

next meeting

The next meeting of the *Parish Council* will be held on *Thursday 20th November* starting at *7.30pm* in Hagbourne School

hedges

Please ensure your hedges are kept trimmed back to boundary lines especially where they are next to, or overhang the highway.

potholes

if you find there is a particular pothole on your road which needs attention please let the Parish Clerk know too or you can report it to Highways department **0845 310 11 11** www.oxfordshirehighways.org

bonfire night

please have some consideration for your neighbours & their pets when having bonfires or noisy fireworks this November the 5th

co-ordinator

The village really needs a new co-ordinator to take on the *neighbourhood watch* role. For further details please contact the clerk.

green skip

There will a village skip in *Greengate Lane* (south end York Road) for green waste only for the weekend of 25/26th October

NHS newsletter

Oxfordshire NHS Primary Care Trust has just started to produce a Newsletter and the first issue can be downloaded at www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk and a hard copy is available from the Parish Clerk.

coffee success

Sue and Dave Totterdell would like to thank all those who made their recent coffee morning such a success. As a result of the generosity of all who came along for coffee and cake, and some who could not join in but still made a donation, they were able to send a grand total of £200 to Macmillan Cancer Charity. This was double the most optimistic target. In the raffle, the whisky was won by Bridget Pickup and wine by Doreen Watling.

christmas quiz

As part of the fundraising for a world challenge trip to Equador in 2009 **Saturday 6th December 7.30pm Upton Hall** (Teams of 6) Tickets include supper £ 8.00 Available from Ellie on 01235 850182

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village association

Theatre visits

Would any residents be interested in joining a theatre group? Group bookings for trips to see live theatre by minibus take the strain out of driving and help reduce the cost of tickets. If you would like to join in, please contact any members of the Village Association. If you have an e-mail address it would be helpful to let us have it in order to communicate arrangements for theatre outings and to receive suggestions about what people would like to go to.

Highgrove gardens

Visits to see these gardens have to be booked 2 years in advance and only coach parties are allowed entry. If residents would be interested in joining a West Hagbourne group trip in 2010, please let Peter Mitchell know soon.

Cream Tea

for Helen & Douglas House. Come and enjoy a cream tea and mince pies on **Tuesday 9th December**, 4.30 pm at Broomsticks. All welcome, and proceeds will go to Helen & Douglas House.

contact details:

Peter Mitchell (Chair) 850 719
Keith & Val Walton 851 089
Roger Sweet 850 492
Hazel Rack 851 241
Bridget Pickup 850 392
Mike Parker 851 389
June Little 850 094
Betty Kendrick 850 788
Marion Judd 850 434

Please note an error in 'Outlook' suggested that Tetra paks could be recycled in your green boxes. This is **incorrect**. They need to be taken direct to the recycling centres and **not** be put in green boxes

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milestone flattened

The milestone on Hagbourne Hill didn't survive the summer season, and has been knocked onto its back by person or persons unknown.

Sadly it has been slightly damaged, but Highways have agreed to re-erect it very soon.



all hallows eve

Halloween is a great time for children, youths and some adults to dress up and go out into the night to knock on doors to play "Trick or Treat".

But if you don't want to be disturbed, **the Police have issued this advice.**

- Display a Thames Valley Police Card that says "no trick or treat" available from local police stations, libraries, town and the parish clerk
- Don't open your door if you are unsure who is there.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case
- If you feel threatened call police on **08458 505 505**
- In an emergency phone the police on 999

in-village recycling

New Recycling Initiative

Following Dorchester's example, Village Association members have offered to act as collection points for old mobile phones, glasses (for sending to Africa), batteries, light bulbs and printer cartridges and will take them to Drayton for recycling. So when you need to recycle any of these items, please just drop them into the marked bins at the following locations:

June Little, Lenton, York Road:
printer cartridges and mobile phones
Bridget Pickup, 12 Manor Close:
old reading glasses
Marion Judd, Broomsticks, Main Street
batteries
Keith & Val Walton, Fairview, York Road:
light bulbs

St Georges day

The Village Association is planning a West Hagbourne celebration for St Georges Day for April 23rd and 25th, 2009. Please keep these dates free in your diaries. Information about the programme of events will be circulated to residents soon. (more on back page)

All **ideas for activities welcome**; please contact any members of the Village Association, History Society or Parish Council with suggestions.

good neighbour scheme

Good Neighbour Schemes are voluntary groups which offer a service in their community for those in need of help and support. The people who may need support can be older people, people with disabilities, single parents and young mothers, those temporarily in need through illness or anyone who may be isolated within the community.

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action is currently running a project Funded by Oxfordshire County Council with the aim of supporting local communities to establish new schemes. A limited number of start-up grants are available to allow communities to meet the cost of setting up, e.g. buying a mobile phone, public liability cover and publicity material.

To join contact Liz Pride on 01865 251946 or email liz.pride@ocva.org.uk

carer scheme

Have you time to spare to meet someone new and help them? Our scheme to train and place volunteers is gathering speed, and we already have a terrific team in the field. At the **South & Vale Carers Centre** in Didcot we would like to recruit more: would you be interested in helping out someone caring for a relative in their own home? You would be introduced to a household where the carer and the cared-for person are living, and asked to stay in the home while the carer took some time off: perhaps an hour a month, perhaps an afternoon a week.

We take care in matching volunteers and cared-for people, and you would have constant support by phone when you need it as well as ongoing face-to-face meetings with colleagues.

Please email **Chris** at the **Carers Centre** on chris@svcarers.org.uk, or you can telephone her there on **01235 510212**.

She will be delighted you've called!

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web site update

A new **FREE bus** has been introduced by Tesco supermarkets on Tuesdays only.

It leaves the village at 09:50 on Tuesday mornings only, going via East Hagbourne.

It departs from the Wallingford Road store 12.00 noon returning to the village at 12.20

Free to Park

Oxford's **Park and Ride** Services will no longer be charging to park in their car parks

But you do **still do** have to pay the bus fare into the town.

meetings of the parish council

The Parish Council last met at Hagbourne School on **Thursday 11th September**.

Only one member of the public attended, together with Cllr Patrick Greene and also Peter Ronald from OCC Highways dept.

Public participation session

Terry Pritchard has been in communication with OCC Transport regarding the bus timetables and the fact that they do not coincide with train timetables.

District and County Councillor's report

Due to the increase in facilities in Didcot there should be a review of public transport, i.e. buses to get there, particularly evenings/weekends.

106 Agreement for Great Western Park – There is some confusion over this funding. Initially it will be used for traffic monitoring, rather than traffic calming.

There will be formal **developer consultation** between the affected Parishes and Didcot.

Park & Ride Services in Oxford will not be charging to park in the car parks. In the past it has cost £1 to park the car as well as the bus fare.

The Environment Agency has reported it believes there is no case for a **Reservoir** at present.

The **proposed incinerator** at Sutton Courtenay was discussed and PG confirmed that it will have to be built somewhere and it has a 50% chance of it being Sutton Courtenay.

The amendments to the SE Plan have **removed** the establishment of a rural gap which is very disappointing.

Traffic Issues

There were extensive conversation with Peter Ronald from Highways who went through the outstanding matters set out in the Councils letter of March 2008.

The key points were as follows

It was agreed to **add signing** for Didcot turning left towards Harwell at the exit from the A34, and to improve signing of weight restriction signs at the Georgetown Roundabout.

As **Highways are not prepared to re-locate the 30mph limit** at the Eastern end of the village it was agreed that existing signing would be improved, on entering the village,

The Chevron on Brook Lane is to be moved.

Highways do not believe the state of York Road is unacceptable – it was recently inspected.

The highway outside Green Thatch is deemed too narrow for a footway, and no solution was offered to make it safer, now or in the future.

It was agreed to replace the missing reflector previously on the electricity pole at eastern boundary of Green Thatch, and to re-paint the lines which were obscured when the surface dressing was carried out.

The hedges at the bottom of Hagbourne Hill are not believed to be hazardous, or are they obscuring drivers vision.

The **Didcot Integrated Traffic Study** is not active and no funds are available at present.

It was agreed to carry out another electronic traffic survey to establish the speed and volume of traffic using the village

It was agreed to re-erect the Milestone on the A417 which appears to have been hit by agricultural machinery as no grass cutting has been undertaken in the area for months.

(See the web site for a full record of all these points covered in the minutes of this meeting)

Planning Applications

Several minor applications had been submitted and the Council had indicated that it had no strong views on these applications. Details of all planning applications are on the website!

New applications have been received for:

Corbiere – new application for rear extension

Grain Store - additional storage, Hagbourne Hill

Amendments to SE Plan

The Parish Council had an informal meeting with Adrian Duffield (Head of SODC Planning) regarding sustainability scoring and GWP 106 agreements - this was a useful and positive meeting. It was made clear that to affect sustainable scoring the Council must make sure that the Parish Plan is regularly updated and it was stressed that detailed feedback is important.

Consultations

It was agreed to respond to the Core Strategy Consultation and the Sustainable Community Strategy for South Oxfordshire – and to react to changes to the SE Plan where the Strategic Gap has been removed, infrastructure is no longer a pre-requisite and to oppose increases in housing allocation.

Village Maintenance

Sue & Dave Totterdell are undertaking a major cut back of the garden by the bus shelter.

Some new tree saplings have been heeled in along Moor Lane, for later re-planting

Chris & Sue Lay have confirmed they are happy for a planter to be located by the pond.

The area of bank between Enard Cottage and Thatch Cottage in Moor Lane will be cleared and grass seed sown this Autumn, but any bulb planting will be deferred until 2009.

Grass cutting schedule

This will be reviewed for 2009/10 in November and a new map prepared for contractors who will be asked to re-tender. Roger Sweet has suggested some minor amends, for example the strip towards Scotland's Ash garage.

Footway improvements

Footpath between York Road and the Horse & Harrow: OCC Highways has advised the kerb and footway are due for an overhaul, and the kerbs will be reinstated during this winter.

Footpath diverted

The footpath which leaves Moor Lane, westbound toward Frog Alley has been diverted by the landowner

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planning applications

SODC has recently approved:

- French doors at Downs Farm
- Loft at 10 Manor Close

newsletter

This newsletter is **published by** West Hagbourne Parish Council

We welcome contributions on all subjects and in particular anything of relevance on issues that directly affect the residents of the parish of West Hagbourne.

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 - Natural history in the village
 - The West Hagbourne conservation area and descriptions of all the listed buildings in the parish
 - A village map
 - The timetable for the local bus (Route 94 to Didcot from the village)
 - The garden waste collection dates for the village through to June 2009
 - Mobile library visiting dates through to December 2008
 - Many photographs taken in and around West Hagbourne by village photographers
 - Interesting nature walks around the village
- The new housing proposed for Didcot between now and 2026 and how it will affect effect on West Hagbourne
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 - Minutes of annual parish meetings from 2004 onwards
 - Contact details for the parish councillors and the parish clerk
 - Minutes of all parish council meetings since 2004
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 - Details of recent planning applications in the village
 - All the **West Hagbourne Newsletters** published since 2004
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 - the Police, Victims Support, Crimestoppers, the Citizens Advice Bureau, etc.
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