

Village Association News

Summer Village Walk

Our village walk took place on Sunday 7th July, when 14 walkers, led by Sheila Taylor enjoyed a very informative trail around the village. We then followed the Church Path through the fields to St Andrew's and discovered how West Hagbourne families have influenced its course through history. Our afternoon finished with a welcome cup of tea and slice of cake. Although small, West Hagbourne has a

fascinating history, and evidence has shown us that people have chosen to make the village and the surrounding area their home for thousands of years. Those villagers have often played their part during significant events throughout history, and we are grateful to Sheila for enlightening us with some of these revealing facts.

For a full details of the walk, please see Sheila's report below.

Our autumn walk will take place

in October, details to follow in the next newsletter.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning is planned for Saturday 21st September from 10:30am -12:30pm, at York Farm by kind permission of Mary & Richard Allen. We are pleased to be holding our 3rd annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, and remain extremely grateful for the



support we receive. If you would like to help by baking a cake or donating a raffle prize, you can either bring it along to York Farm on the morning, or hand to one of the committee members beforehand. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Margaret Leishman

Village History Walk

On a sunny June afternoon a small group of villagers and a couple of dogs set off from the war memorial-cum-bus shelter on a history trail round the village. As we headed in the direction of the pond, we noted Wycherts which had once been two three-storey thatched dwellings with its own bread oven. Then on past the last remaining bit of cob wall – there were once at least four around the village.

Next we visited the site of the medieval Chapel of Ease behind Chapel Hayes. Margaret and Ian had kindly laid out the site for us along the lines of the walls, as identified by the Berks Archaeological Research Group



The cobb wall at Wycherts

survey in 2004. The group expressed surprise that it was much bigger than expected.

On down to the pond where we heard about the original lords of the manor – a dynasty founded by Walter de Windsor, so named

because he was made first constable of Windsor Castle by William the Conqueror. The present house, built on the site of the original manor dates from the 17th Century.

Ivy Farm, adjacent to the pond,

once served as a shop and post office; the old entrance now covered with ivy. Opposite stands Blissetts, probably named after John Blisset, one of the owners as far back as 1665.

We continued past Green Thatch, at one time a sweet shop, turned the corner into York Road, previously called Town Piece Road, walked by Ash Farm and turned into what was once Village Street. We paused outside York Farm, where the very oldest part is believed to date from 1264/65 and probably contemporary with the original Windsor Manor. It became known as York Place after the York family who lived there in the late 14th Century.

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Parish Council

New Councillor

At the council meeting on 2nd July 2019 we formally co-opted Louise Beaumont as our fifth councillor. We would like thank her for joining the council. Contact details for all parish councillors can be found on the website.

Highways at Oxfordshire County Council have agreed to have another visit to the village to discuss how best we can spend

the remainder of the Section 106 money that was allocated to us. They are currently working on who will attend, and we will be discussing when the visit will take place.

It has been agreed that the bench at the bottom of the Chestnut tree will be joined by a new bench on the other side of the tree. This will be funded partly by the village History Group and partly by the Parish Council, using some of a

payment under the Community Infrastructure Levy resulting from building developments in the village.

Hagbourne Cemetery

The cemetery in East Hagbourne is managed by a committee of people from East and West Hagbourne. The current representative for West Hagbourne Parish Council is Michael Butler. West Hagbourne is also entitled to another

representative who is not on the Parish Council. Anybody interested should contact me

Welcome

There are a number of newcomers in the village. Welcome to West Hagbourne. If you would like to be on the village mailing list, please send you email details to the Parish Clerk, Andrew Wise at westhagbournepc@gmail.com

Michael Butler (Chair)

other news

End of an Era

Work to demolish the final three cooling towers of the now-closed Didcot A Power Station will take place on Sunday 18th August, with the chimney set for removal later in the autumn. The event, long awaited locally, was delayed by investigations surrounding the deaths of three demolition workers in 2016. The company Brown and Mason have been contracted to carry out the work.

As yet the exact time for the demolition has not been announced, but a spokesperson for the owners RWE said that everything would be done to



minimise disruption locally making it likely it will be another early start for those who want to watch the towers fall. For safety reasons the immediate area

surrounding the site will probably be closed so the best vantage points are likely to be the downs or Wittenham Clumps.

Cyclists - have your say

Cyclists from across the county are being invited to complete a survey about what they like or dislike about cycling in Oxfordshire. The results will be used by Oxfordshire County Council to help shape Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) – new plans to radically improve Oxfordshire's cycling network and make it attractive, comfortable and easy to use for all cyclists.

Have your say by completing the survey:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cyclesurvey>

Please be aware the weblink takes you onto a page that say 'other ways to complete your survey'. Click this button and it will take you through to the survey.

21st Annual Duck Race

The 21st Annual Duck Race in East Hagbourne takes place on 25th August from 12.30 pm in Parsonage Stream opposite the orchard. Tickets cost £1 from the Community Shop in East Hagbourne. Come along to participate in this village tradition.



A Good Cause

On Sunday 30 Jun 2019 two ex-residents of West Hagbourne (Jo Taylor and Michele Thornhill), dressed in

pink, took part in the Race For Life at Newbury Race Course – as part of a group supporting and raising money for Cancer Research UK. Several West Hagbourne residents sponsored Jo and her group collectively



have raised just over £5,500 so far. They would like to reach £6,000.

If you could contribute to this excellent cause, you can drop a cheque made payable to J.Taylor or cash if preferred in an envelope and leave it at Meadows Edge on York Road, where Sue Totterdell will ensure that donations reach Jo.

To donate on line go to:
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jos-race-for-life-4500>



Michelle Thornhill and Jo Taylor, 2nd and 3rd from the left in the middle row

Village History Walk

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From there we quickly moved on to Woodleys which we know dates from 1688 because that date is carved into one of the central beam supports. Next door there had once been an orchard and malt house. Then across the road to Moor Lane and Thatch Cottage on the corner. One of the upstairs rooms was used as a chapel by

the Reverend Edwin George Bullock (aka Father Antony) in 1904. He also owned the cottage next door where a chapel had been established in 1834. It was restored in 1953 and named Enard Cottage. We moved on down Moor Lane and slipped through to Foxglove Lane, reaching Grove Manor Farm which was once our second manor, then called Watlington. In 1600 it was part of the de Windsor estate.

A smaller group of us walked

along School Path to St Andrew's Church. There we learned about the reconstruction of the south aisle and Lady Chapel by John York and his wife Clarice, widow of William de Windsor in the 15th Century. They are buried in the south aisle and their brasses and that of their son John and his wife are on the wall of the aisle.

Clarice de Windsor came from the well-connected Drokensford family and her family crest, together with those of the York

and de Windsor families are painted on three of the quarter foils on the font. They are reproduced in their full glory in three lights in the Window of Vision at the east end of the south aisle.

When our little band of historians arrived at the church we were welcomed with tea and cake by the West Hagbourne Village Association which also organised the trail.

Sheila Taylor

Congratulations

West Hagbourne residents Richard and Mary Allen of York Farm celebrate their 70th anniversary this year, something achieved by a very small percentage of couples.

For those who take an interest in such things, this is the Platinum anniversary and the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh celebrated theirs in November 2017.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire

The new exhibition, Normandy 75: Oxfordshire to the Orne, goes on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum from 7th August – 3rd November 2019. The exhibition combines a travelling exhibition from the National Army Museum with stories, collected from around Oxfordshire, and told through objects, a map of key locations, and quotes from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire-born soldiers who served on D Day and beyond. Soldiers from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry were some of the first to set foot in Normandy on the 6th of June 1944, and were perhaps most famous for the capture of Pegasus Bridge in the early hours of the morning, prior to the beach landings. Visitors can put themselves in the shoes of these soldiers and sit inside a life-size reproduction of a Horsa Glider's compartment and listen to recorded interviews of D Day

veterans. A Collections Day on the 2nd November will encourage members of the public to bring objects to the museum and tell their stories of Oxfordshire from the Second World War to the 1970's. Any objects donated or loaned on the day will be used to form our Second World War and Reminiscence displays.

The Museum, in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, is open from Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm.



Traffic to and from this new Care Home will exit the site using the same road that serves the supermarket which could lead to congestion in this area, coming so close as it does to the roundabout.

There is also an application to develop the old Didcot A Power Station land, providing housing and employment sites (P19/S1967/FUL) which might be interesting to watch. The initial consultation period is over but there are likely to be opportunities to feedback as details of the development become clearer.

Planning

A number of planning items might be of interest to villagers:

The decision on an application to erect a single storey rear extension at 2a Manor Close is expected in August.

Some detail is provided about building materials and drainage for a 70-bedroom Care Home to be built adjacent to Aldi supermarket in the Lower Broadway (see P18/S1475/FUL for details of the original proposal), replacing existing buildings beside the railway line.

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

Friday Lunch Club

The monthly village lunch continues to take place on the third Friday of the month at 12h30 at the Horse and Harrow. It is open to all residents, and friends. Join us for this social event - just let Sue (850080) or Helen (850223) know if you are planning to come along.

Next two dates, August 16th & September 20th



**Didcot
Film
Club**

Can You Ever Forgive Me (US 2018)

Wednesday 4th September

The true story of literary forgery for which Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant were both nominated for Oscars.

Rear Window (US 1954)

Wednesday 25th September

A photographer (James Stewart) is confined to a wheelchair in his flat following an accident and becomes obsessed by the goings on of his neighbours, becoming convinced that one of them has committed a murder. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, it also stars Grace Kelly.

Films start at 8pm and are shown on the big screen in the main theatre at Cornerstone. Tickets and membership are available from the box office in advance or on the night.

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

Hagbourne Produce Show

Bring along your best vegetables and home made

local events

cakes to the Hagbourne Produce show on Sunday 15th September in the Village Hall between 09h00 and 11h00. The show

local events

opens at 14h00. Programmes are available from The Community Shop or from the Fleur. Entry to the show is free.



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In the event of an emergency call 999

Marquees

The Village Association has two Marquees available for hire:
12x5 metres & 11x4 metres
at a cost of £50 each plus a returnable deposit of £75
Tables and/or chairs are also available
at £50 plus a returnable deposit of £75

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

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rob.griff@vahoo.co.uk

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