

# West Hagbourne Oxfordshire

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## 500th Kiosk

BT have recently announced that West Hagbourne has helped the company reach an exciting milestone by officially becoming the proud owner of the UK's 500th red telephone kiosk. The scheme encourages the adoption by a community, rather than seeing the removal of the iconic red boxes from the street scene.

John Lumb, general manager for BT Payphones, said: "The most fantastic thing about the Adopt a Kiosk scheme has been how whole communities have become involved.

Red phone boxes have become a focal point in villages for all sorts of imaginative activities of real value to the local community. Our old, rarely used boxes have been given a new lease of life by the scheme. He went on to say "I'm delighted that the villagers in West Hagbourne will continue to enjoy their kiosk for years to come."

## Artsweeks

Once again, Helen's Textile Art Exhibition during Oxfordshire Artsweeks was a great success with 100 visitors coming to view her displayed work.

Thanks to the generosity of all the people who came, a donation of £142 has been sent to the Parkinson's Disease Society UK - (the proceeds from refreshments!)

Betty Kendrick

## Dragons 2010

St. Georges Day

All members of the Committee of the West Hagbourne Village Association would like to thank each and every one of you who displayed a Dragon this year.

The number of Dragons on display this year reached the grand total of 26. Although this was slightly down on last year's total of 32 Dragons, this time there was a greater variety on display.

Once again our spectacular giant Dragon arrived in the pond, this time proudly displaying a new coat.

Other Dragons that caught the eye were the re-cycling dragon, the flying dragon and the dragon weaving its way up the telegraph pole. Many more very special Dragons were on show ; far too many to mention individually . This year we have photographed all entries and at a later date they will be delivered to your door with comments.

One of Radio Oxford's presenters awarded the winning Dragon prize to the **Rowan's**, second place was went to **Scotland's Ash Nursery** and the third spot was taken by the 4 year old granddaughter living at **1, Main Street**, as a best junior prize.

Again many thanks for your support. Let's start planning for next year and see if we can beat the record.

Keith Walton

## Madge Trophy



Judging has been completed this year and the results announced by this years visiting judge were as follows:

### • 1st **York Farm**

Delightful usage of wallflowers around the saddle stones and pretty spring time coverage.

### • 2nd **Downsview**

A very neat garden with a mass of colour.

### • 3rd **Talltrees** in Foxglove Lane

Superb borders with raised beds.

The judge also highly commended:

- 5 Grove Terrace
- Blissetts
- Lilley Cottage
- Longmynds
- Meadows Edge
- Lenton

The overall standard was very high. The judge was impressed by the neatness with exceptional tubs strategically placed throughout the village which added to the delightful and cheerful impression of the village.

## Parish Meeting

A lively group of villagers attended the annual Parish Meeting which was held in the garden of Manor Farm courtesy of Chris and Sue Lay.

A range of issues were discussed, including the threat posed by the policy adopted by The Vale of White Horse and the potential policy of South Oxfordshire, both of which affect Didcot and the location of any new housing which is allocated.

Patrick Greene assured all those there that all potholes would be remedied, now that a new contractor was appointed. An end to the rather haphazard system that had puzzled many, would be welcomed by all.

Previously the Parish Council has made annual donations to charities and this year at the recent council meeting it was agreed to continue a donation to the British Legion but it was decided to debate other donations at the annual parish meeting. There had been a number asking for help, and a poll was taken of those attending to decide on which charities should benefit.

The four charities are, British Legion, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Oxfordshire Association for the Blind and Cancer Research.

Full details of the meeting and what was discussed can be found in the minutes which are now available on the web site.

[www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)

# News

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## Fibre optic

How many of us would like to see a faster adoption of fibre optic cabling being installed to serve the village?

Several small communities around the country have bought their own service from BT as a wholesale provider, and this means they have reduced the overall cost of their telephony and broadband provision for the future. As well as enabling them to access high speed internet services at a fraction of the cost being paid in major towns, this gives the advantage of being several years ahead of the BT programme of installation.

The residents of Lyddington have raised more £37,000 to offer super fast broadband to 200 homes after BT said it would not be able to give them the service. The village have named their service Rutland Telecom and will offer speeds up to 40Mbps. The villages joined together with a local ICT firm which was reselling BT's broadband. BT have said they were delighted to help Rutland



Telecom achieve their goal and hope that they allow other service providers to access its network. Similar schemes are being launched elsewhere in the country.

Given the size of West Hagbourne we are told that it is unlikely BT will install fibre optic in the next five years, and so if there were enough of us interested we could investigate a scheme like that in Rutland.

If you would like to learn more, and would like to express an interest, please contact the clerk who will try and bring together some further details.

## Core strategy

Following the announcement by the new government that it plans to review the previous decisions forced on local authorities to provide additional housing. SODC have deferred its adoption of its core strategy until the position is clarified.

This does not mean the plans will be changed dramatically but the Parish Council will continue to monitor the intentions and the policy as it is announced, and keep you informed of any news, or changes that affect West Hagbourne, and the area immediately around us.

## Bike Night

British Bike Night is being held on Tuesday 20th July from 7.00 pm at the Horse & Harrow.

This is a really popular event, with lots to see and do, including some Classic cars, trials demonstration and awards for best presented bikes. This is where a collection is made for the Hagbourne Senior Citizens Christmas dinner.

There's going to be a Pig Roast and an outside bar.

Everyone is welcome!

## Street Markets

Street markets take place in each of the district's towns every week on the following days:

Didcot: Fridays and Saturdays in the Market Place. Sunday mornings in Broadway east car park

Wallingford: Fridays in the town centre, and Henley: Thursdays in the town centre

## Farmers' Markets

Farmers' Markets help local producers of fresh, good quality and in many cases organic or animal welfare friendly produce, to sell directly to local customers at a fair price.

Didcot's Farmers' Market is held every second Saturday of the month, 8.30am to 1.30pm.

Wallingford's Farmers' Market is held every third Tuesday and fifth Saturday of the month, 8.30 - 1.30pm

Abingdon Market is held every Saturday from 7 am - Noon. With a Tuesday afternoon Market running from 3 pm- 6pm.

Henley's Farmers' Market is held every fourth Thursday of the month, 8.30am to 1.30pm.

## Local Produce

Local Producers' Markets give local farmers, growers and producers a regular venue to sell their wares.

Wallingford Local Producers' Market is held every Saturday in The Regal Centre, Goldsmith's Lane (car park), except when there is a Farmers' Market, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

## Fox attacks

As a result of many sustained attacks by the local Fox population, many of the hens which we relied on for our regular supply of eggs have been destroyed.

Chapel Hayes in particular has been especially badly affected, and the Scott's have had to suspend weekly egg orders. This has come as quite a blow to many in the village, and one further change in the weekly activity of the farm and small holding community.

Despite concerted efforts by some of the local land owners, the fox population does appear to have increased significantly, and their brazen persistence even in daylight hours has proved to be very upsetting to those who have lost many birds.



## Community Shop

The East Hagbourne Community Shop is a convenience store selling milk, ice cream, soft drinks, canned goods, frozen and chilled items and many staple foods such as free-range eggs, frozen fish, and local honey.

It also provides a broad range of household and stationery products, including greeting cards, and many items for home health care. You can contact the Shop on 01235 811815.

Opened Monday to Friday from 9am till 5.30 (closed for lunch 1-2) and on Saturday mornings; it also offers Post Office Services each morning from 9 till 12.30 and on Mon + Thurs afternoons from 2-5.30pm.

# Notices

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## error

In a previous newsletter it was suggested that Lynn Carter represented West Hagbourne on the board of Governors at Hagbourne School. She is in fact the Local Education Authority appointed representative.



## Japanese knotweed

"How can you eradicate Japanese Knotweed?" (which can grow up to 10cm in a single day). A biological control (the psyllid insect) is currently being tested for this pernicious weed, but until it is known if it is successful the best option is to spray with Glyphosate. Do this in Spring when the stems are about 2m tall, then cut them back and spray the re-growth again, and again.

If you don't want to spray, cut the stems down repeatedly to the ground as soon as they appear. This method can take several years and is only useful for small areas.

If it growing in the lawn regular mowing will get rid of it.

## summer sport

Both the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils have recently announced their summer holiday activities programmes for July and August.

Throughout the summer holidays, these councils are running a holiday activity programme for young people aged 5-18 years. Together with leisure operators and local sports clubs and groups, the councils are providing a variety of activities across both districts, between 26 July and 27 August.

The exciting activities on offer this year range from tennis and golf to street cheer and kayaking, as well as more traditional sports such as badminton, football, netball and squash and the ever popular Star:track athletics courses run with England Athletics.

There will also be a series of street sports programmes for young people aged 11-16 years at various leisure centres and youth centres. Activities include cricket at Great Western Park, netball and trampolining at Castle Leisure Centre and street dance in Chinnor and Chalgrove.

This year online booking is now available at : [www.southoxon.gov.uk/holiday-activities](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/holiday-activities).

# Parish Council

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## Planning applications

An application to extend Broomsticks was recently approved by South Oxfordshire District Council.

you can search based on your post code at [www.southoxon.planning](http://www.southoxon.planning), there will be a link on the web site at [www.westhagbourne.org/planning.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/planning.htm)

## Deadlines for 2010

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](mailto:parishclerk@westhagbourne.org)

## Minutes

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.

[www.westhagbourne.org/pc\\_minutes.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm)

In May, the Parish Council held its annual meeting, at which reports were submitted from the Cemeteries Committee, Hagbourne School, the Hagbourne Charities, and Hagbourne Village Hall. Audited accounts and an update on the Parish Plan were received. Following statutory procedures, the Chair formally resigned and Phil Taylor was re-elected as Chair, and Marion Judd as Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year.

At the ordinary meeting which was held on the same day, the ever present issues of potholes and the condition of the main road through the village were discussed.

The changes to transport planning and an update on the progress of the building project at Great Western Park were reported on, and the Council discussed the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

## Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7.30pm in Hagbourne School on Thursday 15th July 2010.

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