

Jump for Joy

Last month - Friday July 6th Helen Hughes, landlady at the Horse and Harrow, confronted her fear of heights and carried out a sponsored tandem sky dive in aid of Prevent Breast cancer.

If you would like to add to the money Helen has raised, you can still donate on

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-hughes46>



Broadband

The new telecoms cabinet on the corner of York Road has been connected for more than a month now and those who have signed ups for the fibre broadband service should be getting much improved upload and download speeds.

If you have signed up for super fast speeds but are still not getting them, contact BT but also let Hugh Lewis know so he can monitor delivery throughout the village.



Produce Show

The Annual Produce Show will be held on Saturday 2nd September at Hagbourne Village Hall.

Sponsored by the village shop and the Fleur de Lys the show will open at 2.00 pm

Road Closure

Be warned there will be a Temporary Road Closure for a few days which will affect part of the B4016 toward Hagbourne Mill through East Hagbourne work is scheduled to happen from the 20th to 24th August

Fire risk

The NFU is urging everyone out and about enjoying the British countryside to act responsibly and avoid lighting fires and ensure cigarettes and barbecues are put out properly. Follow the Countryside Code and report any fires or any activities which could cause fires to the emergency services.

Farmers should also take extra precautions given the increased risk such as having checked fire extinguishers on all vehicles involved in the harvest campaign and to put firebreaks in around fields as soon as they are harvested."

Village Association

Summer walk - due to the continuing extreme weather conditions, we regret that the summer walk, which was due to take place on 9th July, was cancelled. The next village walk will take place on Sunday 7th October starting at 2pm from The Square. All are very welcome to join us for an autumn stroll.

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 15th September
10:30am - 12:30pm at York Farm, by kind permission of Richard and Mary Allen.

Following last year's huge success, we will again be hosting a coffee morning in support of this very worthy cause. We would be very grateful for donations of homemade cakes and/or raffle prizes which can be brought along to York Farm on the morning of the event, or given to any one of the committee members beforehand. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported us last year - we hope to see you again in September.

Date for your diary - the West Hagbourne Village Association AGM will take place on Monday, 12th November 2018, starting at 7:30pm at the Horse & Harrow. We welcome your views and ideas for future community events, so please come along and have your say. Offers of help are always appreciated. Contact the secretary, Margaret Leishman - mjleishman707@gmail.com or tel: 01235 851707 if you would like to know more.



20th Duck Race

The very popular 20th Annual Duck Race will be held at Parsonage Lane in East Hagbourne

Sunday 26th August 2018
from 12.30pm

In aid of St Andrews' church



Hagbourne Loop

Loop is a new service being piloted in a number of local villages later this summer.

Loop was developed in close consultation with the parish councils and local residents clustered around Wallingford and Didcot to provide a sustainable, on-demand service that matches drivers and passengers travelling to and from local amenities. With the removal and/or sparsity of buses and high cost of taxis, living in rural communities can be both isolating and expensive.

Loop is designed as a social enterprise that can serve communities locally. Loop will reward drivers for providing lifts, get passengers where they want to go, provide financial support for the local community and improve connectivity. We would love to work with Hagbourne residents.

Our website and app will launch soon so please keep an eye out.

If you are interested in learning more and helping establish the Hagbourne's Loop drop me an email at Hamish.blythe@gmail.com

other news

Attack on the Railway line

Many villagers use the disused railway/Sustrans track to walk their dogs and to access Didcot or Upton. So it was rather worrying that, in June, the local press reported that a jogger was pushed to the ground by a cyclist. The incident took place at 20.25 on a Sunday, and Thames Valley Police said the man threw himself off his bike and onto the jogger as she passed, knocking her to the ground. "She managed to get away from the man and find help from nearby members of the public."

The man is described as white, approximately 6ft and slim, with a square body frame. He was thought to be aged in his 30s and had light brown wavy hair, and was wearing a light-coloured hooded top".

Police have appealed for witnesses of the assault.

Didcot **U3A**

Come along on the dates below to the Didcot Civic Hall at 2 o'clock, and arrive early to avoid disappointment! New members welcome.

18th September - Fishy Takes and Eccentric Customers by Kevin Little, who has been a fishmonger in Reading for over 50 years. 16th October - Sleuths, Spies and ASBOs - Angela Nightingale gives a talk that will hopefully inspire you to look into your past. For further information please contact the following;

Shirley Rouse -
chairman@didcotu3a.org

Bob Ashby -
membership@didcotu3a.org
or via the WorldWideWeb at <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

Tips for coping in hot weather

Shut windows and pull down the shades when it is hotter outside. You can open the windows for ventilation when it is cooler. Avoid the heat: stay out of the sun and don't go out between 11am and 3pm if you're vulnerable to the effects of heat.

Keep rooms cool by using shades or reflective material outside the windows. Have cool baths or showers, and splash yourself with cool water.

Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and diluted fruit juice. Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine (tea, coffee and cola) or drinks high in sugar.

Plan ahead to make sure you have enough supplies, such as food, water and any medications you need. Identify the coolest room in the house so you know where to go to keep cool.

Wear loose, cool clothing, and a hat and sunglasses if you go outdoors.

Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able to look after themselves. (NHS Advice)

NHS Health check?

Have you had your NHS Health check? These are designed to spot if you could be at risk of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are available to anyone aged between 40 and 74 who has not already been diagnosed with an existing heart condition. Health checks are free and you will be invited to have one every five years. Your GP surgery will automatically send out invitations, but if you are over 40 and haven't had one, contact your surgery to make an appointment.

You can also take part in a short survey on NHS health checks to help Oxfordshire County Council understand better how many people have had one (see the story below on consultations).



Village news

Villagers will undoubtedly have noticed the newly refurbished seats by the bus shelter and under the horse chestnut tree, as well as the cabinet containing the Village Map. These upgrades have greatly improved the appearance of the village centre and should ensure the continued survival of these amenities. Thanks to the Parish Council for organising this.

Thanks also to Robert Griffiths for watering the plants in the village centre and getting them through all the recent hot dry weather and to Mary Ann Butler for caring for the planter by the pond. The waterlily in the farm pond has flowered this year for the first time.

Good-byes

Many of you will be aware that Phil and Jo Taylor are moving on to new horizons. Their commitment to village life has been considerable, including Phil chairing the Parish Council for 8 years, and the much-loved pop-up eating opportunities they provided. Perhaps the most lasting legacy, though, is this newsletter, which Phil single-handedly revived and turned into the product you now see. They will both be much missed from West Hagbourne and we wish them well.

Anyone who can help with the production of the newsletter (in particular if you have experience using Publisher software) should contact Sue (850080)

Train or Bus

Some late evening train services will be affected by engineering works during August so check before you travel.

Amended services will affect some trains from Paddington and between Didcot Parkway and Chippenham / Bristol Parkway from Monday 13 to Thursday 16 August

See details of routes affected by planned engineering works at http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_disruptions

Planning vigilance

Careful attention to detail has resulted in an important correction being made to the Emerging Local Plan for South Oxfordshire.

A site described as "South of Great Western Park" was, in the original version of this document, designated as "previously considered reasonable alternative". It appears that this was an error and the site has now been more correctly labelled as an 'additional site submitted by developers'.

This is an important difference in that it implies that the council has considered the site and does not favour its development. Our thanks to the Mind the Green Gap group for spotting this error and getting it corrected by SODC.

Council News

Following discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting, a radar unit has been positioned on the top of the signpost on Main Street, to measure the speed of vehicles in both directions along two portions of Main Street. The Parish Council will be considering the results at the next council meeting. The unit is unofficial but the results should be accurate.

The Charity of William Tyrrell

Under a recent change in the law the Charity is able to change its purpose, providing it does not own "designated land". We have asked the Charity Commission to look into this and we have just been advised that the field owned, and rented out, by the Charity does not count as designated land. The current purpose of the Charity is set out in a scheme dating from 1931, to provide relief to the poor in the village. An approved purpose which we are now considering is "The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage".

At the recent APM a question was asked about the frequency of the emptying of the public litter bins in the village. I have just got off the phone from BIFFA who assured me that these bins are emptied twice a week always on a Monday and normally on a Thursday or Friday as well every week. If this is not happening or you notice that the public bins are overflowing then please let one of your councillors know if you bump into them on your travels or just email me and I will chase BIFFA.

Loyd Road Fields safe - for now"

For those who have been following the application by Catesby to develop Loyd Road Fields, the land to the east of Park Road, down to Coscote, it came as a relief to hear that the Planning Inspector dismissed Catesby's appeal. If you

attended any of the sessions of the hearing, held in Upton Village Hall, you will know that many of the planning issues being considered will apply equally well to the Hagbourne Fields application (to the west of Park Road). In dismissing the appeal by Catesby, the Inspector provides a useful precedent with regard to the Hagbourne Fields application. The group who coordinated the Loyd Road Fields campaign have indicated that they will join the protest against developing Hagbourne Fields. At the time of writing, SODC's decision on Hagbourne Fields is pending.



Yellow Letters

Residents in South Oxfordshire and are urged to respond to a yellow letter which will arrive through their letter boxes in the coming days.

The 'Household Enquiry Form' requires people to confirm who currently lives in their property.

www.householdresponse.com

You will need the code on the yellow letter to do this.

This information will make sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so in future elections, including the district, town and parish elections in May 2019.

By law, each household must confirm their details, even if they are correct. Anyone who fails to do so could be fined up to £1,000.

Residents who do not have access to the internet can confirm their details by completing and returning the form that comes with the letter. If your details are correct you can confirm this by phone or text – the details required for this are included on the letter.

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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

HGV's & potholes

HGV's & potholes are a persistent issue on the roads in the village and beyond.

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. (with a bean tin to show the depth of the offending hole help)

You can do this online

- www.fixmystreet.com
 - highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk call 0845 310 1111
- or go to
- www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes

Highways Depot Open Day

As part of their commitment to improved Member and Community engagement, the Drayton Depot which is near Abingdon will hold an Area Operations Open Day on Sunday 12th August.

keep up to date

www.westhagbourne.org

The website carries Information, news and contact details
As well as copies of minutes of all organisations

local events

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

Friday Lunch Club

At the Horse & Harrow 12.30pm

- **Friday 17th August**

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

Wednesday 5 September.

Journeyman -

a 2017 film about the effects of a serious head injury, sustained during a fight, on the subsequent life of a boxer. Paddy Considine directs and co-stars with Jodie Whittaker.

Tickets cost £8 for non-members.

village events

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday, 15th September

10:30am - 12:30pm at York Farm

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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in the event of an emergency call 999

Marquees

The Village Association has two Marquees.
£50 plus a returnable deposit of £75
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
Tables and chairs are also available
£50 plus a returnable deposit of £75

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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