

West Hagbourne Oxfordshire

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Footpaths

The Parish Council have recently been approached by both the Ramblers Association and several residents expressing their concern over the changes made to a number of our rights of way.

The County Council has spoken to the appropriate landowners and reminded them of their legal obligations and responsibilities.

The worst affected footpath from Moor Lane across toward Upton should be improved when ploughing is completed, stiles will be installed on the deviated footpath between East Hagbourne and Blewbury and the Rights of Way Officer will monitor the significant changes which were made to Moor Lane.

Andrea Mitchell

Sadly Andrea died in February after a battle with cancer. She will be missed by everyone who knew her and our condolences go out to Peter and the family.

Whilst serving as a Parish Councillor between 1983 and 1991 Andrea was responsible for the planting of the avenue of trees which we all now enjoy on approaching the village by Scotland's Ash.

New rep

Janet Cockburn has agreed to represent us on the committee that manage the Hagbourne Village Hall which is great news.

NSPCC

If you are worried about a child, you should get in touch with the NSPCC Helpline. They are there to help adults speak out if they are ever worried about a child's safety or wellbeing.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline free and anonymously on 0808 800 5000 or email them help@nspcc.org.uk.

In 2008/09 the Helpline counselled 29,346 callers with worries about a child's safety or wellbeing.

The NSPCC Helpline is an important source of information for local children's services teams.

They estimate that one in three serious referrals they make to local authorities are about children they didn't already know about.

The NSPCC Helpline provides a service for everyone, no matter their background or ability. Deaf and hard of hearing can email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Artweeks

As part of this years Oxfordshire Artweeks, Helen Winthorpe-Kendrick will be holding an exhibition of her textile art at Driftway, which is at the north end of York Road.

Her intricate work includes framed and 3D pieces of embroidery and she has recently published her new book "Stitchopedia".

Do go and enjoy her exhibition! Refreshments will be available and proceeds will go to the Parkinson's Disease Society

Open Saturday 15th May to Sunday 23rd May, 1pm to 6pm and late on Thursday till 8 pm.

Details of other local Artsweeks events are listed on page 2.

Burglars

Several incidents of theft occurred in the village during February and this should prompt everyone to check their security. Ensure sheds and side doors are secure and padlocked, and that things like bicycles and garden tools are made secure from opportunist thieves. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police.

St George

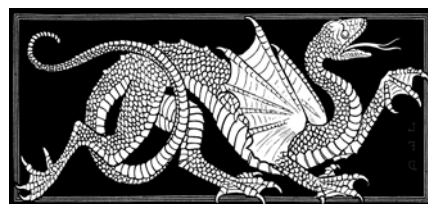
Following last years popular event, the village association is holding a competition to build the best Dragon, while highlighting the pressures placed on the village as Didcot continues to expand - threatening our very rural existence!

In 2009 over thirty Dragons were displayed in front gardens, on walls and rooftops. Your Dragon should be on display from the 17th April and judging will take place on the 24th.

The winning Dragon will receive a £25 Argos Voucher and the prize will be announced at the St George's Day Supper which will be held at Hagbourne Village Hall 7pm on Saturday 24th April. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for children to include a supper of Dragon in Red Mead, Potatoes and Woad Salad.

Please get your tickets in advance to help the committee sort the catering numbers - they are available from :

Betty Kendrick	850788
Val Walton	851 089
Mike Parker	851389
Hazel Rack	851241



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Thanks



A big thank-you to all of you for sending me cards and your messages of sympathy on my recent totally unexpected operation.

I have been completely overwhelmed by the love and affection you have shown me and particularly by the messages of courage which I most certainly will need over the next few months.

Thank you all so much, and who knows you may yet see me hurtling down Moor Lane - preparing for the Paralympics.

Best wishes to you all - Margaret Hedger

Marathon 2010

After four years of entering into the ballot Jeff Powell has finally been successful and has been given a place in this years London Marathon which takes place in April.

Jeff says this will be his one and only London Marathon- so he thought it appropriate to try and raise some money for a worthwhile cause.

He will be running for Orchid—the only UK charity dedicated to male specific cancers, prostate, penile, and testicular. Of every 100 cancers diagnosed in men 24 are of the prostate - a thought provoking statistic.

If you feel able to sponsor Jeff he has set up a fund raising website which you can find at www.bmycharity.com. Just enter my name in the "sponsor a friend" box and follow the links.

Alternatively you can make out a cheque to Orchid and send it to me - Jeff Powell

Little Ash, York Road, OX11 0NH

Any donation large or small will be very gratefully received.

Best wishes, Jeff

Fun day

Hagbourne School PTA are holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 26th June 12 -3. 30pm

The whole community is invited to come and enjoy their annual family event. So put it in your diary now!

The swimming pool will be open all day so take your swimming things. Lunches, Teas & Bar, Ice-creams, Bouncy castle, Raffle and Tombola, Tug of War, plus Maypole Dancing, Games, stalls & sideshows, Children's entertainers & lots more.

DESIGN COMPETITION



The Parish Councils of the Hagbournes jointly invite you to design a memorial bench to be erected in memory of Monica Lawson who was Chair of Governors at Hagbourne School and the Parish Council for many years.

The winning idea will be made professionally by a craftsman and installed near Shovel Spring.

All entries should be sent to Marion Judd, 4 Grove Terrace, West Hagbourne OX11 0NL
Deadline extended to 9th April 2010

Local Art

During May each year, Oxfordshire artists and crafts people open their homes and studios to the public to share their art.

There are around 400 stunning exhibitions throughout the county, some in larger public spaces, and entry is free to all of them. This is a unique opportunity to meet the artists, to talk about their work, watch demonstrations and even try your hand and have a go yourself!

There's a wide variety of media including painting, photography, textiles, sculpture, ceramics, furniture, glass, mosaics, jewellery, and much more.

Helen Winthorpe-Kendrick Driftway, York Rd. West Hagbourne. 07745 434933. Framed and 3D pieces of creative embroidery, incorporating fabric, oils, acrylics and paper.

Joan Durbin. Warwick Lodge, Prospect Road, Upton. 01235 850035. Paintings: Landscapes in watercolour, pastel and acrylic. Artist's cards for sale.

Sidney Hardwick Cedarwood, Stream Road, Upton. 01235 850263. Stoneware pottery, wash basins and mirrors, bowls

Ken Messer. 7 Severn Road, Chilton. 01235 834361. Paintings and prints of Oxford, Abingdon and the Cotswolds.

Val Tennent. The Barn Studio, Church Farm House, Harwell. 01235 835367. Mixed Media. "Britain and Beyond".

Didcot Art Society. Didcot Library, 197 Broadway, Didcot 01235 818273. Paintings. Anniversary exhibition from the town's longest running Art Society.

Melita Kyle. 36 Sinodun Road, Didcot. 9.30am-2.30pm weekdays, 6pm weekends. Art clay silver jewellery, inspired by nature. Necklaces, pendants, earrings for sale. 07941 648797

Mason Jones. Wenfre, South Street, Blewbury. 01235 850034. Paintings, sculptural and functional ceramics.

Alumni

Can you help? An appeal for memories from students of Oxford Polytechnic and the College of Technology

While 'The Poly' and the older College of Technology no longer exist in Oxford, their value to Oxfordshire is still clear. Students of both institutions have gone on to live and work here, benefiting local businesses and communities with their knowledge and expertise.

Oxford Brookes is rightfully proud of its roots in the Polytechnic and the College of Technology, and the achievements of former students of all our past institutions have reinforced the university's reputation for producing skilled and well-rounded graduates.

In 2015 Brookes celebrates its 150 year anniversary. We believe the celebrations should include and involve all alumni, whether you studied at the College of Technology, Oxford Polytechnic, Dorset House, Lady Spencer-Churchill, Westminster, Oxford City Technical School or the university itself.

To achieve this, we are appealing for memories from all former students of all our past institutions. By sharing your anecdotes and photos with the Alumni Office you can help to illustrate the shared history of the entire Oxford Brookes community, and make 2015 an unforgettable celebration for everyone.

We are especially keen to hear from alumni with personal memories of John Henry Brookes for a biography celebrating the life of the university's spiritual founder.

Please email your memories and photos to alumni@brookes.ac.uk. We can also answer any questions you have about strengthening your relationship with Oxford Brookes, from updating you with news and events to helping you enjoy the many benefits available to all our alumni.

www.brookes.ac.uk/alumni

Notices



St George

Following last year's very enjoyable St Georges Day celebrations, another St Georges Day dinner is being held on Saturday 24th April. Please put this date in your diaries and come along. Every house has received full details.

Cornerstone

Remember that there is a wide choice of entertainment from bar gigs, to jazz, art courses and comedians performing in Didcot.

www.cornerstone-arts.org.uk

Councillor

We need another Parish Councillor. If you are interested in representing the Parish please talk to one of the current councillors or you can contact the Clerk by email on parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

Web master

John Baile the current webmaster would like some help with updating and maintaining the web site.

You can email him via the website or contact the clerk.

Naked cheek

There has been much consternation in some quarters of York Road with various instances of naked men being photographed for a calendar that is being created to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House.

Details and how to order your copy to be announced later in the year.

Parish Meeting

This important annual event will be held this year in the village on Saturday 15th May at 3pm - see notice boards for agenda and the location of the tent.

Tree Planting

In March over two hundred hedge saplings were planted to re-establish the hedgerow in part of Moor Lane. After a feeble response from able-bodied residents, the work was done by Parish Councillors, Mike Duck . Graham Tilbury and his son .

There is still time to complete the work, and there are a few dozen more trees and hedge plants, some of which need to be transplanted.

Please give a little of your time to come and complete this project meet at the bridge down Moor Lane at 11am on Saturday April 10th - bring a spade.

Madge Trophy

Judging will take place during the week beginning the 12th of April.

Litter pick

Before spring gets going properly volunteers are needed to pick up rubbish and litter which has been dropped around the village.

Meet at 11am on Saturday April 10th - and walk the paths and lanes and collect rubbish.

Everyone welcome, come and do a little or a lot.

Pickers and bags will all be provided.

Parish Council

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Planning applications

There are no new planning applications in the Parish - but you can search based on your post code at southoxon.planning, there will be a link on the web site at www.westhagbourne.org/planning.htm

Deadlines for 2010

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

The newsletter is distributed to every house in West Hagbourne Parish, is entirely funded by advertising revenue and is currently assembled by Phil Taylor and printed by Tracey Anderson.

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

www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

Please note that the published link for this location has been incorrect for many months. Apologies for this oversight.

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 printed copy will be delivered to you.

The Parish now owns the telephone kiosk in the Square, and now needs to decide if it could be used for anything, or simply left.

Concerns over the state of several rights of way have been addressed by the County Council who expressed their displeasure over the way several have been changed.

The Council plan to attend a summit in Didcot held by Oxfordshire County Council to address how local communities interact with Council Officers and locally elected members of Councils at all levels.

The Council agreed to defer any consideration of a housing needs survey as the land under discussion will no longer be available.

It was agreed to remedy the grassed area outside Thatch Cottage as it has been severely eroded in past months, in particular by refuse/recycling vehicles.

The Parish Council recently attended the liaison group set up to keep the community informed about the development plans at Great West Park.

Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7.30pm in Hagbourne School on Thursday 13th May 2010 when the AGM will precede an ordinary meeting.



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