

# West Hagbourne Oxfordshire



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## Local Housing

The Parish Council have been asked to look into the feasibility of a small local development in the village to provide some low cost housing aimed specifically at local people..

Clearly there are many issues here, and whilst the Parish Plan clearly shows there is support for a small number of additional houses in the village, their location and support from the local planning authorities does have some implications.

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and the county council are working to reverse this trend. Their aim is simple: identify local need, locate local land – and knit the two together. Even where the supply of homes keeps pace with demand, prices are normally way beyond the reach of average incomes. The potential consequences are all too easy to imagine – fewer young families, vanishing shops and pubs, shrinking schools, under-used facilities and communities with a disproportionate number of older people.

With at least one offer of a parcel of land having been made which might be appropriate, the Council intends to undertake a housing needs survey to gauge what the local demand would actually be for this sort of housing. The process is complicated and many criteria need to be met in order that this sort of project could be

initiated, but if anyone would be willing to help in gathering the information it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Clerk or a Councillor if you could spare some time to assist with this project.

## Christmas gifts

For some last minute ideas for Christmas presents, look no further than the following items available from the Village History Group

Windsor Hakeborne - The Story of West Hagbourne £8.50

Tea towels depicting scenes of West Hagbourne £3.00 each

Notelets and cards depicting scenes of West Hagbourne by local artists pack of 4 £1.50

All these are available NOW from Edna Scott at Chapel Hayes

## Thanks

Thanks in particular are due to everyone who has continued to do their bit around the village.

But as ever there are a few loyal and consistent helpers who should be specifically thanked: Ken Bishop for keeping the shrubs at the village entrances trimmed, Jeff Powell for use of his truck on many occasions to move and clear debris. Chris and Sue Lay for their many kind offers of help with village affairs, and for ensuring various rights of way are kept

passable. Tim Lightfoot for his attempts to keep Moor Lane clear of standing water. Mary Ann Le May for maintaining the trough by the pond and to both the Totterdells for looking after the garden by the War Memorial and for keeping church path free of mud.

And finally to whoever re-erected the milestone on the hill!

## Merry Christmas

Depending on your point of views, the threat of further snow may improve your perspective on the Christmas season.

For the young it adds fun and the prospect of tobogganing, snowballs and building snowmen. For those of us less steady on our feet, the risk of ice and snow makes driving or walking hazardous, increases the

heating bill and will inevitably interfere with daily life.

Whatever the weather this Christmas do enjoy it and here's wishing everyone all the best for the forthcoming festive season!

## Well done!

Well earned congratulations are due to Pauline Mulford of York Road who has been busy fund raising for Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice. A Charity Dance held at the Didcot raised the fantastic sum of £2700 back in October and in the past two years Pauline and her sister have been responsible for raising more than £8,000 for local hospices. She would like to thank all those who have helped or contributed and in particular Mr Adrian Wiley who has been a great supporter. Well done Pauline, this is quite an achievement.



# News

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## Kiosk

The Parish Council has now completed the formalities involved in adopting the Telephone kiosk in the Square, you may have seen it covered in the Didcot Herald.

The telephone and light will be disconnected soon, leaving just the kiosk, but if you have a novel idea for what it could be used as - all ideas will be considered.

## Committee

Would you be prepared to represent the Parish on the Hagbourne Village Hall committee?

If so please contact the clerk or one of your Parish Councillors for further details.



A unique series of evening winter lectures are being presented by the University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum - bringing together leading gardeners and garden designers to give their perspective on gardening.

### **A Year in Bob Flowerdew's Norfolk Garden**

Bob Flowerdew

An illustrated feast of the finest flowers, fruits, vegetables and the ingenious methods employed to produce them throughout the seasons.

Thursday 28th January 2010

### **Artistic Ecological Gardening**

Nigel Dunnett

Plants, vegetation and biodiversity lie at the heart of Nigel's work with the aim of creating urban environments that are rich in vegetation and nature. Come and find about more in this enlightening lecture.

Thursday 11th February 2010

### **Restoring Hidcote Back to Johnston**

Glyn Jones

Glyn will explain more about how the garden developed from 1907 until the National Trust acquisition in 1948 and what was inspiring Lawrence Johnston to create this "Arts and Crafts masterpiece". He will highlight some of the research they have been involved in, showing us how certain key features have been recreated.

Thursday 25th February 2010

### **Anointing Indispensables, Dispensing Disappointments**

Dan Hinkley

After gardening passionately for all of his adult life, Dan will discuss those plants he would not be without in his new garden as well as those he would rather not encounter again.

Thursday 11th March 2010

### **New Gardens and Landscapes**

Tom Stuart Smith

The talk will review a selection of gardens designed by Tom from the glasshouse garden at the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at Wisley to a recent garden on the North Norfolk coast.

Thursday 18th March 2010

Lectures take place at 8.00pm in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium at the Said Business School. Tickets cost £10.00 (includes a glass of wine) or £45.00 for the series

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# Notices

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## Police

If you need advice from the police on any matter please contact your neighbourhood officer (PC Walker) on 07800 702686.

## Poor roads

Although there has been some fast and furious patching around the village recently please report any potholes to the Highways department as soon as they appear.

The more reports they receive the faster they are dealt with. Full details of how to report them are on the website, or phone Highways on 0845 310 11 11

## Moor Lane

Because of building work being carried out at several houses that back onto Moor Lane, there have been several complaints about the state of the verges, caused by large vehicles using the lane to access sites and deliver materials. Other large vehicles have compounded the damage, and the weather has made matters worse.

The owners of the properties have been contacted and have given their assurances that the verges will be rectified by February when work is due to be completed.

Additional work further down the lane will be carried out by the Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers who intend to spend a full day cutting back more of the overgrown brambles.

## LPG Gas

If you would like more information about an alternative supplier offering LPG bulk gas at 29p per litre contact Phil Taylor on 850182

This compares very favourably against Flogas who have yet again raised their prices.

## Tell us

The Parish Council reminds all residents to contact a councillor if you wish to comment on any items raised in the Newsletter, or on any issues that affect the village and/or your full enjoyment of living here. Parish Councillors are more than willing to do everything in their powers to help keep this village a pleasant place to live in and to address any concerns that residents may have within the limits of their ability to do so.

## Budget

Hagbourne Hall

The Parish Council have agreed to make a substantial contribution to the proposed extension to Hagbourne Village Hall.

The extension plans include significant improvements to the toilets, a larger covered entrance area and the addition of a small meeting room with storage space

Parish councillors have therefore agreed that West Hagbourne will contribute to the funds provided by East Hagbourne in proportion to the relative population ratio, and the payments will be spread over the next three years.

This will result in a small increase to your Council Tax. Because the budget for this Parish has been so tightly managed over the past six years any change to the precept will naturally appear as significant change but in real terms a Band C property will pay less than £10 extra per year.

The village hall provides a valuable asset to all of us living in the Hagbournes. It provides a central resource for large events, the Village Association uses it, as does the Gardening Club and it enables the pre-school nursery to operate in close proximity to Hagbourne Primary school.

# Parish Council

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## Clerk

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## Councillors

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## Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please talk to a councillor or you can contact the Clerk by email on parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

## District Councillor

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01491 823000

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## Planning applications

These are now available as web links  
westhagbourne.org/planning

## Copy deadline for 2010

February	29 January
April	30 March
June	30 May
August	30 July
October	30 September
December	30 November

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome on all subjects but in particular anything affecting the residents of the parish of West Hagbourne

## Advertising

For sale or wanted Small ads are free if you live in the Parish, but all other advertising revenue pays for the production of the newsletter and the costs associated with hosting the web site.

please e-mail copy for inclusion to parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

## Minutes

westhagbourne.org/councilminutes

Minutes of all meetings of the Parish Council are available on line.

If you would like a copy of the minutes emailed to you, please contact the clerk.

Or if you do not have access to the internet, please call the clerk and a copy will be delivered to you.

Planning permission was granted by South Oxfordshire District Council for 13 York Road P09/W0718 but permission was refused for 10 Manor Close P09/W0916.

Hagbourne Village Hall has submitted plans for its extension P09/W1103 and works affecting a listed building have been submitted for Thatch Cottage P09/W1000/

All planning applications can now be viewed in full on SODC's own web site at www.southoxon.gov.uk

Remember there is a direct link from our own web site [www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)

The Parish Council agreed its budget submission for 2010 and this is now available on the web site.

If there something you particularly want the Council to address, or you want to see what we do, meetings are open to the public and we have an open forum in which all points of view are taken into account.

We also need another Councillor to join us, for more information contact the clerk.

## Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7:30pm in Hagbourne School on Thursday 14th January 2010

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