



## next meeting

The next meeting of the *Parish Council* will be held on **Thursday 9th July** starting at **7.30pm** in Hagbourne School.

## roads & holes

At last the worst holes in York Road have been filled in, and we understand some other work is planned for part of York Road later in the year to remedy the worst areas.

However if you find there is a particular pothole on your road which needs attention please let the Parish Clerk know, or you can report it yourself to Highways department **0845 310 11 11**

Note that the more reports Highways receives from individuals the faster it will be dealt with. they can be contacted at [www.oxfordshirehighways.org](http://www.oxfordshirehighways.org) or you can directly email to the depot by using [southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## neighbourhood watch

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

## local recycling

when you need to recycle any of these items, please just drop them into the marked bins at Lenton, York Rd:

- printer cartridges and mobile phones
- old reading glasses
- broomsticks
- batteries
- light bulbs

## wheelie bins

Don't forget that the new waste collection contract has started - the second collection on **Thursday 18th June (a grey week)**

- Residual Waste (Grey Bin)
- Food Waste (small bin)

Then the following week the recycling in the Green wheelie will be collected. The website has the full calendar available.

## church fete

St. Andrew's Church Fete this year is on Saturday June 13th and the theme is Musicals.

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**parish councillor  
vacancy**

there is a vacancy on the Parish Council.

If you are interested in getting involved, or would like further information about what is expected, please contact the Clerk Michelle Lightfoot on 851 875  
[parishclerk@westhagbourne](mailto:parishclerk@westhagbourne)

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# West Hagbourne news

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## MP at annual meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was very well attended this year and was held in a vacant office in Manor Farm courtyard, which avoided the tent being blown away.

Ed Vaizey MP for Wantage attended and he was specifically asked for his support in raising the profile of West Hagbourne, as part of its ongoing campaign to ensure that the road structure being planned for the expansion of Didcot is done in such a way as to protect the conservation area and remove through traffic.

His immediate reaction after the initial discussion was to suggest a *Green Belt for Didcot* which would give comfort to all of the villages who feel threatened by SODC's housing plans. The general reaction from the meeting was that everyone was in generally in favour of this, and that they hoped Didcot itself, and all of the surrounding Parishes would all support this suggestion.

The future of the newsletter, and distribution of reports, neighbourhood watch, the web site, rubbish collection changes in June, potholes, footpaths and the need for another councillor were all covered.

The Parish Council will take on board all of the points discussed, full details of which are now available on the web site.

## St George's day + quiz

The Dragon competition organised by the Village Association had a fantastic reaction from the the media and with 28 dragons to see the village had many hundreds of visitors.

These pictures were taken by Harry Lawlor during the build up and construction of the main dragon. The bottom image shows Mike Parker in the middle of the pond during the installation of the centrepiece! Pictures of all the dragons can be found on the website, along with those used in the national press.

Ted Kendrick won the competition for the best dragon and Julia Little the History Group quiz. ( answers on p 3 )

## website

Do you make the most of the website Notice board?

Do you have a local club or interest group you want to publicise, have some news to pass on to others in the village, or a service to offer, something to sell or even a job vacancy to advertise? If so the Notice Board is ideal and it costs nothing. Just send the details to the [webmaster@westhagbourne.org](mailto:webmaster@westhagbourne.org)

Please note notices must be relevant to the village of West Hagbourne.

Check out the Notice Board on a regular basis as it always has up to date information and other relevant notices [www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm)

## neighbourhood watch

Crime seems to have risen slightly in the area of Hagbourne. A number of cars and sheds have been broken into and items have been stolen.

We would advise people to keep vehicles locked, secured and windows closed. Do not leave valuables in your car even if they are hidden and wipe down any sat nav marks. Ensure that sheds are locked and kept secure as possible.

In the general area anti-social behaviour problems have decreased but residents should continue to call the Police if anything is witnessed.

**West Hagbourne urgently needs a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator !**

To get involved with Neighbourhood Watch you can either contact **0845 8505505**

or go to [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

## artsweeks

Helen Winthrop would like to thank everyone who supported her Textiles exhibition.

With 150 visitors over the 10 days, and donations for refreshments the goodly sum of **£120.51** was raised for the *Alzheimer's Research Trust.*

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