

next meeting

The next meeting of the *Parish Council* will be held on *Thursday 8th November* starting at *7.30* in Hagbourne School

skill swap

if you'd like to offer to swop some ironing in return for someone clearing your gutters email janet@jcockburn.plus.com

message board

Remember you can use the message board section on the web site which is available for you to add their messages, news items, notices, etc.

mobile library

the library will visit the village stopping at the *Little Acorns Day Nursery* at 09:20am and outside *the Square* 09.00-09:15am on 19th October and 2nd, 16th & 30th of November

photo competition

‘Oxfordshire Floodscapes’ is a photo competition for anyone with a digital image of the flooding.

All photos will be entered into a competition, with a cash prize of £150 on offer to the best photo. Two second prizes are also on offer - one for under 16s, and another for people aged 16 and over. Photos, marked with where and when they were taken, and the age of the person who took them, should be sent to floodscapes@oxtrust.org.uk by 31 October. Photos can have been taken anywhere in the county, and can deal with any aspect of the recent floods.



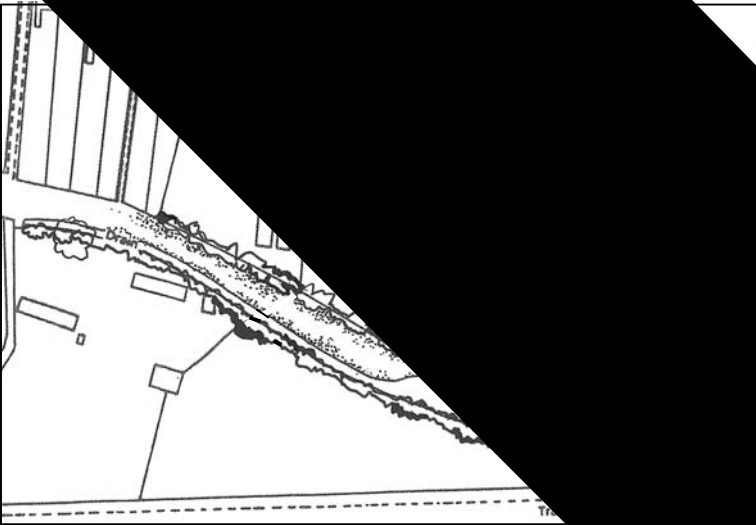
Wallingford

The intense rain on the middle of the week has left dead parts of the road.

As part of the discussion already been suggested, the needs to be cleared and the dead wood and overgrowth.

What else could be done at the we could access some environmental improvement grants ? Would the see the ancient pond re-instated—perhaps a large stone that people remember playing could be found and featured. And in addition should we get the hedge cut and layered ?

As the lane is a designated Byway, one which is open to all traffic, (B.O.A.T) the route would have to be open to vehicles as well as pedestrians and horses. It is an opportunity to see what remains



for the Annual Pumpkin Competition and judged at the *Horse & Harrow* beginning of October.

In previous years Pete Bishop has been successful but this year he only managed second with a pumpkin weighing 102lbs while *Phil Smith's* winner weighed in at a massive *103lbs* (that's 46.82kilos!)

The Kids Pumpkin was won by Harry Greenaway at 24lbs whilst the ladies winner this year was Julie Mulford at 67lbs.

The largest onion was won by Derek Jennings at 2lb 7oz.

The Marrow prize also being won by Derek Jennings at a weight of 3lb 11oz.



buses to Wallingford

route 131 (Thames Travel) Fridays only

West Hagbourne - Horse & Harrow	10.20
East Hagbourne - Harwood Road	10.26
Blewbury - Load of Mischief	10.34
Aston Tirrold - Chequers	10.39
South Moreton - The Crown	10.44
North Moreton - church	10.48
Brightwell cum Sotwell - Red Lion	10.54
Wallingford - Market Place	11.02

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Brightwell cum Sotwell - Red Lion	13.25
North Moreton - church	13.31
South Moreton - The Crown	13.35
Aston Tirrold - Chequers	13.40
Blewbury - Load of Mischief	13.45
East Hagbourne - Harwood Road	13.52
West Hagbourne - Horse & Harrow	13.58

buses to Didcot

route 94 M-F* M-T**

West Hagbourne - bus shelter	7.16	8.56	10.36	12.36	14.53	17.34
Didcot - Sandringham Road	7.32	9.12	10.52	12.52	15.02	-
Didcot - Orchard Centre	-	-	10.55	12.55	15.05	-
Didcot - Broadway	7.37	9.23	10.58	12.58	15.08	-
Didcot - Parkway Station	7.40	9.18	11.02	13.02	15.12	17.40
Harwell	8.00	-	-	-	-	-

Didcot - Girls' school**	-	-	-	-	14.25	-
Didcot - Parkway Station	7.10	8.50	10.20	12.20	14.30	17.10
Didcot - Broadway	-	-	10.23	12.23	14.33	17.13
Didcot - Orchard Centre	-	-	10.24	12.24	14.34	-
Didcot - Sandringham Road	-	-	10.27	12.27	14.37	17.17
West Hagbourne - bus shelter	7.16	8.56	10.36	12.36	14.53	17.34
Upton	7.20	9.00	10.40	12.40	-	-
Blewbury	7.24	9.04	10.44	12.44	-	-

* Monday to Friday only

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new

There is a questionnaire as part of the planning out a new bus route. The views of you are important.

We have been asked to replace the pot holes. We should consider the two new concrete would be sturdy, durable, and safe of vandals.

The existing service make it easy to get to workplaces – the timetable square, and included on the

The pressure on budgets is likely to be utilised bus routes cut back, or even

So it's important that you give your

recent vand

Recently someone has taken one of the pots by

Parish Councillors with dismay the wall Shelter has been stolen have been kicked

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parish council report

The Parish Council met at Hagbourne School on *Thursday* the *13th September*.

No general forum was held as no members of the public attended.

Councillor Patrick Greene gave a report of the recent activities at both District and County Councils. He urged all to take part in the web consultations that SODC are currently carrying out, especially the one on refuse collection services.

Police Community Support Officer

The Community Support Officer attended before the meeting to discuss the Council's concern about speeding traffic in and through the village and a lack of a visible Police presence. A temporary mobile speed device was promised as soon as possible and an occasional visible Police presence will also be made to help deter speeding

Around the village

The Council has made a formal offer to Greene King for the purchase of the land by the Horse & Harrow but has had no response as yet.

Thanks must go to Rowan Napper, as he has recently mown the area in an effort to keep down weeds.

Work to the ditch in Moor Lane

The Council is in the process of clearing this ditch near the junction with Main Street to help prevent flooding on Main Street. The Council has been promised a contribution towards the cost from the adjacent, but absent, riparian owner.

The Council wants to seek the views of the Village Improvement Group and others in the Parish, as it looks into how the rest of Moor Lane ditch as far as the old railway bridge could be improved and how a project of this kind could be funded. See feature.

Traffic issues

The Council has been compiling a list of outstanding highways maintenance and

other highways improvements it considers to be necessary. The list will be discussed and prioritised at the next meeting before passing it to Oxfordshire Highways.

Additional housing at Didcot

The Western Villages Alliance is an alliance of some of the parish councils to the south and west of Didcot and was set up to fight any proposals for housing encroachment in this area.

The Council agreed to support an Alliance proposal to explore additional access to the A34 with the Highways Agency. It also agreed to support the enlargement of the Alliance by getting more parishes involved.

Planning applications

The Council considered a planning application for extensions to Little Acorns Day Nursery and had no strong views on the application.

The Council has recently decided that a planning application for a barn conversion at Ivy Farm should be supported and has advised SODC accordingly.

Review of subsidised bus services

The County Council will shortly be reviewing bus services in this area and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has offered to help parish councils with a public consultation to enable parish councils to ensure their response to the County Council is better informed as to the communities needs. The Council decided to accept ORCC's offer of assistance and analysis.

UKAEA Harwell clean-up funding

The Council decided to support the request by the Harwell-Chilton Campus Local Stakeholder Group for support in expressing the importance of the site having adequate finance for the ongoing re-mediation and clean up programme at the Harwell site.

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planning applications

Permission was granted by SODC for York Farm to build a new access road opening onto Brook Lane

newsletter deadlines

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please e-mail copy for inclusion to *parishclerk@westhagbourne.org*
or drop off at Uplands, Main Street

annual budget

At the November meeting the Parish Council will be discussing its budget for next year - so if there is anything that you feel should be considered or done around the Parish do please let us know. With only a limited income from part of your Council tax there is only so much that is possible.

West Hagbourne goes to *Meylan*

West Hagbourne was well-represented in the recent twinning association trip to Meylan, a town just to the east of Grenoble, that is twinned with Didcot and surrounding villages.

The village is well-known to the residents of Meylan, many of whom have stayed with hosts here. This year's visit included the chance to see state-of-the-art facilities dedicated to the restoration of archaeological specimens in wood, leather and fabric and to savour the world famous walnuts produced in the region.

One day of the visit was left free to spend with the host families and many took the opportunity to benefit from unseasonably early snow and to journey into the magnificent mountains that surround Meylan. The day finished with a gala dinner where many French families asked after their friends from West Hagbourne and expressed their hopes to join the trip to Didcot next year.

Anyone interested in learning more about Twinning should get in touch with Janet Cockburn *janet@jcockburn.plus.com* or contact Sue Totterdell.

climate change *news*

Although only two people so far have expressed interest in forming a group to think about how the village might take part in some climate change/global warming initiatives, residents may be interested in the following information:

The government (DEFRA) has recently published a paper encouraging Parish and other Councils to take action on reducing CO² emissions through promoting energy saving measures at local level.

The paper can be accessed at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/publicsector/parish/pdf/ActOnCO2.pdf>

A survey by a government-funded organisation found that the average household has up to 12 gadgets left on standby or charging at any one time, and that more than £740m worth of electricity per annum is being wasted by householders and businesses.

Estimated annual CO² emissions just from devices in the home left on standby

Stereos - 1,600,000 tonnes	Videos - 960,000 tonnes
DVD players - 100,000 tonnes	TVs - 480,000 tonnes
Set-top boxes - 60,000 tonnes	Consoles - 390,000 tonnes

What are other Oxfordshire Villages doing to combat global warming and climate change?

Both Kirtlington and East Hendred have screened the recent Al Gore film "An Inconvenient Truth" for their residents.

Lewknor Parish Council and the Lewknor Chiltern Gateway project are getting their own low energy light bulb library, to be showcased at their LOAF fayre on Oct 14th.

The aim of the Energy Initiative in Blewbury is to reduce energy consumption in buildings in the village, and to encourage the use of renewable energy. The initiative has been running since 2005. In 2006 the village's carbon footprint was estimated at 5136 tonnes of CO² annually over 707 buildings.



events in Oxfordshire

The next stage of the project will be to publicise ways of increasing the efficiency of domestic, community and commercial buildings in the area.

There are a series of events focussing on Climate change being held in Oxfordshire:

Thurs 25th October – ClimateXchange meeting – all welcome to find out more and to get more involved.

7-9pm, Oxford University Centre for the Environment
Contact jo.hamilton@ouce.ox.ac.uk for more info.

Weds 31st October - A changing climate: business opportunity or economic nightmare?

The aim of this event is to raise awareness of the impacts and opportunities of climate change to local businesses and SMEs in Oxfordshire. What will it be like to work in a hotter climate with unpredictable extreme weather? Will climate change have a negative financial impact on local business? What are the opportunities and emerging markets?

Free but please register in advance. tel: 01865 275 856

Further info: <http://climatex.org/business-climates/> email: jo.hamilton@ouce.ox.ac.uk

Science and Technology Facilities Council, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Didcot, OX11 0QX

Full information on news and forthcoming events in Oxfordshire can be found at *www.climatex.org/events*

What could West Hagbourne do to help?

One village in Cheshire is aiming to become the first carbon-neutral community in Britain after a host of energy-saving measures by residents, the local school and even the landlord were instigated. What do you think about this ?

If anyone is interested, or has any ideas about what we as a community could do, contact Marion Judd on 850 434.

use those *green boxes*

Did you know that a typical family in South Oxfordshire produces nearly *one tonne* of rubbish every year and the whole South Oxfordshire district produces over 50,000 tonnes of rubbish every year.

We all need to make a greater effort to reduce, reuse and recycle. We cannot continue sending this much rubbish to landfill - not only is it bad for the environment because it emits greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming, but space for landfill is rapidly running out.



All of the paper, cardboard, plastic, tins and cans you put in your green boxes are recycled, reducing the amount of waste which goes into land fill sites. The contents of the green boxes are taken to a 'bulking' depot where they are compacted and transferred to bigger vehicles. This process, known as bulking, means there are less vehicles needed to take the recyclable material to the Materials Recovery Facility.

You can have as many green boxes as you need, they are available FREE from the Didcot Civic Centre or you can contact the clerk for more information.