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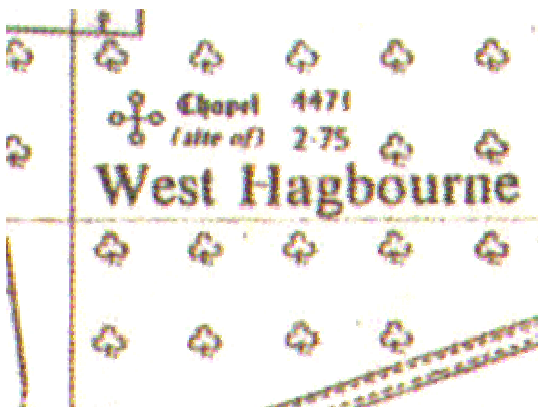
Survey for Chapel

West Hagbourne Village History Group recently arranged for a resistivity Survey, to be completed by a team from the Berkshire Archaeology Research Group (BARG), this *has conclusively identified the site of West Hagbourne's chapel*. The land, behind Chapel Hayes, was surveyed with the kind permission of the owners, Fred and Edna Scott. The Survey revealed that the chapel stood close to the site marked on an early map and supports our research from both documentary sources and local tradition.

A charter of 1133 endowed Cirencester Abbey with the tithes and chapel at West Hagbourne. This was subsequently confirmed in charters of 1139, 1155, 1199 and 1337. A further reference appears in a letter of 1836 written by Job Lousley, a West Hagbourne farmer and local antiquarian. He refers to a Chapel of Ease, which he says was destroyed during the Reformation. Mr & Mrs Scott named their house after the old field name Chapel Hayes. A former owner of the land recalls the annual visit of a priest to bless the supposed site of the chapel, probably on the basis that it was still consecrated land.

There will be further news about this exciting discovery when the History Group has received the full report of the Resistivity Survey from BARG.

Watch this space!



Parish Plan progress

Our Parish Plan aims to set out a vision for the community in the future, identifying the action needed to tackle issues of concern. This might cover anything relevant to the people who live and work in the community for example: employment and housing needs, transport problems and access to social, sports and cultural activities for all age groups.

The Government is encouraging Villages to produce Parish Plans and wants all levels of local government to take them into account when they plan for the future.

The next step is the survey !

In the next few weeks representatives of the Parish Plan steering group will be delivering survey forms to every house in the village.

This is your chance to have your say about what you want for West Hagbourne.

Please read the form carefully, get everyone in the household to complete it (including the special Youth Survey) We will then come along and collect it from you.

In return they will give you a raffle ticket. When all forms have been collected the winning ticket will be drawn for a £20 prize.

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In a recent proposal put forward by a senior traffic planner at Oxfordshire Highways—the planners have put forward a proposal to re-sign the narrow part of main street by *Green Thatch* as **SINGLE FILE TRAFFIC** with painted hatchings and minimal signs added to existing poles in order to make this road safer.

A request for some kind of pedestrian protection has been made and a response is eagerly awaited.

**SINGLE
FILE**

Parish Council report

The Parish Council last met on the 9th September

Planning applications – there have been No new planning applications submitted.

Land adjacent to the Horse and Harrow

The cost of clearing, grassing and ongoing maintenance will be considered and put to budget for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

There will also be further consultation with the landlord of the Horse and Harrow.

Garden area next to the bus shelter

The Council agreed to employ a professional gardener, for 8 hours per annum, to care for this area.

Repainting of public phone box

British Telecom says this will be included in their 2005 – 2006 refurbishment programme.

Bus shelter

Quotes for repairs to the roof of the bus shelter will be put to budget for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Foxglove Lane and Church Path

A request has been put forward to Highways asking for these paths to be inspected with a view to future maintenance.

Vehicles upper end of Moor Lane

It was reported that the vehicles parked down Moor Lane should be moved in due course and other vehicles parked on private land should be moved or disposed of by the end of this year.

Litter bins in the village

SODC are currently inspecting and replacing damaged litter bins throughout the district. It's likely that the one currently being used by the ducks in the pond will remain untouched.

Local Plan enquiries are being held this Autumn, and we urge you to attend if possible.

These plans have already been altered to allocate another 1,000 houses to Didcot which were due to be built on the edge of Oxford.

An examination in public into the Oxfordshire County Council *Structure Plan 2016* is now in progress at the Newman Room, Catholic Chaplaincy Centre, Rose Place, St Aldates, Oxford see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk for details

The *SODC Local Plan 2011* commences in November in Wallingford - see back page for dates and venue

What do you want us to do?

The Parish Council have been asked by you to consider several things which would affect your Council Tax —

We need to know if WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PAY MORE FOR THESE LOCAL SERVICES?

Dog Hygiene bins

Requests have been made again to provide dog litter bins in the village. The cost - one bin is £85 and waste disposal is currently £2.95 per week per bin - £154 per annum. A minimum of three bins would probably be needed in the village and the cost would be i) installation £300 and ii) emptying approximately £500 per annum.

Disposal of Green Waste

The Parish Council are still very aware how difficult it is for some people, to get to Didcot or Drayton Recycling Centre, to dispose of their green waste. Skips can be hired, but at a cost – about £130 a time. Three times a year is £390. Plus insurance and subject to an agreed location being made available.

The cost of these services would incur an increase in your Council Tax and the Parish Council agreed that it is important to have your views before any decision is made on either of the above.

At the next meeting of the Parish Council the budget will be discussed to determine the Precept for 2005-2006.. Please contact the Clerk on 851352 or a Councillor with your views before the next meeting on 11th November or better still come to the meeting.

It was proposed by Phil Taylor that these proposals would NOT be implemented unless there was evidence of support.

Village Hall Competition

The Parish Council recently entered a WREN competition which issues funding from Landfill taxation as the two winners would receive £250,000 each, to build a village hall.

Unfortunately having passed the first stage we were not successful in reaching stage two.

There are other sources of funding if a location could be found, and if the community feels it is able to support and use a facility. The long term viability of such a project would however pose a huge financial burden.



the *Village Association*

Following a very successful skittles evening the Village Association will be holding this year's AGM at Upton Village Hall on *Saturday 13th November at 7.30pm.*

The present committee will stand down and a new committee will be elected.

Please come along if you would like to join the committee, give us feedback on past events or tell us what you would like for the coming year. Refreshments will be provided and we hope to show a video of the Jubilee party.

Judging for the Madge Trophy Award took place as promised on the morning of September 9th. Peter Mitchell and I showed the judge Carol Hackett from Hagbourne Garden Club around the village.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to have a closer look at some of our lovely gardens.

Hazel Rack

This year's Pumpkin competition was held and judged at the Horse and Harrow on Sunday 10th October and apart from one of the weighing in judges needing a trip to accident and emergency the winners were

*Pumpkin—Tony Purvis 84lb
and Pauline Mulford 31lb*

*With the biggest Marrow going to
Pete Bishop 17lb*

*and the biggest Onion Graham
Fry at 2lb 1oz*



the *Parish Plan* continued...

Priority projects will be highlighted along with a timed programme to deliver them. Some projects will be for the short-term (i.e. in 2005) but some will be over a longer term (perhaps in 5 years time) especially if it is necessary to raise money first.

Who should fill in the form?

Everyone in the household. Most questions allow up to 6 different people to express their individual opinions. Young people aged from 5-16 should also complete the Youth form.

Will the answers I give be anonymous?

Yes. Seal your form into the envelope provided. All forms will be opened together making it impossible to identify individuals. The Steering group is interested in the views of villagers but not in knowing who has which views.

What if I do not want to answer all the questions?

Please answer as many as you feel happy with. Partially completed forms will still allow you to express your views about some issues.

Who should I contact if I do not understand the form or if I need another copy?

Contact the coordinator - Sue Totterdell on 850080

Will it make a difference?

We won't know unless we try. We cannot guarantee that the making a Parish Plan will deliver everything requested but it aims to get a good idea of what people want most. Where necessary we can take this information to bodies such as the district and county councils and use it to underpin the views of the whole community.

Madge Trophy Award *The judge's report*

1st place – Lilley Cottage

Delightful garden, a riot of colour, well planted with a variety of perennials and a few more unusual plants

2nd place – 5 Manor Close

Very neat garden. Good selection of different plants, some more unusual ones. Would be nice to see it again when the box hedge has matured.

3rd place – The Laurels, York Road

Very neat and tidy garden and nicely kept lawn. Good colour still from annual planting.

After deciding on the first garden it was a very difficult task to choose the other positions.

We would like to commend the following gardens –

Downsview, Manor Close – a very colourful display down the drive. A lot of hard work has gone into the planting and tending.

Green Thatch, Main Street – a very attractive garden complimenting the cottage, tidy lawn and neat box hedging.

Fermain, York Road – good planting, subtle harmonising colours.

York Farm, York Road – colourful display and very neat and tidy lawn on side of house and entrance to farm.

next meeting

The next meeting of

West Hagbourne *Parish Council* will be held on the *11th November 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

fireworks 2004

Remember Remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.

Please remember that there will be considerable noise and risk of explosions caused by fireworks and rockets in November. *Pet owners and those with horses need to be aware.*



The Village association has already contributed the first £100 to the firework fund and we hope that many others of you will be persuaded to also contribute - helping to make this night go with a bang! All contributions welcome - please contact Phil Taylor on 850182.

posting problems

If you have had experienced difficulties with mail sent via the box in the village, please let the clerk know and the Royal Mail will be contacted. Several pieces of mail have failed to arrive at their destination recently.

need a Doctor outside surgery hours?

New arrangements for out of hours emergency medical services From September

Don't forget..... The new emergency number is: *0845 345 8995*

planning applications

The outcome of SODC planning department is still awaited on the following: Ivy Farm Barn conversion of a barn, Retrospective application for Thatch Cottage. And the major development of Didcot Great West Park.

An *examination in public* for the South Oxfordshire District Plan 2011 is now underway and *the Didcot section starts on 21st November* and will be held at SODC Offices in Crowmarsh further details at www.southoxon.gov.uk



www.westhagbourne.org

is now operational, albeit in its infancy, will be updated in the next few weeks to offer access to minutes of the Parish Council, useful links and *then expanded to make space available for all the organisations in the village.* Ideas welcome!

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ART AND MUSIC AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

ART SESSION 10AM - 12.00 PM **EXHIBITION** 10AM TO 5PM

PAINT OR DRAW IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH - JUST COME ALONG, BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS. ADULTS £4 TO INCLUDE COFFEE AND CAKE. TEAS DURING THE AFTERNOON MUSIC FROM LINDA & GEOFF

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

ART EXHIBITION FROM 12.00 - 4.30 PM

MUSIC FROM THE EAST HAGBOURNE SINGERS 3.00 PM

TEAS SERVED DURING THE AFTERNOON

CONCERT: "WORDS AND MUSIC" 7.30 PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXHIBIT PLEASE CONTACT PAM LAY 01235 850230 OR ANDREA MITCHELL 01235 850719 OR COLLECT AN ENTRY FORM FROM THE POST OFFICE EAST HAGBOURNE OR THE CHURCH.

