

Village Association News



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Firstly, a huge "Thank you" to everyone who supported us when we hosted our recent coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. The many generous donations raised over £900.00.

We are very grateful to all of you who contributed to its success in some way by baking cakes, donating raffle prizes, helping to erect and take down the marquee, and coming along with family and friends to enjoy a cup of

coffee and a chat. Our thanks also go to Mary and Richard Allen for the use of their facilities at York Farm, and making everyone feel so welcome.



Village Autumn Walk

Please join us on Sunday, 7th October at 2pm for the village autumn walk and enjoy a gentle stroll along local paths and tracks. Starting, as usual, from The Square. Four-legged friends are welcome too!

AGM

The next AGM will take place on Monday 11th November 2018, at 7:30pm in the Horse & Harrow. The Association's annual general meeting is open to all villagers living in the parish of West Hagbourne. We warmly invite you to come along and support us by

offering your views and suggestions on how we can continue our aim, which is to provide social, fund-raising and other village events for the benefit of our community. The meeting is quite informal, and after reports are presented and the committee is elected/re-elected, events for the forthcoming year are discussed. The committee thanks you all for your support over the past year, and if you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the Association secretary, Margaret Leishman on 01235 851707, or email mjleishman707@gmail.com.

Car parking

A plea for considerate car parking has been made to this newsletter. Whilst fully appreciating that there are no parking restrictions in the village, and that car parking does slow traffic on our residential roads, it is important that we consider other road users. The Highway Code lists a number of general locations unsuitable for car parking anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services:

- opposite or within 10 meters of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- opposite another parked vehicle if this would cause an obstruction
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

Parish Council

The results from the radar speed survey showed that along two stretches of Main Street, from the junction with Foxglove Lane to the bend, and from there to the pond, the average speeds were less than 30 mph for almost all of the day.

From the early hours to 06:00 the average speeds were slightly above 30 mph. The average speeds along these two stretches were

well above 24 mph. For a through road such as Main Street, if the average speed is above 24 mph, a limit of 20 mph is normally considered inappropriate unless measures to reduce speed are introduced. Consequently we do not consider that the average speed along this part of Main Street justifies traffic calming measures. As a result we have decided that

we shall not be seeking the introduction of a 20 mph limit on this part of Main Street. Instead we have considered traffic problems on York Road. This is not a through road, and much of it has no pavement. A 20 mph limit might well be appropriate and we shall be looking into that as well as other steps to reduce risks to pedestrians, and particularly children, in this area.

other news

U3A

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

16th October - Sleuths, Spies and ASBOs - Angela Nightingale gives a talk that will hopefully inspire you to

Museum Mosaic

1066: A Medieval Mosaic took its creator Michael A. Linton 33 years to complete.

Made from 33 million individual pieces of spring steel, the mosaic now measures 64 metres long and weighs 350kg. The mosaic re-creates the original Bayeux Tapestry, including the depiction of the Battle of Hastings, but also expands on it with additional historic scenes, including the crowning of William the Conqueror on Christmas Day 1066.

To coincide with the arrival of the mosaic at the Soldiers

look into your past. For further information please contact the following:

Shirley Rouse:
chairman@didcotu3a

Or Bob Asgby:
chairman@didcotu3a

or via the WorldWideWeb at:
<http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>



of Oxfordshire Museum in Park Street, Woodstock, there will be a mini-exhibition of objects that tell the story of WW2 as the Bayeux tapestry does for the Norman Conquest. Visitors will be able to see these objects on display until February 2019.

The Museum is open Tuesday – Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturdays 11am to 5pm, and Sundays 2pm to 5pm.

More information can be found on the museum's website:

<http://www.sofo.org.uk>

CAB advice



Parking tickets

There can be few experiences as disheartening and utterly deflating as returning to your car after a shopping trip, laden with parcels and shopping bags, to find a black and yellow parking notification attached to your windscreen. It could spoil anyone's day - but don't let it! Don't panic, and don't waste any time before getting to grips with the problem.

If you think the ticket was justified you might pay the fine right away, thus getting a substantial discount:

- 50% if you pay a Penalty Charge Notice or Excess Charge Notice within 14 days

- 40-60% if you pay a Parking Charge Notice within 14 days

If you think that you were parked correctly and within the rules, or there were mitigating circumstances, you might appeal (but don't pay a ticket issued by a parking company that isn't a member of the Accredited Trade Association - they can't force you to pay or take you to court).

If you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any rules, and, if possible, send evidence to prove it. For further information see:

<https://citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-cours/parking-tickets/>

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on their :Adviceline 03 444 111444 or drop in to your nearest

Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see:

<https://citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale>

Thames Valley Police

Did you know you can get in touch with Thames Valley Police online as well as by calling 101? By using the 'Contact Us' form on their website you can:

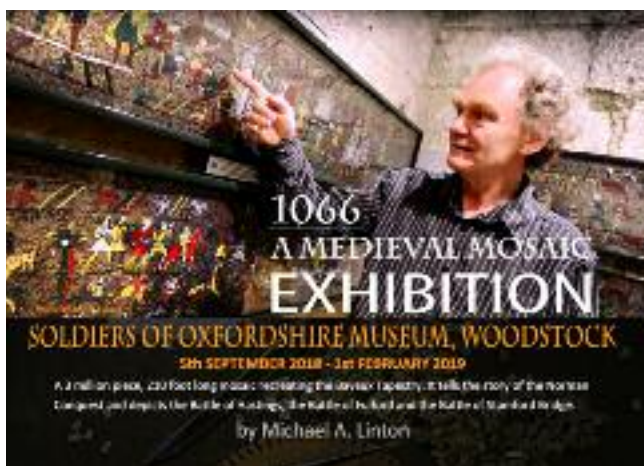
Provide more information or request an update on a crime report

Say if you recognise a face or description from a witness appeal

Contact an officer or department directly, for example the Fixed Penalty Support Unit. This also helps you reach an officer or PCSO who may be working unsociable hours.

You can also use our the online reporting form to report any type of crime, traffic collisions involving an injury, a missing person and anti-social behaviour.

www.thamesvalley.police.uk





Better Broadband update

From the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire team:

Blewbury Cabinet 7 (OX11 0NG) has been delivered for superfast broadband!

As part of the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme, a fibre-enabled cabinet is now live and ready to take orders in West Hagbourne. This means that 79 residents and businesses in the parish will be able to request an upgrade to fibre-enabled broadband from a range of Internet Service Providers (ISPs). In most cases, residents can select a product offering download speeds above 24Mbps following infrastructure upgrades made via the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme, providing access to fibre-enabled broadband where this is not commercially viable without public sector investment.

If you would like to share your experience of the process of upgrading and what benefits you have received, the team are looking for case studies to publish on their website:

<http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/case-studies>

Categories include Family, Working from home, Business owner, Silver surfer, Broadband champion, Small / medium size business / farm

Contact the website for further information: www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk

It is important to note, that not all premises within a postcode area will necessarily be able to order superfast speeds (above 24Mbps). Premises will be able to access a range of speeds – some will get superfast broadband and others will be able to get anywhere between 2Mbps and 24Mbps, depending on distance from the cabinet.



A Capella

Harmony InSpires, the award-winning *a capella* ladies' choir, is celebrating its 10th anniversary with an afternoon of music and entertainment on 13th October. As well as Harmony InSpires, there will be guest musicians from St Helen and St Katharine School, songs from Crescendo and an audience with Paul Mayhew-Archer, after his recent successful appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe.

www.harmonyinspires.org or call 07557 519481.

Parish Council

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Council Meetings

These 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 sent to you.
www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

From now on, shortly before the meeting of the Parish Council, the agenda will be circulated to all those on the list. To comply with legal requirements, a copy of the agenda will also be posted on the PC noticeboard.

Planning updates

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

Contact Andrew Wise:
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

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

HGVs and Potholes

HGVs and potholes are a persistent issue on the roads in the village and beyond. If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of a pothole this will help assess the urgency if its repair.

You can do this online at: fixmystreet.com

Or:
highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 08453101111

Web site:
www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes

HGVs not delivering to an address in the village should be reported to Trading Standards. If possible, you should take a photograph but definitely write down a description and registration number as soon as possible. Reports can be made to:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement>

Keep up to date

www.westhagbourne.org

The website carries information, news and contact details as well as copies of the minutes of all village organisations

local events

October concert

The 70s was the decade that taste forgot - of punk, disco, big flares and big hair. The decade of Glam and Prog Rock. WSMC's next concert dives into this glorious decade bringing you some of the biggest songs. Listen to hits from the likes of Led Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac, Blondie, David Bowie, Earth, Wind & Fire, Bruce Springsteen and Joni Mitchell given the WSMC twist.

Hagbourne Village Hall on Saturday 20th October. The show starts at 7:30pm (doors and bar open at 7pm).

Tickets costing £9 (£7 concessions) are available from East Hagbourne Post Office or online from www.WSMC-music.co.uk.

WSMC is a fun and friendly local singing group with a wide range of members, young and old, from Wantage and beyond.

Film Club

Isle of Dogs

Wednesday 31st October

A stop-motion animated science-fiction comedy-drama film set in Japan, *Isle of Dogs* follows a boy's odyssey in search of his lost dog.

Directed by Wes Anderson and starring Bryan Cranston, Koyu Rankin & Edward Norton (2018)

For more details see www.didcotfilmclub.org.uk

Didcot's Farmers' Market

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

can you help?

We are always keen to hear from you about news you have or events you think might interest other residents.

If you would like to contribute, help to distribute the newsletter or if you could find other advertisers, we would love to hear from you.

editors@westhagbourne.org

local events

Friday Lunch Club

Horse & Harrow 12.30pm on Friday 19th October

Future dates will be circulated via the mailing list.

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In the event of an emergency call 999

Marquees

The Village Association has two Marquees. £90 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 £90 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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This newsletter is written and edited by Sue Totterdell and Marion Judd every two months. Contributions are especially welcomed for local events. The deadline is the 15th of the month before publication. Please submit any contributions on line if possible.

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.

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