

Village Association News

AGM Report

The West Hagbourne Village Association AGM took place on 12th November at the Horse & Harrow. The Association Chairperson, Val Walton welcomed those present, before annual reports were read and the Association officers duly re-elected.

Village community and social events for the coming year were then discussed by the committee and planned as follows:

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival



This event will take place between 8th-18th December. The Association is again sponsoring one of the trees this Christmas. The church will be open every day during this period and visitors are welcome to go along and vote for their favourite tree. Refreshments will also be available.

New Year's Village Walk

Sunday, 13th January 2019, starting at 1:30pm from The Square. Please note the slightly earlier start to take into account the shortened hours of daylight.

The Autumn walk, which took place on 7th October, was the longest walk we have attempted so far. Taking advantage of the bright, warm, sunny day, 11 keen walkers followed the route of the annual East Hagbourne Fun Run, over to Blewbury via Upton, and back through East Hagbourne. A very enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

St George's Day Events

It's not too early to start planning your display for the annual St George and the Dragon competition which will run from 14th - 28th April next year, with the usual spring village walk & teas event, both taking place on Sunday 28th.

More details to follow nearer the time.

Madge Trophy

The front gardens competition will be judged during May next year. A more precise date will be publicised in the April 2019 newsletter.

Summer event

The possibility of holding an event in June was discussed. A family treasure hunt combined with a picnic and/or cream tea was suggested. More details to follow later in the year.

Summer walk

July (date to be finalised). Sheila Taylor has very kindly offered to lead a history trail around the village with an excursion to St Andrew's church to tell us about the influences West Hagbourne inhabitants have had, over the centuries, on its history.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

September. We will be pleased to host this event

once again following the amazing support we received this year. Date to follow later in the year.

As you can see, we have quite a busy 2019 planned and if you would like to offer your help with any of the events, please get in touch with the Association Secretary, Margaret Leishman, tel: 01235 851707 or email mjleishman707@gmail.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION!



Parish Council

New Councillors Required

The current parish council's term comes to an end in May 2019 and at least some existing councillors will not be standing again. A new council needs five members. If you are prepared to be a councillor, please notify the parish clerk. If the number of people standing for council exceeds five, there will be an election. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every second month, at Hagbourne Hall. This is an important function and we hope that several people will show an interest



Carol Singing Returns to West Hagbourne

You are very warmly invited to join us for a revival of an old West Hagbourne Christmas tradition. On Sunday 16th December we will be carol singing around the village to raise money for those who seek help from Crisis UK, the charity that helps people out of homelessness and campaigns for changes to solve it.

At Christmas, volunteers provide immediate aid for

people in centres around the country, including Oxford, and with your help, our aim is to support their work.

We will meet at The Square, at 5pm, sing our way around the village, visiting households as we go. You can join us for all the route, or just part of it if you wish. Bring a torch or lantern with you and wrap up warmly. Carol sheets will be provided, with seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Ring either: Margaret - 851707, or Marion - 850143, if you would like to know more.

The collection will be in aid of Crisis at Christmas, the national charity for the support of the homeless.

Reg. charity numbers: E&W1082947, SC040094.



<https://www.crisis.org.uk/support-crisis-this-christmas/>

other news

Primary or Infant School Entry 2019

For children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, the closing date for applications to for admission in September 2019 will be 15th January 2019. By this date parents or carers must apply either online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions, or using a paper form. These forms are

available either online or at a local school.

For online applications, offers of places will be sent by email on or shortly after 16 April 2019. You will also be able to view the result of your application online. If you submitted a paper form, you will be sent a letter by post.



East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan

East Hagbourne Parish Council is working on a neighbourhood plan, which it has submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC).

We are inviting comments on the plan and supporting documents during a seven-week publicity period from Friday 16 November 2018 until 5pm on Friday 4 January 2019.

You can view the neighbourhood plan and

supporting documents at www.southoxon.gov.uk/easthagbourne

Also available to view at St Andrew's Church, Church Close, East Hagbourne, Didcot OX11 9ND between 9am and 4pm Monday to Sunday, except when a church service is taking place. To view the documents outside of these times, please email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com.



Park Road Update

There has been some confusion about the most recent consultation on development to the south of Didcot. We are still waiting for a decision from SODC about Taylor Wimpey's application to build houses to the south of the current limit to Great Western Park. However, many of you will remember that the original Great Western Park application covers land further south than the building line of the Bloor Homes development. This land was allocated to provide a visual southern boundary to Didcot, in the form of allotments and a wild area. It is this area that has been the subject of a recent application from Taylor Wimpey. In their application to the Planning Department they detail the number of parking spaces at the allotments, and the proposed tree planting and use of this land. The

important issue for West Hagbourne is that they will raise the level of this land (using spoil from elsewhere on GWP) to even it out across the plot. This brings worries about future flood risk as the application mentions run off into existing ditches. Although we may benefit from trees providing some screening of Didcot, residents in Bloor Homes are worried that they will lose their open views to the south. This may be relevant to us too as one ground for refusing the application to develop Hagbourne Fields is that this would destroy views to the open countryside and the AONB. Tree planting and raising the level of the land might mean there are no views. The consultation with respect to the allotment land closed in November. We await news of this and other planning applications.

Roads, Lanes & Pavements



Road Closure

Main Street from the junction with York Road at Appledore to the Horse & Harrow will be closed from 28 January to 1st February 2019 (inclusive) for works by Thames Water. This will involve a long detour for villagers heading south so please leave extra time for your journey. It is also likely to result in some traffic congestion at first although it may result in more commuters using the new road from Didcot to the A417 in future.

Moor Lane

Nettles and weeds are growing apace on the verge of Moor Lane as far as the bridge over the ditch behind Main Street. The village mowing contract used to keep this tidy. Residents have indicated that they would appreciate it if mowing this stretch could be reinstated.

Autumn Reminder

Please keep pavements clear of leaves and mud, and keep any vegetation overhanging pavements and roadways cut back for the safety of pedestrians.



Free Parking

The annual free parking tradition is provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents.

Free Christmas parking days also mean people don't have to pay to park if they wish to catch up with friends and family in the pubs, cafés and restaurants found across southern Oxfordshire's towns during the festive period.



Drivers will be able to park without paying for a ticket in South and Vale car parks on the following days up to 24 December:

South Oxfordshire

Didcot – Mondays from 3 December

Goring – Saturdays from 1 December

Henley – Tuesdays from 4 December

Thame – Saturdays from 1 December

Wallingford -Thursdays from 6 December

Kitchen Fires

All it takes is one distraction ...

Did you know that 1 in 3 people rescued from house fires in Oxfordshire are rescued from cooking fires? Or that distraction is the main cause of cooking fires?

It's easy to get distracted - the phone rings, someone's at the door or a TV show catches your attention. If you need to leave your cooking, even for a couple of minutes:

turn down the heat

set the timer

or ask someone to watch it for you

Or you could find that Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service firefighters join you for dinner!

Find out more at:
www.365alive.co.uk/cooking.



CHECKLIST

turn down the heat

set the timer

ask someone to watch it for you

Winter Plan

The NHS, local councils and volunteer organisations are encouraging people to have a personal winter plan so they are well prepared when the weather takes a turn for the worse and the season for flu, coughs and colds really kicks in.

Free flu vaccine

Don't forget to have your free flu vaccination when invited if you are 'at risk' from the illness. These 'at risk' patients include people aged 65 and over, pregnant women and people living with a long term condition. The nasal spray flu vaccine is available for children aged 2 and 3.

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 with 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:

fixmystreet.com
highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes
Telephone: 08453101111

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

Christmas Lunch

The Village lunch club are meeting for their annual Christmas meal at the Horse and Harrow on Friday 21 December at 12h30. If you want to join them, please get in touch with Marion (850143) or Sue (850080) before Friday 14 December so that you can make your menu choices in advance. Space is limited so please don't leave it until the last minute.

Future dates will be circulated via the mailing list.

A Spare Room?

Could you offer support to someone and make a difference to their life? The Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme supports carers to provide paid care and support in their own home to vulnerable adults. We are keen to recruit people who might be able to offer this type of paid support in their own home.

Please come to our drop-in session and find out more about the service on Thursday 6th December between 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3JD.

For more information call the Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme on 01865 897971 or visit our website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives

Handrail Needed

Disabled villagers and their disabled visitors are struggling to reach their houses, particularly along Grove Terrace, due to the lack of a handrail beside the brick steps. Can anyone help?

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 have something to sell or give away, listings are free for West Hagbourne residents.

If you would like to contribute, help to distribute the newsletter or if you could find other

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for accidents that may occur during the rental.
12 x 5 metre and 11 x 4 metre
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