



Village Association News

Remembrance Day Commemoration



We are very grateful to Father Jason for officiating the ceremony at the village war memorial (bus shelter) on Sunday 10th November where a wreath was hung in honour of those men from the village who fell during the two Great Wars.

AGM

The Association's AGM took place on 11th November. During the meeting a report of the previous year's events was presented and new officers elected.

The committee then discussed community and social functions for 2020.

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

This will be taking place between 7th and 20th December. The Association has sponsored a tree again this year and the church will be open daily for visitors to go along and vote for their favourite tree. Refreshments will also be available.

New Year's Village Walk

The next village walk will take place Sunday 12th January 2020, starting at 1:30pm from The Square.

The autumn walk took place on 13th October, when as planned, we walked over to Blewbury via Upton and the Churn Estate. We enjoyed a welcome cup of tea at the Style Acre cafe before

making our way back to West Hagbourne through the fields along Coffin Way.

St George's Day Celebrations

The George's Day Celebrations will take place between 13th-26th April 2020. More details to follow nearer the date.

Margaret Leishman



Parish Council

Broadband

Within the village we currently have the lower tier of optical fibre connection to broadband, namely fibre to the cabinet (FTTC). Premises themselves are connected to the cabinet by conventional phone wires. The higher tier, giving better connection, is fibre all the way to the premises (FTTP) which is what some areas of Didcot have. The Council is considering whether attempts should be made to have this in the village. It is likely to require additional expense and the interest of individuals. It may be necessary to form a Community Fibre Partnership. This has been done successfully in East Hagbourne. If you are interested in moving to FTTP, please email Hugh Lewis at:

hugh.lewis@westhagbourne.org.

Village Maintenance

There are some instances of hedges and other vegetation extending across pavements.

This causes difficulties for pedestrians. Even higher up, if vegetation extends to the pavement edge it can touch loads on farm vehicles and cause items such as straw to be dislodged, which can block drains. Villagers are asked to check pavements outside their properties and deal with overhanging vegetation.

Dog Owners

If you walk your dog, please

remember to take dog waste disposal bags so that you can dispose of dog poo in a waste bin. This applies to poo on footpaths away from the village. All of the village waste bins are dual purpose and can take dog poo as well as litter. We are unlikely to have additional bins along paths away from the village (as they need to be emptied) and you will need to carry bags of poo back to a bin in the village.

Farmers

Please ask drivers of farm vehicles to make sure that vehicles are clear of mud before they set out on the road and ensure that all loads are well secured. Straw and mud from farm vehicles block drains on roads through the village, and volunteers need to clear them at intervals.

Sustrans

National Cycle Network route 544 runs from Didcot to Harwell Campus. Part of it extends along Chilton Road in Upton, from the A417 to Hagbourne Hill. Sustrans have funding to make this section safer for cyclists and walkers, and are considering making the road a no through road for motor vehicles. There will still be access for farm vehicles and residents, from the A417 end.

If you have any comments on this proposal, please let me know and I will forward them to Sustrans.

Michael Butler (Chair)

2019
Vote of
thanks



Thank You
For All
Your
Hard Work!

On behalf of residents we would like to thank: The PC and Village Association for ensuring that West Hagbourne remains a vibrant and friendly community: the Village History group for their financial contributions to village projects; to the dragon slayers, the walkers, the gardeners, leaf collectors and grass cutters who ensure that driving through the village is always colourful; to the litter collectors, the webmaster, the contributors to the newsletter, the Parish Magazine deliverers; the defibrillator checkers, the lunch club for supporting our pub, and to everyone whose activities make West Hagbourne a better place to live: thank you.

other news

Accident by the pond



Many of you will be aware that there has been yet another accident by the pond, where the road narrows beside Green Thatch. This collision took place

on Monday 28th October during the morning rush hour. Main Street was closed for some time whilst the driver of one of the cars was cut from her vehicle and taken to hospital for a check-up. In the meantime, traffic was re-directed down York Road. Some drivers responded to this short diversion by driving far too fast for a residential road with no footpath. Residents will need to take extra care if such a diversion is made again. Let's hope that there can be some longer-term solution to reduce accidents at this site.

New seat

The new seat under the Horse Chestnut tree in the middle of the village has now been installed, completing the circle of seating around the tree. This was jointly funded by the Village History Group and the Parish Council. More crocuses have been planted into the grass under the tree, to provide spring colour. Bulbs are being prepared to fill the remaining planters.



Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you should apply for a primary school place before January 15th. This is necessary



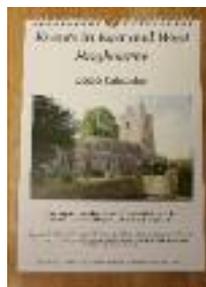
even if your child already attends a nursery attached to a school. Apply on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions - it is quick, easy and secure. If you don't have a computer you can get free internet access at libraries and children's centres.

For more information, email admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 0345 2412487.

Your 2020 Calendar

A specially-produced Events in East and West Hagbourne calendar is on sale at the East Hagbourne Community Shop, along with a range of local Christmas cards. While there, why not buy a raffle ticket to win a fantastic Christmas cake. You can also buy your stamps and post your cards and parcels, supporting your local shop and avoiding the queues found in Didcot.

The Post Office is open 9-5 on Mondays and Thursdays and 9-12.30 on other days. Closed on Sunday.



Help your library

Work for Oxfordshire Library Service but you need to act quickly.

Are you a people person who wants to play a key part in your local community? We're looking for confident, enthusiastic and committed people to work as Customer Service Advisers for the Oxfordshire Library Service. No two days are ever the same - you could be leading events such as rhyme-time and storytelling for children, as well as helping people to access IT and directing customers to reliable online sources of information. We offer flexible hours to suit your lifestyle and where you live, paid at £9.55 per hour.

To apply to join the library service and start a great new chapter go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/jobs

Applications open on 11th November and close on 9th December.

Garden Club

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

Future topics are:

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



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.

17 December - Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Music with Didcot Divas

New Residents Home start

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/>



23 January - Overlord - the Oxfordshire Connection - Peter Cholerton

18 February - My Life on Stage from the age of 13 - Mark Walsh

17 March - Secret London - Mike Beech

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



Home Start Oxfordshire is looking for new volunteers to support local families with young children who are experiencing difficulties.

Are you a parent, or have experience working with young children and can spare 2-3 hours a week giving friendly practical advice and support?



Full training and ongoing support are given.

Please contact 01235 511152 or admin@homestartso.org for more information.

Planning

Current planning applications for West Hagbourne:

All four of the self build plots by Scotlands Ash are fully approved for starts in the next 3 years

P19/S2867/FUL
P19/S2868/FUL

P19/S2869/FUL
P19/S2870/FUL

Comments have closed for the pumping station on Hagbourne Hill. A decision is due at the end of November.
P19/S3543/FUL

There is an application to demolish the grain store on the A417 and replace it
P19/S4052/AG

Parish Council

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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.

The next event will be the Christmas Lunch on 20th December. Spaces may be limited, so just let Sue (850080) or Helen (850223) know if you are planning to come along. Menus will be circulated during December so that the pub has our choices in advance.



Didcot Film Club

Wednesday 8th January
Cabaret (US) 1972

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

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 news

Recycle

Free to good homes: travel cot, stair-gate, wood/metal wine rack for 25 bottles (empty), 2 large rucksacks,

black leather briefcase. Contact Sue or Dave at Meadow's Edge, York Road (850080).

Grey Ikea swivel office chair, comfy and in good condition. Contact Mary Ann at Blissetts, Main Street (850523).

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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:

12 x 5 metres & 11 x 4 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)-



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