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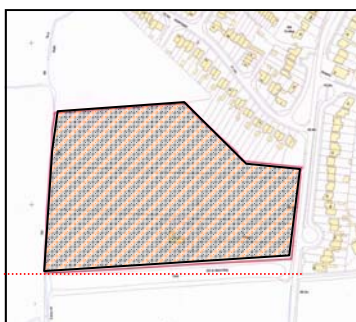
Park Road

South Oxfordshire District Council have now received the first stage of an application to scope the potential for housing in the last remaining parcel of land just off Park Road.

These unused fields are not in the Parish of West Hagbourne but sit against our boundary with East.

The Parish Council has repeated its concerns on many occasions over the potential increase in traffic entering Park Road. If this application contains as is expected, an 97 additional homes this is likely to impact on the traffic passing through the village.

As we understand it, this is the only part of GWP which will have a road that allows access out onto Park Road.



The red dotted line shows the limit set by SODC for any housing in the overall development.

You will have seen construction of the main entrance to GWP is underway over on the Milton link road. This is closer to where the first housing unit will be built, eventually wrapping right round to join this area on Park Road.

Skip

There will be a green waste only skip provided in the village on Saturday 20th November. It will be located in Green Lane, just at the south end of York Road.

To minimise unnecessary spend from the budget, this is likely to be the only green skip this financial year.

Please make sure only compostable material goes in it, and that where possible this has been cut to make best use of the available space.

Lifestyle event

Hagbourne School PTA are holding a Ladies Lifestyle and Beauty Evening to raise funds towards new changing rooms for the school pool.

The event is on the evening of Friday 8th October from 7.00 - 10.00pm at the school.

History Group

The next meeting of the History Group will be held jointly with friends from East Hagbourne to discuss the storage of important historical documents and possible ways of collecting the local history of the two villages. The meeting is open to everyone so do come along with your ideas and suggestions.

Monday 1st November at 8.00pm in Hagbourne Village Hall.

For further information please contact Mary Wiley Tel. 01235 85 0451

Horses

Would everyone please be vigilant if they see anyone feeding the horses in the paddocks around the village.

There have been several instances where apples and other green stuffs have been put into the enclosures, and this endangered the life of at least one horse in September.

John Thornhill

Lee, Antoni, Matthew and Michele Thornhill would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and messages to them. Losing John has been a very painful experience for all of us, he was a source of great joy in our lives, and we will miss his sporty nature and keen sense of humour.

Your support has been a great help. Thank you for being there when we needed you most.

Singing

Discover a new talent in yourself! Find a new hobby! Make new friends!

Come and join our small singing group which meets at Longmynds, Foxglove Lane, West Hagbourne. Rehearsals are held on Mondays 7.30 - 10 pm.

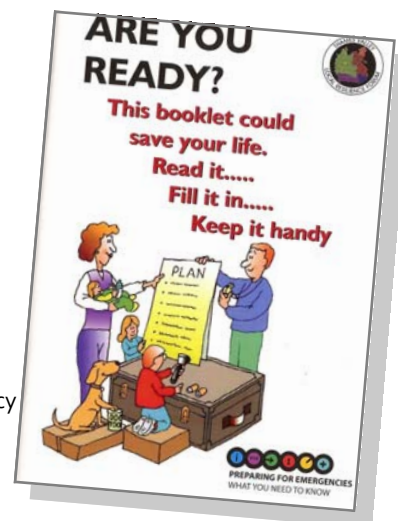
All you need is love of music and time for the regular rehearsals.

The rest comes naturally as you go along. Each rehearsal will help you gradually to develop your singing voice and even to learn eventually some music reading skills.

Usually we attempt to learn short pieces, mostly old English folk songs, madrigals and other classical music and some unusual Christmas carols.

Interested? Let me know by email evapinkava@aol.com 01235 850770

Delivered with this edition is a copy of the emergency planning booklet



News

New Baby

Congratulations to the new occupants of Broomsticks - Nigel & Anna Darwin - on the birth of their new baby, born Alina Mae 7lbs 3oz on Monday 27 September.

Elections 2011

It's your right to vote!

Remember you need to be on the Electoral Register to vote in all UK elections and referendums, including District, County, General and European elections.

You are not automatically registered even if you pay council tax. Being on the Electoral Register can also help confirm your residential status for credit checks. You can contact: the elections team on 01491 823040.

emailingelections@southoxon.gov.uk

Every autumn they carry out an annual canvass to update the electoral register - this is currently under way. As part of the canvass every house in West Hagbourne will have been sent a form that lists all people currently on the register at that address.

Next year there is likely to be a poll to elect a new Parish Council for West Hagbourne - so make sure you are on electoral register, and able to vote.

Carbon Monoxide

You can be at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning if a heating appliance is not working correctly.

Carbon monoxide is odourless, tasteless and invisible, so it is important to ensure heating appliances are working correctly.

Carbon monoxide can be deadly if inhaled in confined spaces. You are at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if a heating appliance is poorly installed, not working correctly, has not been checked for safety or is not maintained regularly.

Any heating appliance that uses gas, coal, wood or oil can produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide if not working correctly.

Newer homes are at greater risk of causing carbon monoxide poisoning because they are well insulated and sealed and whilst they have ventilation systems designed into them, if the occupant closes or obstructs points of air circulation like windows or doors for example, carbon monoxide will not escape easily.

The best way to protect you and your family is to have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Regular smoke detectors do not detect carbon monoxide!



Do you need help getting to a health appointment, shopping, attend social events or to visit friends?

The Oxfordshire Travel Advice line might be able to offer you some assistance.

Oxfordshire Travel Advice Line
01865 323738
Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm
email: oxtail@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Afternoons

Craft and social afternoon?

Mandy Stephens asks whether anyone would like to attend a craft group, meeting up in the village. Bringing your knitting or tapestry along, to have a chat and work together for a couple of hours a week.

Interested? Want to find out more?

Telephone Mandy on 851 631

Bus Passes

From 1 April 2011, SODC will no longer after bus passes and travel tokens for pensioners, disabled people and their travel companions.

They will become the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

Residents who currently receive a bus pass do not need to do anything and SODC will safely transfer all the data we hold to the county council.

For information about bus passes and travel tokens before 1 April 2011 email assistedtravelsodc@capita.co.uk or call 0345 3022313 (local rate).

Leisure future

South Oxfordshire District Council is asking residents to have their say on plans for developing the district leisure and recreational facilities.

The districts' population is set to increase by around nine per cent by 2026 so leisure facilities need to meet the needs of local people.

A recent study has told the council what the district has in the way of gyms, leisure centres, community halls and playing fields. This includes some facilities the council is responsible for, but many it is not.

This has helped with prioritising the

facilities the area might need.

Since future funding is uncertain and budgets are limited, the facilities identified at this stage are purely aspirational. Because of this it is vital the community is involved in these decisions.

The council wants to know if it has got these plans right and with purse strings tight, where residents would most like to see investment in leisure.

Residents can see the plans and find out how to comment by visiting www.southoxon.gov.uk/haveyoursay or find a copy at Didcot library.

The closing date is 5 November.

Notices



Skittles

Please put this date in your Diary
The Village Association is holding a Skittles session on Saturday the 13th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the village hall in Upton.

Come and bring your friends for supper and a game of skittles.

There will be jacket potatoes with various delicious fillings followed by scrumptious puddings and coffee.

Tickets are only £5 and can be obtained in advance from:

Betty Kendrick 850788

Val Walton 851089

Mike Parker 851389

and Marion Judd 850143

Lifestyle event

Hagbourne School PTA is holding a Ladies Lifestyle and Beauty Evening to raise funds towards some new changing rooms for the school pool.

Friday 8th October from 7.00 - 10.30 and tickets cost £5.00

There are going to be plenty of therapists offering treatments such as massages and manicures and a range of independent retailers offering the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping.

For Tickets call Carole Ireson at Taormina, Main St or telephone 01235 850027 .

Craft Fair

Hagbourne School PTA, will be holding their annual Christmas Gift and Craft Fair on Sunday 28th November at Hagbourne School & the Village Hall from 11am till 3pm.

This popular event offers a more relaxed shopping experience away from the hustle and bustle of the high street. Pick up some great gifts and crafts for the whole family.

Children can visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For more information contact Sharon Englefield on 01235 814201.

Volunteer

The Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers will be working down Moor Lane during Saturday November 13th and would welcome anyone who wishes to join them.

They will be clearing more of the overgrowth that is overhanging the watercourse and removing dead wood from the lane.

Street Fair

This year Didcot Christmas Street Fair will be held on Thursday 25th November. from 4-9pm in the Broadway and Orchard Centre.

The theme for the Street Fair this year will be Steam, celebrating 175 years of the Great Western Railway. They hope to have all things steam - cars, fire engines, traction engines, fair ground rides, mini engines etc .

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Planning applications

P10/W1049 Rowan, York Road Permission
Granted by SODC

P10/W0626/629/642 and P10/W0680/LB
Downs Farm

P10/W1150/RMGWP and
P10/W1274/SCOGWP Great West Park

P10/W1299 and 1300/LB Ivy Farm

P10/W1328/RMGWP

You can search based on your post code at
www.southoxon.gov.uk/planning-service

Deadlines for 2010

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

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

The Council has expressed its concern over some of the fundamental changes which have been put forward in the planning application submitted for the first phase of Great West Park; hedgerows and trees are being removed despite promises that this would not happen, and most importantly the developers are reneging on their commitments to provide rainwater and greywater collections on all public buildings on the basis of being too costly.

The Council was pleased to see that the verges on Main Street have now been cut back, but is disappointed to see that a number of repairs are still outstanding on the roads in and on the approaches to the village.

The Council had no strong views on the listed building amendment to Down Farm, or the re-design proposals of Ivy Barn, but would prefer to see plain tiles used in preference to slate on any listed buildings in the Conservation Area.

Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers are going to spend one more day improving the watercourse in Moor Lane, clearing back the hedge line which has overgrown in places.

The Clerk will pursue Greene King over its assurances to bring the sale of the parcel of land forward.

Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7.30pm in Hagbourne School on Thursday 11th November 2010.

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