the charity Children with Leukemia. We accessed a grant of £1,000 from Innogy, £800 from TV Energy and £500 from SODC for a wind turbine and photocell for renewable energy. The electricity this generates will provide not only experimental work for the children but some lighting to the cycle shed and swimming pool, and power to run a water feature. World music and dance came to school with live performance workshops.

Lillian Boutte again visited our school and ran music workshops, followed by a public performance in the

Parish Church. "Footsteps" Road Safety Training - this invaluable programme helps children develop road safety skills. The junior choir visited Royal Berkshire Court and Hanover Court to sing carols. Class 1 spent a day at Little Wittenham Nature Reserve. Class 5 visited Didcot Girls' School as part of International Week. Class 6 spent five days at Yenworthy adventure hostel. Year 6 had a field trip to Llandudno. A visit to Harcourt Arboretum was arranged for Year 2.

Clubs Football, netball, athletics, chess, swimming, recorders, keyboards, environmental, cricket, computer, board games, internet, gym, rounders, drama. Who provides these opportunities? Yes, our dedicated staff who willingly give up their spare time after school to organise and run these clubs, aided by more and more volunteer helpers.

Charities The children collected (with a lot of help from you!) £204 for Douglas House in Oxford, £300 for Red Nose Day, £500 for Children with Leukemia, and £500 for The Charlton Centre for teenagers and adultswith learning difficulties. £140 was raised for Wrong Trousers Day to aid hospices throughout the country, whilst our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £553. Children filled 90 shoeboxes for "Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child" and £53 for the Poppy Appeal.

Visitors Two German teachers visited from our partner school in Bavaria A teacher from our Greek partner school visited with her two sons A group of Australians, TV chef Antony Worrall Thompson, Mr John Leighfield, Managing Director of Research Machines Plus many others.

Projects There has been a delay over the extension between Classes 6 and 3, but we hope this work will soon be started. This will create a small teaching area for groups of children. Many parents have subscribed both with offers of help and finance. Thank you. The support staff are also requesting a small room and they have already raised £350 by themselves towards furnishings. I have heard whispers of a new computer!

School Council The council comprises a president, vice-president and secretary, with each class electing representatives (even the little ones). They have a monthly meeting to talk over issues concerning the school in general, such as plans for the future of our old playing field. Not long ago they chose the names of the school houses - water, fire, earth and air - much more fun than red, green, yellow and blue. This is proving an excellent way of allowing students more say in the running of their school and the school's future.

Productions The children's Christmas productions were as usual inspiring evenings. They were a delight, beautifully produced and acted, with every child making a contribution in some way or other. The carol service in Church was another inspirational evening.

We have had an invitation from our Australian partner school for two of our children from Year 6 and our Headteacher to travel to Australia in March to represent our school. These two children were chosen unanimously by the School Council. They will address a large assembly of adults and show a video of our school which our children are now working on. This trip is being funded by the Australian partner school. What a wonderful experience and honour for our school.

Our headteacher was one of a group from other schools who travelled to Singapore to research the provision given to gifted and talented children in their country. Richard was also chosen for international work involving five European partner schools. He has also been flying the Hagbourne flag at a number of conferences, sharing the children's successes with those of the combined efforts of the Didcot partnership of schools.

PTA What can I say? Not many schools can boast such a wonderful group of parents who work for their school. Not only do they keep the swimming pool going (a new liner has just been purchased, at a cost of £6,000) but running costs are paid for, training is provided for life-savers, and the daily upkeep (no mean feat) is constantly being monitored. Our pool is open during the summer months to villagers and outside groups. The PTA also provides many items for school, all for the benefit of our children. The money they raise is through Craft Fairs, 200 Club, quiz nights, ladies' nights, dinner dances, the Cookery Book, and many other events. Any parent who would like to join this happy band, let us know.

Playing Field After eight years our playing field is now ready. It has been a long struggle to provide this facility. It is now drained and seeded, but at the moment the only players to use it are rabbits!

Pedestrian Crossing I shall believe it when I see it, but yes it is going to happen in March/April. We are top of the list! It will be a great relief to know that our children will be safer when crossing the road. Hopefully it will ease the congestion and particularly cut down the speed of traffic coming down Main Road.

Governors We have twelve governors: three from OCC (Monica Lawson, Lynne Carter, Neil Higgins), three from the Church Diocesan (Fr Edwin Clements, Graham Goy, Jeff Powell), three parents (Debbie Thompson, Andrew Kaye, Mark Sutherland), one staff (Ruth Sargison) and Richard as headteacher. Soon, we will need one more parent governor. Elections will be taking place and if you feel you would like to join us please put your name forward. I wish to thank all my fellow governors for their hard work and support. Our aim is to support and further the interests of Hagbourne School, which I believe we do. We have gained charity status and this enables us to obtain relief on any money raised, or gifts donated. The money that the governors raise through bingo, raffle and tombolas are used for the children. An example being to subsidise children on school trips or paying for extras such as the slate mines in Llandudno. Without this money the children would not be given this extra experience. We and the children are grateful for your support.

I feel so proud to be associated with such a caring and vibrant school. If you feel you have any suggestions for further development, or if you can help our school in any way, do not hesitate to contact me (01235 812726).

Yours sincerely

K Monica Lawson,
Chairman of Governors

next meeting

The next meeting of the

West Hagbourne *Parish Council* will be held on *Thursday 8th July 2004* at Hagbourne School, East Hagbourne.

Everyone is welcome, and the first 30 minutes of the meeting is used as a forum for you to raise specific issues - or to discuss problems from around the village. Anyone wanting a copy of the minutes or who has any queries should please contact the Parish Clerk - Ruth Webb on 851352

bonfires

If you make bonfires of your garden waste will you please consider doing it after 6pm and try to avoid weekends. Now that the warm dry weather of summer is here people want to spend time in the garden, lazing, dozing, alfresco lunch or supper or gardening and this pleasure can easily be spoilt with a smoke filled atmosphere. Your consideration will be much appreciated by your neighbours.



bus tokens

Bus tokens have been distributed to people in the village known to be eligible. However if you are 60+ years and have not been contacted you do need to contact us and we will even bring them to you. Contact the clerk on 851352.

New arrangements for out of hours emergency medical services From September 2004

A new contract for the provision of out of hours GP services is due to commence in September 2004. This means that night and weekend visits from our own GPs will cease. Instead, a new central base at Abingdon Hospital will take and screen all emergency calls and provide an emergency treatment service. People needing to see a doctor or nurse out of hours will be encouraged to drive to Abingdon but there will also be provision for a doctor to visit at home if necessary.

planning applications

Ivy Farm Barn - listed building application in progress

14 Manor Close - conversion of loft to include provision of dormers to the front, side and rear elevations.

Approved by the Parish Council

SUSTRANS - amended application, changed location of seating on the old railway embankment and size of shelter

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Parish Plan report

The Parish Plan Steering group have now met several times and agreed the following Aims & Objectives:

AIMS

- To compile a survey designed to gather information
- To create an action plan for the short, medium and long term

OBJECTIVES

- To collect data from the West Hagbourne community, its diverse people, showing their concerns and they way they see the future
- To address the needs and deficiencies of the West Hagbourne community
- To protect the good things in the community, its assets and resources
- To identify available resources, both human and financial, to deliver the Action Plan
- To encourage community involvement during and after the exercise.

The next goal for the planners is to produce a series of questions for the survey, to examine the hopes and needs of villagers. This should be ready to be circulated in the summer and all information collected will be anonymous.