



## Village Association News

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Blessed with a beautiful, warm sunny day on Saturday 21st September, we held our 3rd annual coffee morning at York Farm, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

Owing to the generosity of so many villagers, their friends and families, those from neighbouring parishes including Didcot and beyond, we raised a staggering £1,050.61!

Thank you to all those who baked cakes, gave donations, erected and took down the marquee, helped with tables and chairs, provided raffle prizes, distributed flyers, washed-up, etc. The list goes on.

We owe our grateful thanks to Mary & Richard Allen for

providing us with the perfect venue and, of course, all those who came and helped to make this a most enjoyable social occasion.

### Autumn Village Walk

Sunday, 13th October, 1:30pm from The Square. Weather permitting, our aim is to walk over to Blewbury and call in at the Style Acre cafe at Savages for refreshments.

Everyone is welcome, including doggy friends, and don't forget to bring some money for a well-deserved cup of tea and piece of cake.

### Remembrance Sunday

In June, 1954, the newly built bus shelter at The Square, was officially dedicated, by the then vicar of St Andrew's church, as

West Hagbourne's memorial to those men from the village who died whilst serving their country during WW2. Their names, as well as the one man from West Hagbourne who died in action during The Great War can be found on plaques inside it and on a tablet in St Andrew's church. The names of the four men who died during WW2 are also listed with those from East Hagbourne at the Lower Cross, and a wreath is laid especially for them every year at the Remembrance Day service.

During the village history walk in July, Sheila Taylor reminded us that the bus shelter was erected as the village's war memorial, and as a result of this the Association has decided to place a poppy wreath there as a fitting tribute to those men. Father Jason from St Andrew's church has kindly agreed to officiate a brief ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November at 3pm, at The Square. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### AGM

This will take place on Monday 11th November at 7:30pm in Hagbourne Village Hall, East Hagbourne. You are invited to come and join us at our annual meeting which is open to all

residents within the parish of West Hagbourne.

During the meeting we will review past events, elect officers and then discuss plans for the coming year. The function of the Association is to hold social, fund-raising and other events for the benefit of the community and we are always open to suggestions for community functions from villagers. We are aware that some of the events held are less attractive to younger families, and we are especially keen to hear ideas from this group. As always, our events take time and effort to plan, organise and run, which is often a demand on the committee.

Successful events rely on the help and support of fellow villagers, and therefore we are keen to hear from those who, maybe cannot commit to being on a committee, but might be able to spare a few hours helping us. Please come along to the meeting or contact Margaret Leishman, the Association secretary on 01235 851707, email [mjleishman707@gmail.com](mailto:mjleishman707@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute in some way. Your help will be most appreciated.

Margaret Leishman



## Parish Council

### New Footpath

A new footpath has been officially designated that will link into important routes from West Hagbourne to Didcot. For a long time people used a non-designated route from Park Road, behind Portway, west to join the footpath from West Hagbourne to the Wantage Road (see map, East Hagbourne FP1 and Didcot FP18). This is now formalised (diagram A1-A2-A3) and runs between the back of the new houses and the allotments site, across Park Road to the path running behind Loyd Road to

Mowbray Fields and the old Railway line. Once Didcot FP18 is fully re-opened, after the developers have finished, this will provide an extra route into



Didcot and complete a nice circular walk taking in Didcot and East and West Hagbourne.

### Road Closure

Despite some recent uncertainty, the road closure at the junction of Park Road and Brook Lane is still planned for the 14th to 16th October. Correspondence with OCC said that the earlier closure was to carry out drainage works, while the second visit is to carry out some structural patching works.

We are currently discussing matters with Highways, including the following:



1. Further work to the south end of York Road to deter traffic from using it as a rat run if Main Street is blocked.
2. Gates on the side of the road at both end of the village.
3. An additional vehicle activated speed sign and some changes to the existing sign

Michael Butler (Chair)

# other news

## New Seat

Work is progressing on the installation of extra seating under the Horse chestnut tree in the middle of the village. In preparation, the three planters that were located under the tree have been moved to encircle the finger post road sign. Some plants have been moved from the planters into the main garden at the bus shelter. Bulbs for a spring display will be planted during October and November. Meanwhile the footings for the new part of the seat have been prepared, ready for a concrete base. This project is funded jointly by the Village History Group and the Parish Council.

## Shared Lives

Sharing a life can change a life. The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need additional support to be



independent, with carers and their families.

Sharing a family's life means that people who need support can choose to become part of an ordinary household, instead of staying in residential care or being looked after by a team of support workers.

Could you give someone the chance to learn and grow, develop new skills and gain the confidence to become as independent as possible in a family environment? Become a Shared Lives Carer in a home based, paid role.

For more information please contact::

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives)

## New Residents

If you are new to the Village, adding your email address to the Village Mailing list (held by the Parish Clerk) will ensure that you received all the most up to date information about West Hagbourne. For further information look at the West Hagbourne village website:

<http://www.westhagbourne.org/>



## Farming News

I went to the Newbury Show today (well that's what the locals call it! The Royal Berkshire Show I believe). I have never bumped into so many happy farmers! There was a deluge of rain, although unfortunately we didn't have much up this way.

It has been a lovely summer, so good to see the school children have some decent days to be out and about during their school holidays.

The harvest was a good one both for quality and yield except for the Oil Seed Rape which was attacked by the dreaded Flea beetle, which eats it way up the stem and destroys the plant.

Next year's crop has already been planted we are just waiting



for a decent rain to help it to grow.

It may have been noticed that we have a couple of fields of potatoes growing (about to be harvested) they are seed potatoes of various varieties, tended by a company whom we just let the land to. A good break crop. We have also planted cover crops and spread plenty of dung to increase the fertility of the poorer ground.

The barley and Wheat will be planted later on, at the end of October, later than usual as we need the rain to chit the volunteers and black grass, which we then spray off leaving a clean seed bed to plant the crop into. Many loads of grain have already left the store either for Warburtons or for export. Another harvest year has begun.....

The kestrels have definitely taken a dislike to the new nesting box at the back of the farm. Disappointing, as I always like to follow their progress. Maybe next year?

There were plenty of swifts



screaching around the village at high speed, some nesting in the old roof of our house. I love to see them and take great joy in their return each May. They don't seem to stay long, once the brood have fledged they are gone! I didn't think there were quite so many swallows this year until I counted over fifty gathering on the wires before they flew away. We provide little ledges in the horse stables for them to build nests and some have had two or three broods this year, probably due to the dry spell.

We always have lots of Great tit nests in gate posts and holes around the buildings along with wagtails which are delightful



little birds which follow you around the farm a bit like the robin does.

Let's hope we don't get the 'Beast from the East' again this winter! I look forward to sunny autumn days, the smell of dead leaves and log fires!!

Sue Lay  
Hagbourne Farm Partners

## U3A

The University of the Third Age (U3A) offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. So why not go along to the next meeting of the Didcot & District U3A and find out what they are all about, there are over 35 Interest Groups to choose from!

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the Didcot Civic Hall; visitors are always welcome to come to a meeting as a 'taster' before joining.

15 October - From Guns & Roses to Hearts & Flowers -

## Garden Club

Hagbourne Garden Club meets in the Pavilion, East Hagbourne at 19h30 (tea and cake are served from 19h00).

Future topics are:

October 24th - Down to Earth: Lois Phillipps will talk about learning to love your soil.

November 28th - Blewbury Manor through the seasons: Richard Roslyn, Head Gardener. (Wine and mince pies will be served.)

## Planning

There are several planning applications current for West Hagbourne. These include:

Ad gym to the first floor of the double garage of the house to be built on the site of the Pumping Station on Hagbourne Hill and asking that windows may be added to the approved stable block to allow it to be used as a garden room. (P19/S2542/FUL)

Plans for three-bed houses on Plots 2 & 3 of the self-build site adjacent to Scotland's Ash

Catherine Jones speaking as Kate Lace

19 November - The Mitfords in the Cotswolds - Muriel Pilkington

17 December - Christmas Lunch - Christmas Music with Didcot Divas

For further information please contact the following;

Chair:  
**chairman@didcotu3a.org**  
Tel: 01235 510048

Secretary:  
**secretary@didcotu3a.org**  
Tel: 0784 5922237

Membership:  
**membership@didcotu3a.org**



January 23rd Bordering on Insanity: Timothy Walker will talk about creating an all-year-round border.

February 27th - Vegetables in a small garden: Robert Longstaff

March 26th - AGM at 19h20, then Michael Brown will present Capability Brown, hero or hooligan.

April 23rd - The World of Plants: John Tyler



garage (P19/S2869/FUL & P19/S2808/FUL)

Further afield but still partly within the Parish, there are plans for alterations and extensions to Blewbury Mill (listed Grade 2) including internal renovations. (P19/S2477/LB & P19/S2476/HH).

Application P19/S2502/O details plans to demolish existing buildings (11-55 Mansfield Gardens) for access to land adjacent to the railway in Fleet Meadow, to build an additional 325 homes. This is open for comment until 3/10/19

# Parish Council

## Clerk

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## Councillors

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## County Councillor

Simon Clarke  
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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

### 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.

The next two dates are 18th October & 15th November



### Didcot Film Club

**The Chambermaid (Spain)**  
Wednesday 30th October

**Only You (UK)**  
Wednesday 20th November

**Cabaret (US)**  
Wednesday 8th January

The Film Club meets monthly at Cornerstone in Didcot at 8pm on a Wednesday evening. Films are shown on a big screen in the main auditorium. There is a bar where you can buy drinks to take into the screening and order drinks for after the show.

Annual membership costs £10 and is available from Cornerstone box office. Members can buy tickets for themselves and a guest for £6 each while tickets for non-members cost £8. Tickets can be bought through the normal Cornerstone booking system in person from the box office or on-line, in advance or on the night.

For more details see [www.didcotfilmclub.org.uk](http://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](mailto:editors@westhagbourne.org)

## local news

### New Business Venture

Indigo is a peaceful treatment room in the heart of the village, run by Holistic Therapist Suzy Pickering.

Suzy specialises in massage therapy and women's health particularly during pregnancy and the postnatal stage.

Suzy is also based at the Peak Movement Clinic in Milton Park two days a week where she specialises in both holistic and remedial therapy,

especially back, neck and shoulder pain.

For more information on the treatments Suzy offers and how to book, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndigoHolisticTherapy/>



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**01235 850523**  
[www.maryannndesign.co.uk](http://www.maryannndesign.co.uk)



### AED Emergency defibrillator

The West Hagbourne Emergency Defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box in the Square

**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.*

For advance booking and details please contact **Robert Griffiths** (Woodleys)  
[rob.griff@vahoo.co.uk](mailto:rob.griff@vahoo.co.uk)

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