

next meeting

The next meeting of the *Parish Council* will be held on the *Thursday 13th July* at 7.30 in Hagbourne School.

village association news

Reminder—the next *village lunch* is being held on *Sunday 16th July* between 1-3pm at Broomsticks with a *treasure hunt* for all

green recycling Boxes

Green Boxes are free and can be obtained from Bridget Pickup at 12 Manor Close.

parish web site

Information about the village, local links, previous newsletters and minutes of meetings of the Parish Council as well as notification about planned events are all on the website. Remember *Free access* to the world wide web is now available in the Didcot library .

history group

The AGM will be held at 8pm at Silva Felix on *July 3rd 2006* and will be open to the public, new members are invited to join the group.

Cheese and wine will be served afterwards

coffee morning

Marion Judd is holding a fundraising coffee morning on *Saturday 8th July* at Broomsticks from 10.30am till noon.

madge trophy judging

The judging for the Madge Trophy will be held during June

police station hours

Revised opening hours of police stations

Didcot Mon, Tues & Sat 1000 – 1800
Wed, Thurs, Fri 0800 – 2000

Abingdon Mon – Sun 0800 – 2200

British bike night

Please note that Main Street will be closed between the Horse and Harrow and the junction with the A417 on the evening of *Tuesday 18th July* between 18.00 – 23.00 hours for the annual Vintage British Bike Night.

exhibition of embroideries

by Helen Winthorpe Kendrick was held at Driftway during *Oxfordshire Artweeks*, with over 130 visitors. Proceeds from refreshments amounting to £80.92 was donated to Ovacare for research into ovarian cancer - many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

planning applications

new planning applications have been considered for

- Orchard House
- Scotland's Ash Nursery

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newsletter copy deadlines

- **August** 30 July
 - **October** 30 September
 - **December** 30 November
 - **February** 30 January 2007
- please email copy for inclusion to parishclerk@westhagbourne.org



church fete

The theme for the fete this year is

THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

so dress up for the occasion and join the parade. We hope village groups will join in too, this is a great opportunity to promote your organisation.

All those in costume in the parade get free entry! Please assemble at the school by 1.55 p.m. at the latest to allow time for the judging. Silver cups are awarded to the best groups and individuals and there are sweets for all the children.

Ours is one of the best fetes around, with loads of stalls, games and sideshows and a traditional Jazz band playing all afternoon.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FETE AT HIGHMEAD, CHURCH CLOSE, EAST HAGBOURNE on **SATURDAY 17TH JUNE** at 2.15 p.m.

As always we need lots of HELP Can you spare an hour or two? Please telephone Andrea Mitchell on 850719 to let us know how you can help.

other fundraising in the village

Both the Village Association, the History Group and the Tyrrell Trust have made donations to buy baby equipment for *the triplets* James, Sophie and Isobel Gore.

Many thanks to all those who supported the events organised by these groups.

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Great Western Park - traffic through West Hagbourne

Concern grows over the impact of increases in through traffic caused by the building of Great Western Park and the possibility of even more plans to expand Didcot further.

Parish Councillors have met with representatives of UKAEA Harwell to see if a joint approach would be possible to help alleviate future traffic problems anticipated by the growth of Didcot.

UKAEA Harwell want to ensure the local roads are adequate for the movement of traffic to and from the business park, and are suggesting, amongst other things, that a Harwell bypass should be built. The Council is hoping the two organisations can work together to build a strong case for local road improvements, including a bypass, but also that such a road and other road improvements will benefit West Hagbourne and not

merely benefit Harwell village and UKAEA

Councillors from East and West Hagbourne and Didcot met with Cathy Scotting from SODC's Planning Department on Thursday 25th May to discuss issues surrounding the impact of the Didcot West development on the villages and Didcot. We will keep you informed of future developments but in the meantime the Parish Council is concentrating on working with neighbouring parishes to wards gaining a commitment to relieving the problem of more through traffic that will certainly be generated by Didcot West on top of current through traffic volumes that the Parish Council has evidence that volumes increase year on year.

Councillors are currently conducting a year-long traffic survey that will provide us with

an up to date representative sample of peak flow traffic through West Hagbourne. Thanks to Hugh Lewis who is recording traffic flows through the village.

Enforcement of weight restrictions

OCC's Trading Standards Dept has undertaken a recent exercise to enforce weight restrictions through Watlington that resulted in a number of fixed penalties being issued and further cases still under investigation.

West Hagbourne residents who are concerned with over-large commercial vehicles that pass through the village are reminded that if the registration number is obtained, they can be reported to the OCC Trading Standards Department for action, either by individuals or through the Parish Council by contacting the clerk, details on back page.

the Horse & Harrow plays host to St. George

Many people dressed up and had faces painted to celebrate St George's day. Traditional British food was served and customers sang popular songs, including Land of Hope & Glory, Jerusalem and ended up with God Save the Queen!

The star of the day was Richard Thompson who dressed up as St. George and paraded around the Village on Josie Hill's horse. Together with some friends, Dennis Rose and Linda Thompson (Richards Mum) they collected £100 for Sobell House as they walked around the village.

The landlord and landlady of the Horse & Harrow - Mr & Mrs Alex Stacey - would like to thank all their friends and customers for their support with holding such an event and making it a day to remember.



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St George raises money for Sobell House at the *Horse & Harrow*

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parish council report

The Parish Council met on **Thursday 11th May** at Hagbourne School. There were no members of the public present.

Planning applications The Parish Council had no strong views on the planning application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and internal alterations at Orchard House saying it . The Council has not yet been informed about the outcome.

Experimental traffic proposals The Parish Council will meet with the County Council's Area Traffic Engineer in the village and decide with him which of the white lines and road signs are to be removed. These will be replaced if the experiment proves not to be a success.

Village Spring Clean This was successful and the Parish Council thanks all those who helped.

Clearance of School Path There were insufficient people to expose the Foxglove Lane end of School Path which is lost under the mud. Chris Lay has since tried clearing the path by machine but his plant is too large, so manual labour does appear to be the only answer. The Parish Council thanks Chris Lay for trying and now

hopes that other volunteers can tackle it as part of the "village appearance" suggestions for the Parish Plan.

Grass cutting contract Isis Accord, who have cut the grass in recent years, advised the Parish Council in March that their price would be increased this year by 100%. Following discussion with Isis Accord they offered to cut the grass in April at last year's price to give the Parish Council time to review the situation.

Following a review by the Chairman and the Clerk of the areas being cut and the frequency of cuts for each area, which resulted in some small areas previously cut being omitted and the frequency of cuts for some areas on the edges of the village being reduced, new competitive quotations were obtained and the contract this year has now been awarded to Scion Estates. The cost per cut will be slightly less than was paid last year.

The Parish Council regrets that some parts may not look as tidy this year as usual but, in the circumstances, considers this better value for money considering the limited budget available to it. The areas and frequency will be reviewed again next year.

Parish Plan The emphasis has recently been on progressing some of the suggestions made by the village for the Parish Plan, for example

The Garage Sale held in May.

Welcome pack - Work on this is progressing.

Youth events - Promised but not yet forthcoming. Bowling has been suggested.

Village appearance - A meeting of interested people has been held and a programme of improvements agreed. **French Conversation Group** - This meets regularly. **A work exchange arrangement** has been suggested (e.g. Ironing in exchange for gardening)

Traffic Group - A meeting will be arranged soon to decide on what action is needed to help address the village traffic problems.

Land adjacent to the Horse and Harrow The ground has still not been cleared by the contractor. The Parish Council will continue to chase.

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mobile library - details

From **Friday 16th June** the mobile library will stop in the middle of the village **in The Square**. from **09:00am—09:15am**

Dates for your diary **30/06, 14/07, 28/07, 11/08, 25/08, 08/09** and **22/09**

Please support this service if you want to keep it

Hagbourne Hall Committee wants new members

The committee is seeking new members especially from West Hagbourne. If any younger residents would be interested in joining the Committee they will be most welcome. Please contact Keith Little

trees planted in memory of Mike Wilson and Jeff Higgins

Mike's family has given the village a silver birch and a copper beech that have now been planted bordering Moor Lane in memory of Mike and Jeff.

The family is also giving a memorial seat for the village.

new feature + skill swap

If you'd like to offer a days gardening in return for someone to clear your gutters, or two hours ironing in return for a trip to the dump - we'll put this in this new slot in the newsletter

No news items or personal messages this edition.

Please send the details of items to be included in the next newsletter to - janet@jcockburn.plus.com

change in Planning Regulations

There has been a change in planning regulations which now say that for people with a dangerous access onto the road, it is the person's own responsibility to ensure they exit and enter their property safely. In the event of any accident, the property owner is now at fault, not the motorist involved.

Please take note and if cutting back vegetation will improve visibility, please ask neighbours to do so.

parish meeting

21 people attended a lively Annual Parish Meeting that was held at Broomsticks on Saturday 20th May 2006.

Copies of the Annual reports of the Parish Council, William Tyrrell Trust, Village History Group, Parish Plan Steering Group and Patrick Greene's County Council and District Council reports were available at the meeting.

Sue Totterdell thanked everyone who had participated in the parish plan.

Marion Judd gave a resume of the history and function of the William Tyrrell Trust and its ability to make small grants. She said the Trust intended making a small grant to Julia Tiller and the triplets following the death of her husband, Steve Gore. Marion also mentioned the formal requirement for a tenancy agreement for the allotments site.

A summary of the County Council and District Council reports was given by Cllr Patrick Greene.

Peter Mitchell gave a verbal report of the activities of the Village Association during the past year.

And during the Open Forum many issues were discussed including:

Land opposite the Horse and Harrow where a contractor had been appointed but had failed to do the work, Andrea Mitchell asked what the land would be used for.

Didcot West: Phil Taylor asked Patrick Greene whether recent Council proposals meant the gap between Didcot and West Hagbourne is to be lost. Patrick Greene was unaware of any such proposals. Marion Judd asked for a dedicated gap to be maintained between the village and Didcot.

Phil Taylor mentioned the concerns about additional traffic through the village as a

result of Didcot West. He said that suggestions for a Harwell bypass would not help West Hagbourne and drew attention to the alternatives for a West Hagbourne bypass that were displayed at the meeting. The general consensus was in favour of option shown in this newsletter.

Mary Wiley asked whether the future water shortage was being taken into account. Patrick Greene said he had been participating in a water review which included a suggestion that provision is made for "grey" water to be recycled. **Skips for garden waste:** the Parish Council had allowed for providing skips in the budget but wanted to see how successful the brown wheelie bins would be. The majority of those present seemed to want a skip to be provided for autumn waste too large for a wheelie bin and would like it in October.

Experimental removal of white lines, etc.: Peter Mitchell asked when this was going to happen. Phil Taylor said that the next step would be to meet the traffic engineer and agree with him where lines and/or signs would be removed. The white lines outside Green Thatch would remain.

Closure of Hagbourne Hill: The road is due to be closed in June for significant road repairs. the effect of this would be interesting on how traffic uses the village, especially when the Chilton side is closed. Hugh Lewis is constantly videoing traffic through the village in order that the Parish Council can evaluate the impact this makes.

Skill swap scheme: Sue Totterdell said that as suggested in the Parish Plan a proposal for a work swap scheme is shortly to be launched whereby people with specific skills could do jobs for others in exchange for them doing a job in return.

young residents

Would a small grant help towards you doing something different or special that will be of benefit to you?

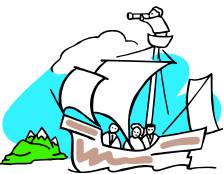
The Tyrrell Trust offers small grants every year to young people who live in the village to help support musical, sporting, educational or other worthwhile initiatives.

Contact Bridget Pickup (850 392) or Marion Judd (850 434) for more information.

Grants are available for individuals or groups (up to £100 for groups).

Applications should be sent to

Bridget Pickup
12 Manor Close
West Hagbourne
giving details of the project to be sponsored.



tyrrell trust

Bridget Pickup and Marion Judd have been reappointed as trustees of the Trust for a further four years from 11th May 2006.

communication

Please talk to a Parish Councillor if you have any issues or suggestions you would like to discuss.

We would like to know what more residents think, want and need so that we can act on your behalf.

Details are published on the back of every newsletter.

mystery trail and lunch

The Village Association are arranging a Village Mystery Trail followed by lunch on **Sunday 16 July**.

The cost will be £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Tickets will be available from **Marion Judd, Bridget Pickup or Mike Parker**.

There will be prizes for the winners of the mystery trail. People taking part in the mystery trail should meet at Broomsticks at **12.00**. If people don't want to go to both events they will be welcome to attend just the mystery trail or just the lunch.

The lunch will be a ham salad buffet with a scrumptious desert and will start at **1.00pm**, also **at Broomsticks**.

People are requested to bring their own drinks and cutlery.

