



West Hagbourne news

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Christmas coming

Incredibly, another year has passed and change is in the air. In 2014 Great Western Park has become a reality for West Hagbourne as the development in Park Road has come on stream. The village has welcomed a number of new families and local businesses have continued to thrive. For the first time, the Tour of Britain cycle race passed through our parish, while another successful Bike Night took place at the Horse and Harrow. We saw the demolition of three of the cooling towers at the Power station and the now regular invasion by dragons. In 2015, we are hoping for a slightly drier winter (less flooding) and maybe some real proposals to limit the growth of traffic through the village. Mostly, however, we are looking forward to continuing to enjoy the friendship of our neighbours and the charm of West Hagbourne. In the meantime, do you have something you are passionate about? Do you belong to a club or society in the area? Do you run your own business locally? Would you like to share this with West Hagbourne's residents? If so, we would love to hear from you. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Marion & Sue

Newcomers

With a number of new people moving into West Hagbourne, we would like to remind residents that there is a Welcome Pack available for all new villagers. If you have new neighbours, please let Sue know (850080). She will then deliver the welcome pack or, better still, bring you one so you can take it round and introduce yourself to your new neighbours. The pack contains a map of the village, useful telephone numbers and contact details for local organisations.

Lunch club

The Christmas lunch will be on Friday 12 December. Please let Marion or Sue know if you are planning to come along as they will be circulating a menu closer to the date. Helen would like to know what everyone plans to order before the day so that she can make her preparations. We look forward to a good turn out again this month.

Unwanted items

Did you know that you can get rid of larger items of unwanted furniture by donating them to the British Heart Foundation, who will collect them, free of charge? Upholstered items need to have appropriate labelling about fire hazards but bookcases, wardrobes etc are all welcome. They also take electrical items such as televisions, washing machines, fridges and games consoles. This is a great way to dispose of 'stuff' that clutters up your house and garage, and help fund research into heart disease at the same time. To arrange a collection call their base in Swindon on 01793 399524 or 0844 2489119 or go online to bhf.org.uk/collection

Decorations

It is that time of year again, and decorations and Christmas lights are beginning to appear around the village. These make a cheerful addition to the dark winter nights. If you have any photographs of examples in the village we would love to include them in the next edition.

Bad Driving

It seems that a number of drivers using York Road do so without remembering that there are now a lot more children in the village. Please drive carefully.

Phone Box

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that, while the phone box awaits a final decision about its new use housing a defibrillator, it is being used as a book (and other small items) exchange. If you have any books you would like to put there, please take them along.

At the same time, help yourself to any titles that interest you. From time to time, if the number of books gets too large, some may be taken to a charity shop in Didcot.

If you are leaving books, please make sure that they are either on the shelves or in the plastic container as it can get quite damp inside the phone box and this has already led to some books having to be thrown away when they became too sodden.

Community Public Access Defibrillator **CPAD**

Donations continue to arrive for this project, showing that it really has struck a chord with many residents.

So far **one third** of the target required has been contributed from businesses and individuals in the village.

With further support promised from BT, British Coatings, West Hagbourne Parish Council & Village Association plus an additional grant from The Community Heartbeat Trust we should reach the target of £2,300 by the end of January 2015.

This would mean the defibrillator could be installed during February.

A few things remain to be resolved before we can order the equipment.

These include confirming the use of the telephone box, agreeing which defibrillator to buy, arranging events for volunteers, as well as putting in

place a formalised plan for the ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the unit once it's in place.

We need to ensure compliance with some statutory governance and to liaise with the local Ambulance Trust to ensure that all the defibrillators located in the community are compatible with the ones they use.

A full Awareness Training Session will be held to coincide with installation, where the use of the defibrillator will be fully explained to the community.

These units are only **accessed via the 999 operator** and once switched on are self-explanatory as they guide the user with step-by-step voice instructions.

Costs associated with the unit

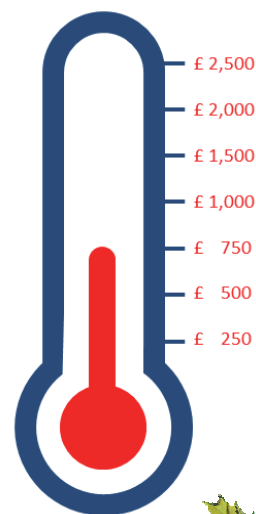
- The secure case + PAD £ 2,100
- Installation + Electrics £ 200
- BT will supply electricity for 7 years
- BCF will provide paint treatments

Ongoing costs will amount to no more than £75 per annum, less if the unit is not activated to save a life.

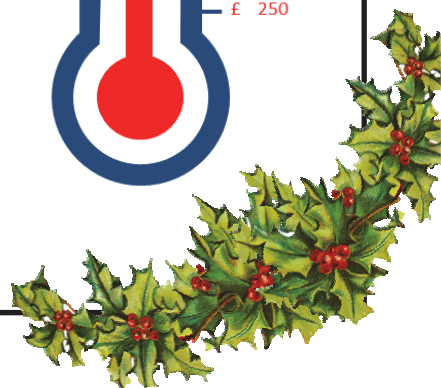
It is hoped that the Parish Council will contribute to the capital cost and take full responsibility for the on-going costs, allowing this piece of life-saving equipment to become part of West Hagbourne's community resource.

We need your contributions NOW please send cheques payable to the Parish Council to the Clerk or you can drop off at Meadows Edge on York Rd or to 4 Grove Terrace.

32% raised



Come along at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st January to Hagbourne Village Hall and find out more about the project.



News



Vale consultation

If you want to have your say about the latest Local Plan for the Vale of the White Horse, which includes the parishes of Harwell, Chilton, Blewbury and Upton which all border West Hagbourne you need to get going. The consultation on the new Local Plan 2031 closes on December 19th. This document sets out the vision for future development in this area for the next 16 years and, inevitably, includes a lot of housing and business development. Target sites that will impact on West Hagbourne are possibly 3350 more homes in Great Western Park, up to 1400 homes on Harwell campus. At the latter site there is also planned economic development. The documents examine the sustainability of such development and identify necessary infrastructure. See the plans and make your comments via <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031>



Garden Club

This club is open to all residents of the Hagbournes. Meetings commence in Hagbourne Village Hall at 7.30 - refreshments available from 7.00 p.m. Members and visitors most welcome. For more info contact Jane on 01235 813350. The programme for 2015 is: Thursday 22nd January: 'Wildlife Gardening' by Chris Ward.

Thursday February 26th: 'More Secret Gardens of Hampshire' by Patricia Elkington, owner of Little Court Gardens, Winchester.

Thursday March 26th: 'Skulduggery In The Shrubbery' presented by professional speaker Stefan White, looks at the Tradescant Family

Thursday 23rd April: 'Trees and People' by John Tyler.



Tony Pickup

Tony Pickup's connection with West Hagbourne goes back more than 50 years to when his parents moved into the village.

He and Bridget relocated here permanently twenty years ago, when he retired. After pioneering work and research in Distance Learning and Continuing Education for the Open University and the British Medical Council, he set his many talents to redesigning the bungalow in Manor Close. This included a gallery loft and extra space, used for entertaining family and friends at various village events on many happy occasions.

After taking to the air in his youth, in gymnastics and trampolining, in his retirement Tony learnt to fly. He particularly enjoyed soaring over the Berkshire Downs and especially over White Horse Hill where the best view you can get is from above.

Many people remember Tony for his sense of humour. In particular, they recall the time, a couple of years ago, when on St George's Day he led the Judges in the Dragon competition around the village on his own 'dragon' - a specially customised mobility scooter which eventually won the competition.

Choose well

The NHS is asking everyone to use their ambulance service wisely and only call 999 in a real emergency. If you become unwell, ill or injured and need medical help or advice, please choose well by using the right NHS service for your needs.

Choosing well ensures you receive the right care at the right time and that emergency medical care is made available to those people who need it the most.



U3A

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are on the third Tuesday each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall.

Visitors are welcome to come to a meeting as a taster before joining. In the new year, on January 20th, Alistair Lack will be talking about 'Travels with Aunty - BBC World Service'

D&D U3A is a self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operative for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for its members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning for fun, not qualifications. There are over 25 interest groups with something for everyone! Tel: 07804159993 didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

Bin collections

During the week after all bank holidays, a slightly adjusted collection calendar will come into affect.

Christmas and New Year 2014/15

Normal collection day

Thursday 25 December revised collection

Friday 26 December

Thursday 1 January revised collection

Saturday 3 January note that on this day collections start from 6am so please put your bins out early.

Village Association

The Village Association held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th November, 2014 at the Horse and Harrow. Thirteen people attended and three new villagers, Pierre Alles and Margaret & Ian Leisham were welcomed and agreed to join the Committee.

Details of the meeting will be put on the village web site or can be obtained from Val Walton, (chair) 851089, or June Little, (vice chair) 850094. On **Wednesday January 21st** 2015 the Village Association are planning to hold a social event combined with a talk from the ambulance service regarding the proposed Defibrillator for the village. Details available in January.

HGV's & potholes

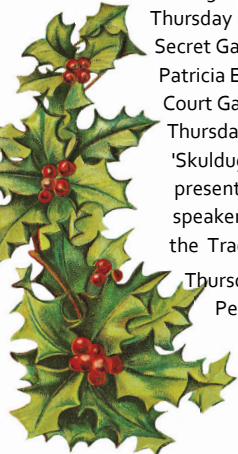
The Community led plan highlighted that the police are not interested in reports of oversized vehicles in the village. Report breaches of weight restrictions directly to Trading Standards

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/weight-restriction-orders> or by phone (0845 051 0845) or email trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Report potholes direct to Oxfordshire Highways. If you can supply a photo that gives some idea of the extent of the pothole(s) this will help assess the urgency of its repair.

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/contact-highway-enquiries-team> by telephone: 0845 310 1111

All of this information and the relevant links are available on the village web site.



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SELF CARE



Voting 2015

Are you registered to vote? Look out for your letter or register now to avoid missing your opportunity to vote. Under changes to how the voter registration process works people must now register individually, rather than as a household. The majority of people will have had their voter registration automatically transferred to the system, the letter will confirm this. If you have not received anything contact the Electoral services at:
South Oxfordshire District Council
 Crowmarsh Gifford
 Wallingford OX10 8ED
 01235 540310



Free Parking

People in South Oxfordshire will be able to take advantage of the traditional free parking days again this Christmas. Drivers will be able to park for FREE in **South Oxfordshire District Council** car parks as follows:
 Didcot –from midday onwards on Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 and 24, December
 Henley –all day on Saturdays 7, 14, and 21 December
 Wallingford –from midday onwards on Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 December.
 The annual free parking is provided by the district council in December to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents.

Winter advice

Look in on vulnerable neighbours friends, relatives and neighbours who may be more suffering as a result of cold weather. The winter season is especially dangerous for older people or people with serious illnesses, so check in on them if you can.

Follow these tips to keep you, your family and those around you warm and well in extremely cold weather.

- To keep warm and well during spells of cold weather:
- Draw your curtains at dusk and keep your doors closed to block out draughts.
- Have regular hot drinks and eat at least one hot meal a day if possible. Eating regularly helps keep energy levels up during winter.
- Wear several light layers of warm clothes (rather than one chunky layer).
- Keep as active in your home as possible.
- Wrap up warm and wear shoes with a good grip if you need to go outside on cold days.
- If you have reduced mobility, are 65 or over, or have a health condition such as heart or lung disease, you should heat your home to at least 18C and make sure you wear enough clothes to stay warm.
- If you're under 65 and healthy, you can safely have your house cooler than 18C, if you're comfortable.



Parish Council

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Parish Clerk Vacancy

The current Parish Clerk has handed in her resignation and will be leaving early in the new year. The Parish Council is looking for a replacement Clerk who will also be the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council.

The post is part time and the hours required will be up to half a day a week on average (3.5 hours), working at home and also attending seven evening meetings per year. The position is a paid one and the Clerk will be an employee of the council. The current salary is £1824 per year. Tax will be paid under PAYE. Experience of working as a Parish Clerk is an advantage but is not essential, as training can be provided by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and other bodies.

It is not necessary to be a resident of the village and if you know of somebody suitable who lives elsewhere, please let them know.

Enquiries should be made in the first instance to the Chairman of the Council, Michael Butler. 01235 850523 mike.butler@westhagbourne.org

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Council Meetings

are held in Hagbourne Village Hall

- 4th February 2015
- 1st April 2015
- 13th May 2015

Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online. If you cannot find them contact the clerk or 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

Council vacancy

We are still looking to co-opt another volunteer who would be willing to become a Parish Councillor until the next election.

Anybody willing to help should contact any of the remaining councillors.

Michael Butler





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local events

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Christmas services at St Andrew's Church

13-21 December

Christmas Tree Festival

15 December

Hagbourne School Carol Concert

16th December

Ring & Sing Handbell Concert

19h30-21h00 17th December

St Birinus School Carol Concert

21st December

Candlelit Carol Service

24th December

Crib Services 14h00 and 16h00

Didcot Choral Society

candlelit carols and readings by Bob Chilcott
St Matthew's Church, Harwell Tickets £10
Saturday 6th December 2014 7.30pm
Available on the door or 07915 094842

Town Carol Concert

Didcot Civic Hall

Monday 8th December at 7:15 pm

Village Lunch

Horse and Harrow

Friday 12th December at 12h30

Village Association

Defibrillator Introduction

Hagbourne Village Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st January

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Marquee for hire

Residents of West Hagbourne are welcome to borrow the Village Association's marquee for a fee of £25. You need to find your own site and put it up yourselves (advice is available).

Anyone borrowing and erecting the marquee does so at their own risk.



FREE

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Dave Totterdell 850080

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