

Village Association News

St George's Day Village Events

By now, every household will have received an information flyer about this year's St George's Day events. The theme includes St George as well as dragons in order to increase the scope for the displays, which attract a surprising number of visitors to the village every year. Judging



will take place between the 14th and 28th of this month.

The dragon weeks will be rounded off with our teas event on Sunday 28th, from 2:30-4:30pm, at Woodleys, Main Street, by kind permission of Rob and Hazel. During the afternoon, the winners of the competition will be announced and prizes duly awarded. We look forward to serving you with delicious homemade cake and a refreshing cup of tea, to be enjoyed with friends, family and neighbours.

If you would like more information about these events or would like to help, please call Margaret, on 01235 851707 or

email
mjleishman707@gmail.com

Madge Trophy

Our annual front gardens competition will this year be judged in May.

Marquee Hire

Hire of marquees and equipment - the Association has recently reviewed the charges and conditions for the hire of the marquees, tables and chairs. The charge for the hire of either one of the marquees will be £50.00, plus a returnable deposit of £75.00; hire for tables and/or chairs will be £50.00, plus a returnable deposit of £75.00. All charges must be paid before the commencement date of hiring and the deposit shall be returned after an

inspection of the hired equipment has been carried out.

We sometimes receive requests for the hire of the equipment from people who live outside the West Hagbourne Parish. In these cases we will now require a sponsor, who must be a village resident and is willing to act as guarantor for the safe return of the hired equipment. Please contact Rob Griffiths, tel: 01235 851241 for more information and to obtain a hire of equipment application form.

Stop Press

Work on installing the new pavement in Main Street has been postponed as it seems that the impact of tree roots along the bank was underestimated. A new date will be circulated later.

Didcot - Garden Town?

To find out more about Didcot's past and plans for its future at a free talk entitled "Didcot from Village to Garden Town" given by David Taylor of Didcot Historical Society and Andrew Down of SODC, under the auspices of the South Oxfordshire District of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The talk takes place on Tuesday 9th April at Didcot Baptist Church, starting at 19h30. Light refreshments will be served from 19h15.

Hagbourne Fields Fighting fund

The money that remained in the funds for fighting the development on Hagbourne Fields has, with the generous agreement of the original donors, been given to Thames

Valley Fare Share. Briefly, of the £1120 donated, £615 was spent on posters and publicity, leaving £505. The contribution from WHPC was refunded (pro rata) and one donor wanted his



share of the rebate donated to a different charity. A donation of £438.44 was made to TV Fare Share in March. Thanks to all the donors who helped fund the campaign to resist development of this site, and for their generosity in agreeing for the remainder to be given to charity. Especial thanks to Steve Carr for agreeing to act as treasurer to this group and for his meticulous accounting.

Local elections

Local elections take place on Thursday 2nd May between 7 am and 10 pm to elect district councillors (SODC). About a month before the election you should receive your polling card in the post. Voting takes place in Hagbourne Village Hall. If you cannot vote in person you can register for a postal vote before 5pm on Monday 15 April (on line form or call 01235 422528) or vote by proxy if you apply (same as for postal vote) before 5pm on Wednesday 24 April.

There may also be a Parish Council election if there are more candidates than seats on the council (5).

Parish Council

New Councillors

There are four out of five existing councillors who will remain in the new council, and they will be putting in nomination papers. We desperately need a fifth councillor to complete the council. If you can join the new council please let the parish clerk know as soon as possible.

Village Tidy-up

This year the Village Tidy-up will

be on Saturday 13th April. Please meet at the bus stop at 10.00. As usual litter pickers, hi-viz waistcoats and bags will be provided. Come along and help to keep our village clean and tidy.

Fly tipping

It is extremely frustrating if, after you have helped with the village tidy up, you find that more rubbish soon accumulates. If you see fly-tipped waste on

public land you can report it on line or by calling 03000610610, or by letting the Parish Clerk know. Please don't touch the waste as it may provide evidence as to who left it there.

Should you see anyone fly-tipping, take down as many details as possible (vehicle registration, time of the offence, and take photos) but do not put yourself in danger.

Val Brownsword

other news

Hagbourne Garden Club

All meetings are held in East Hagbourne Pavilion at the Recreation ground 7.00 for 7.30pm

Wednesday April 24th
(note: not our usual Thursday)
"Wildlife in my Garden" Malcolm Brownsword



Southern Hawker Dragonfly laying eggs

Planning

There are a few applications locally that may be of interest and the VWH council have produced their Local Plan 2031. This is of interest to us in SODC area because whatever they approve will have an impact on us as a neighbouring authority. Do take the time to have a look and comment.

750 houses opposite Tesco at Hadden Hill - consultation period ends 10th April 2019.

www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S0720/O

Four bedroom house opposite the Horse & Harrow new car park:
www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S0398/FUL#exactline

Vale of White Horse proposed Local Plan 2031:
www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2

In addition probably most of us have now heard about central



Poplar Hawk by moonlight

Saturday May 11th Plant Sale 10.30 - 12 noon with refreshments, cake stall and raffle.

We have 2 summer visits planned:

1. Rooksnest a 10 acre fine traditional English garden at Lambourn Woodlands in June (date to be confirmed - probably June 6th)
2. The Bach Centre at Brightwell com Sotwell on July 18th. A half day seminar looking at plants and the history of the Bach flower remedy system.

governments' plan for the **Arc** (Oxford to Cambridge Expressway). This is a huge project taking in several counties and has generated a huge response from the public so far. Please do look at the scheme and what it proposes and comment - although this is a long-term project it will have a large impact on us, South Oxfordshire, Oxfordshire in general and our area of the south east. Anywhere there is increased road-building, there will be increased house-building with all that comes with that.

www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering-infrastructure/oxford-cambridge

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway

www.bbowl.org.uk/wildlife/nature-matters/oxford-cambridge-expressway

www.cprexon.org.uk/campaigns/ox-cam-expressway-growth-corridor/in-depth/item/2657-what-is-the-ox-cam-expressway-and-growth-corridor

U3A

Come along on the third Tuesday of the month to the Didcot Civic Hall at 2 o'clock, and arrive early to avoid disappointment! New members welcome. Membership is £25 per year - April to March.

Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. It should be noted that visitors are unable to join any interest groups prior to joining as insurance only applies to paid up members.

Talks will take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in Didcot Civic Hall

May 21 - The World of Great Ormond Street Hospital: Martin Harris

June 18 - Magic and Mystery of Glenn Miller: Bill King

Shirley Rouse:
chairman@didcotu3a.org

Bob Ashby:
membership@didcotu3a.org

<http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>



The Poet's Trail

Walk and Teas, Sunday 19th May 2019

Meet outside St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne at 2pm and return to the church for teas at around 3:30pm

Come on a guided walk of the Hagbourne Poet's Trail with Roger the Poet, Linda Benton the Artist, and guest readers. Hear some poems and enjoy the village.

Everyone welcome to the afternoon teas. Donations in aid of St Andrews. For more information please ring Linda: 01235 817891.



Linda Benton

Didcot Food Bank

The Didcot Food Bank has now been running for over 10 years. The surrounding villages play an enormously helpful role in having local drop-off points for donations. West Hagbourne will now have a collection point in the front porch of no.3 Manor Close. Please do not donate perishable items such as fruit and vegetables or dairy and also please ensure that all donated items are within their use-by date. All donations will be gratefully received.

Compostable bags

SODC has asked people not to put the new compostable bags into their food bins. It seems that these wrappings are only biodegradable if exposed to oxygen and the council uses an oxygen-free digestion system for the food waste. They are not suitable for the green bin either - please put them into the grey wheelie bin.

Farming and the countryside

The winter has been very kind to us but also extremely dry we have only had about 65ml of rain so far this year. We are planting Spring oats and barley the latter for a brewing company. The tillage is good and we have spread plenty of muck over the winter to keep the fertility and the moisture in the ground.

The wheat for Warburtons bread is looking good at the moment. We are renting some ground to a company to grow seed potatoes, this is the first time so we will see what the season brings. Planting very soon and harvesting September time.

We are not growing much Oilseed rape because the seed cannot be treated anymore and it is destroyed by the flea beetle.

With the volatility in agriculture we are looking to grow more premium crops, goodness knows what Brexit will bring.

Weight limit prosecution

We all know that drivers of some large vehicles ignore the weight limit through the village. It is encouraging to know that if such cases are documented and reported to Trading Standards, this can result in successful prosecution, although the process takes time. In May 2018, details of an oversize vehicle passing along Main Street were submitted and in February of this year the driver, Mr Robert Clark, was fined £123 plus £150 costs and a £30 victim surcharge. Stay vigilant, write down the details as soon as possible and if you can, take a photograph.



Rear identification markers for HGV vehicles

Although the old holly tree in the garden has had a haircut the family of house sparrows still reside and make a tremendous twittering noise early every morning!

We have had Lapwings resident in the fields near Chilton over the winter and there seem to be more of the wild grey partridge around.

I wonder if we will hear the Cuckoo this year? Listen out for it during the latter weeks of April and May.

*Sue Lay
Hagbourne Farm Partners*



Lapwings in flight

Village Fun Run

On Monday 6th May the annual fun runners and walkers will be geared up to complete the 4.5 mile course around local footpaths. Entry costs £5 per adult (£4 for walkers) and £1 per child and entry forms can be downloaded from the Fun Run Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun/>. Registration is from 9.00am, with the Fun Run starting at 11.00. Money raised will be given to cancer research. Various prizes will be awarded, including Fancy Dress.



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 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

Village Lunch

The village lunch at the Horse and Harrow takes place on the third Friday of the month. March's lunch was moved to the 4th Friday to avoid a clash with the Cheltenham Race Meeting. The next lunch is due to take place on Friday 19th April - Good Friday. If you think you would like to join us, please contact Sue (850080) or Helen (850223) so that we have some idea of numbers.

Comet Transport

Comet transport is a local bookable personal transport scheme which requires registration. Call 01865 323201 to create an account and pay a one-off fee: you can then buy credit for future journeys. Travel between 10h15 and 14h30 Monday to Friday.

Film Club

Top Hat (1935)

Wednesday 24th April

Shoplifters (Jap 2018)

Wednesday 19th May

A Private War (2018)

Wednesday 26th June

AAs usual, our films start at 8pm and are shown on the big screen in the main theatre at Cornerstone. Tickets and membership are available from the Cornerstone box office in advance or on the night. Tickets are £6 for members and their guest and £8 for non-members. Drinks can be bought before the start at the bar to take into the screening and ordered for after the film. Please come along and bring a friend.

For more details see www.didcotfilmclub.org.uk

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

Didcot's Farmers' Market

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

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Marquees

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The Association will not be responsible for any claims
for accidents that may occur during the rental.
11 x 5 metre and 11 x 6 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@yaho.co.uk
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Next Edition 

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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