

Road closure

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Temporary Road Closure – at West Hagbourne, Main Street

A request has been received from Oxford County Council for a **temporary road closure to apply to a section of Main Street**, whilst work is being carried out to install long-promised traffic calming measures outside Green Thatch. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from **5th February to 15th February 2018**.

Although the official diversion will take traffic via Harwell Village, it is highly likely that many drivers will opt to use York Road to avoid the road closure. Residents along this stretch of road should therefore take additional care when parking and all villagers should be prepared for extra traffic when walking along the parts without pavements.

If you see any dangerous behavior by drivers, please photograph it when possible and then report it to the clerk.



Village Lunch

There was a good turnout for the Christmas lunch in December and for the January get together. The next village lunch will be on February 16th at 12h30. All are welcome. Please let Marion or Sue know if you are planning to come along, or get in touch with the pub directly.



Housing plans

An application has been submitted to develop land at the Horse and Harrow pub. The plan is to put in three houses on what is now the garden of the pub. Any loss of parking spaces at the pub might worsen the overspill of parked cars onto the road at busy times. In general responses were supportive although some mention the missed opportunity for affordable homes and worries about access to Main Street at busy times. The deadline for comment has passed.

Taylor Wimpey

A full planning application has not yet been submitted **for the development of the land to the WEST of Park Road**.

The Parish Council continue to speak to Taylor Wimpey in an effort to mitigate the effects of any future development on the village. So far it seems that Taylor Wimpey are prepared to consider developing only as far south as the vineyard, leaving a larger buffer between their houses and West Hagbourne. In addition their plans will include 'diverting' Park Road through their new estate to join the new road that comes out close to the Kingswell.

An action group, Hands off Hagbourne Fields, has been set up to coordinate the response to the proposed development. You should have received a letter soon after Christmas explaining what is at issue. If you did not, please get in touch with Sue Totterdell. The steering group includes residents of East and West Hagbourne as well as Didcot all of whom are keen to prevent developers encroaching on the open fields that lie between Didcot and the Hagbournes.

The Catesby application, **for the land to EAST of Park Road**, was refused by SODC but has gone to appeal.

Village Walk

Despite a cold, brisk north-easterly wind on Sunday 7th January some thirteen keen walkers accompanied by three dogs gathered in the winter sunshine on the first village walk of the year. After setting off up Moor Lane, we crossed over onto Church Path via the railway line. On reaching the barns in East Hagbourne, we turned left up to Main Road, right into the village, and left into Harwood Road.

At the top of Harwood Road, we passed Butt's Piece, crossed over onto Mowbray Fields and re-joined the railway line back along to Moor Lane. We returned to West Hagbourne along the footpath next to Manor Farm. A total distance of 2.5 miles in one very enjoyable hour. Look out for details of the next village walk in the April edition of the newsletter.

Margaret Leishman



Local Charities

Two ancient local charities exist locally whose benefit areas cover the Hagbournes; the Tyrrell Trust and Hagbourne Parochial Charity. Both were originally endowed by benefactors three or more centuries ago, to benefit the poor in West and East Hagbourne, in days when abject poverty was widespread. Today, although our society is radically changed since earlier centuries, acute need still arises from time to time, although the sacks of coal and loaves of bread originally dispensed by these charities in the past are no longer relevant in modern times. Charities such as these are governed by rules set down by the Charity Commission, who have recently advised that charities have greater leeway to make any necessary changes in benefit area or

beneficiary group to enable the charity's resources to be applied for its purposes. Currently, Hagbourne Parochial Charity's benefit area covers both Hagbournes plus those parts of Didcot which once formed the village of North Hagbourne, now known as Northbourne. In the past year, this Charity has issued small grants specifically for children in need within its benefit area. Our own Tyrrell Trust exists to benefit West Hagbourne residents only. Further information about the Tyrrell Trust can be found on the Village website <http://www.westhagbourne.org/tyrrell.htm> Should exceptional unmet need arise, West Hagbourne residents can apply to either Charity for small grants, providing their circumstances fall within each Charity's remit.

other news

Bernard Mead

Former Parish Council Chair and Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Bernard Mead, who lived in Foxglove Lane, died before Christmas on December 13th.

Bernard was a well-respected West Hagbourne long-term resident and the village was well represented at his funeral which took place on December 27th at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium. Our thoughts are with his family.

Carols for 2018

Do you remember when a group of villagers, accompanied by Peter Mitchell with his electric keyboard set up in the back of his car, would go round the village singing carols?

There has been a suggestion that this tradition might be revived for 2018 so if you would like to get out there and bring in the Christmas spirit, see the December edition of this newsletter to find out details.

If you can play a portable musical instrument, we would like to hear from you.

Waste app

If you have been confused about which bin would be collected when during the Christmas Holidays, you need never miss a collection again by downloading the latest app. Just go to your App Store or Google Play Store and search Binzone to download this free app.



U3A

The U3A aims to encourage and enable people no longer in full time employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experiences; the word 'University' is used here in its original sense, as a group of people coming together to learn for the pleasure of learning. No academic qualifications are needed - and none are awarded - we all simply enjoy many different hobbies, interests and opportunities to learn something new with like minded individuals!

Five years on we are pleased to say this self-help learning continues to gain new members (265) and ever more Interest Groups (35), as we go to Press!

In addition, monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every Month (2pm, advise arrive 15 mins early!) at the Didcot Civic Hall along with a Guest Speaker, the next three meetings will feature;

20th February - SERV (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers):

Speaker Captain Kamran Irani

20th March - The Story of Music:

Middle Ages to the Present Day:

Speaker Mike Hurst - record

producer and original member of The Springfields.

17th April AGM

Fibre broadband

For those hoping for the imminent arrival in the village of the long-awaited high speed fibre broadband, there is hope.

It seems that work has recently been carried out to remove the underground blockage in the ducting that was preventing the installation of the new fibre optic cable. Perhaps the new service might arrive in the next few weeks?



Earth Trust

Mud Pie Monday 12th February, 10am-11.30am: Come and get messy in the mud kitchen - buckets of mud and buckets of fun! Wellies and waterproofs advisable. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

* Winter Activity Trail Tuesday 13th February, 10am-4pm: Pick up your map and explorer backpack from the Earth Trust Centre and head out for a self-led adventure in the woods! Can you complete all the winter-themed activities along the trail?

Wildlife Wednesday at Mowbray 14th February, 10am-12pm: this half term, come and play at Mowbray Fields, Didcot (OX11 8SU). Explore the reserve and learn about local wildlife. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

*Build a Bird Feeder Thursday 15th February, 10am-11.30am and 1pm-2.30pm: Make three different bird feeders to take home for your garden. £5 per family.

Discover and Play Friday 16th February, 10am-12pm: Forest School fun for the under-5s; join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

*River of Life Walk Thursday 22nd February, 1pm-3.30pm: Come and see how the River of Life wetland has progressed, four years after it was created. £8

*booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

Action for Carers

Oxfordshire has a range of new free courses for carers. These include aromatherapy massage, first aid at home, yoga and confidence building. The courses will help carers learn new skills, understand themselves and their caring role, and how to adapt to change. To find the course that suits you.

Involvement Matters

The January Edition of Involvement Matters includes:

- A survey on plans to reduce over the counter prescriptions for 33 minor and short term health concerns
- Details on new research into diagnostic tests and medical technologies which requires the input of local people around three themes: long term conditions, acute paediatrics and prescription of antibiotics
- A national survey on radiotherapy services.

National Surveys

The national 'GP Patient survey' runs from January until the end of March 2018, and more than two million randomly selected people registered with GP practices will be invited to take part.

For the first time, 16 and 17 year olds will be included and it will cover new questions about recent service changes and topics including mental health.

keep up to date

www.westhagbourne.org

The website carries all sorts of Information, news and contact details



Catch it Kill it

Catch it, Bin it, Kill it—How to stop the spread of Flu

In winter, especially during the cold weather, it's important to look after yourself. If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice from your pharmacist.

Flu is very infectious and spread by germs from coughs and sneezes, which can live on hands and surfaces for 24 hours. To reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
 - Bin used tissues as quickly as possible
 - Wash your hands often with warm water and soap.
- Having a flu vaccination can help protect you.

Anyone thinking of going to A&E is encouraged to give careful consideration to the available alternatives and understand that waiting times may be long.

HGV's & potholes

Please report potholes direct to Oxfordshire Highways.

If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of the pothole this will help assess the urgency for its repair.

You can do this online at highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk 0845 310 1111 or go to www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes.

Village events

In the dark days of winter it can be hard to imagine that spring will ever arrive. This year, the judging for the Village Front Garden Competition will take place in April, so now is the time to be planning to maximise colour and interest in your plot.

You may already have noticed that there are crocuses appearing in the grass under the Horse Chestnut tree in the middle of the village. Hopefully, in time, these will spread to provide an early spring show. They should be followed by daffodils in due course before the summer bedding arrives after the risk of frost has ended. April will also be the month for the reappearance of the dragons who reside in the village.

Perhaps now is a good time to be thinking about how you will contribute to this very popular annual event?



Fly tipping

If you witness fly-tipping or wish to report materials fly-tipped, please contact the waste team at SODC immediately.

You can report fly-tipping by telephoning 03000 610 610 or email the team at admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk

Please do not remove anything from the fly-tip site. It is vital that all the evidence is left at the site for council officers to investigate.

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Council Meetings

are held in Hagbourne Village Hall

- see website for future dates

Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online.

If you cannot find them contact the clerk, 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

From now on, shortly before each meeting of the Parish Council the agenda will be circulated by email to all those on the list.

To comply with legal requirements, a physical copy of the agenda will still be posted on the Parish Council notice board.

Parish Email List

If you wish to be placed on this list, or wish to check that your entry is correct, please send an email to the Clerk at

parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

Planning updates

If you want to be notified about planning applications that affect West Hagbourne, you can sign up for email alerts.

Contact Andrew Wise
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

In addition to meetings with Taylor Wimpey and the traffic calming work due to start in Main Street, the PC have received quotes for repairing and renovating the village noticeboard containing the village map; the bench next to the bus shelter; and the bench underneath the tree on the island in the road. These were approved at the parish council meeting and the carpenter will be dealing with them when the weather is better.

local events

If you have items you are prepared to give away, send us a short advertisement with the details for inclusion (free of charge) in the next newsletter.

Friday Lunch Club

At the Horse & Harrow 12.30pm

Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December

Future dates will be circulated via the mailing list.

Didcot's Farmers' Market

is held every second Saturday of the month from 8.30am to 1.30pm

Didcot Film Club

The Film Club meets monthly

at Cornerstone at 8pm

on a Wednesday evening.

Membership costs £5.

February 28 **Micmacs** (French, 2009)

April 4th **Passport to Pimlico** (UK 1949)

April 25th **Graduation** (Rom 2016)

can you help?

We are always keen to hear from you about news you have, or events you think other residents would like to know about.

If you have something to sell, give away or tell others about, listings are free if you live in West Hagbourne.

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The Association will not be responsible for any claims for accidents that may occur during the rental.

12 x 5 metre and 11 x 4 metre
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For advanced booking and details please contact **Robert Griffiths** (Woodleys)
rob.griff@yahoo.co.uk
All donations go towards our village funds.



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