

West Hagbourne

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Publication Delays

We wish to apologise to parishioners and advertisers for the long delay since publication of the last newsletter. A new system is being put in place for dealing with the newsletter and we are grateful to people who have volunteered to help. We can assure advertisers that they will feature in the number of newsletters for which they have paid.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 17 May 2012 in Hagbourne Village Hall. Over twenty members of the public. The Minutes are available on the village website. There was agreement that a VAS unit should be installed near to the Horse Harrow to warn people if they are exceeding the 30 mph speed limit as they approach the main part of the village. There was also general approval for the "20 is Plenty" sticker system, with stickers being placed on waste bins. It was felt that there should be a Parish Meeting on a summer afternoon, in addition to one that complies with the law.

Jubilee Celebrations

West Hagbourne Parish Council would like to congratulate the Village association on the marvellous Diamond Jubilee celebrations held at York Farm. The event was a great success.

Tyrrell Trust: Grants available for residents in 2012

The Tyrrell Trust is a small local charity offering grants to West Hagbourne village residents, in particular to younger people need of financial help to fund musical, educational, sporting or other worthwhile initiatives involving self-development and/or community service. In the past grants have been awarded to help with fundraising for World Challenge or other charitable or educational expeditions and for national-level sporting activities. Under the terms of the Trust, grants would also be considered for any resident experiencing severe hardship.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact Patsy Ryman (850 092) or Marion Judd (850 143) for more information. Grants are available for individuals or groups (up to £100 for groups). Applications should be sent to Patsy Ryman, 10 Manor Close, West Hagbourne, giving details of the project to be sponsored.

Community

Horse and Harrow

Welcome to Helen and Tony, the new publicans at the Horse and Harrow. They are providing food at lunchtime and in the afternoons. They have also arranged a number of music events and more are planned.

Green Deal on the Horizon

The Green Deal is a government scheme created under the Energy Act 2011. It provides a framework for householders to access energy saving measures at no up-front cost. So, what does this mean? Essentially, you'd get an assessment to look at what the householders would most benefit from, and that fits within the 'Golden Rule' – more on this later. If you wished for example, solid wall insulation and a new high efficiency boiler to go ahead, then you'd get a low-interest loan for the costs involved. The Golden Rule is that payback of this loan should come from savings that the householder makes as a result of the improvements being made, and full payback much be made within a 25 year time period (or earlier in the case of some technologies). The loan is attached to the electricity meter at the house, so wouldn't need to be paid off when you sold your home, unless you chose to. Repayments of the loan are collected by the electricity supplier.

Greg Barker, Minister of State has described the Green Deal as "the biggest home improvement programme since the Second World War".

However, in the case of loft and cavity wall insulation, current funding which makes this available, professionally installed, for free will end when the Green Deal comes in. This means that there are only a few weeks left (likely to be until end September) to make this energy efficiency improvement. The 'Oxfordshire Affordable Warmth Network' can help, and is supported by your local council. To get your free, no obligation survey for insulation, or for more advice on heating, keeping warm, saving money on energy bills, grants, switching supplier, and a whole host of other helpful ways to cut your bills, call us on:-

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Submitted by Dale Hoyland,
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colin@oil-syndicate.co.uk

Notices

Parish Council News

The VAS is now in operation on the road from the Horse and Harrow. The Parish Clerk is arranging for a stock of "20 is Plenty" stickers to be obtained, for distribution to those who wish to use them. The Council was asked to comment on proposals for construction traffic travelling to and from the Bloor Homes site on Park Road. We had previously made representations on construction traffic in our objections to the plans. The proposals state clearly the construction traffic is not to pass through West Hagbourne. There is an exemption for local cars and vans carrying workers to the site, but we have asked that even they be discouraged for passing through West Hagbourne. The Council is investigating options for an informal summer meeting.

Bonfires

Please be mindful of residents when lighting bonfires

Wait until the wind is from such a direction that smoke does not drift over villagers' property and only burn just before dusk when people (and their washing) are most likely to be indoors. Also do not burn damp materials as the lower combustion temperature leads to the production of substances some of which are powerful carcinogens.

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Minutes

Minutes of all meetings of the Parish Council are available online. If you do not have access to the internet, call the clerk and a printed copy will be delivered to you.

www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7.30pm in Hagbourne School on November 7th 2012 .

Members of the public are welcome

Newsletter

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