

West Hagbourne news

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Village Association News

AGM News

At the Association's AGM last November, Val Walton stepped down as Chairperson. We would like to thank her for her valued leadership, support and dedication over the last 5 years. Thankfully, Val is still a member of the committee, which is an indication of her continuing commitment to the village community.

St George's Day Celebrations

St George's Day, April 2020 - it won't be long before it is

time to bring out your dragons! The village's celebrations will begin on Monday, April 13th and run 'til Sunday the 26th when we will be holding our ever popular afternoon teas event. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Margaret Leishman



Parish Council

Litter

There have been a number of reports of litter being left in York Road and Main Street. Villagers are asked to be vigilant about the disposal of waste. If you encounter some litter, please place it in a litter bin. The village tidy up is in March.

Fix My Street

Please use the Oxfordshire Fix My Street system to report problems on the highways. Recent examples of problems that were fixed after reporting them using this system include a street sign that was not fixed



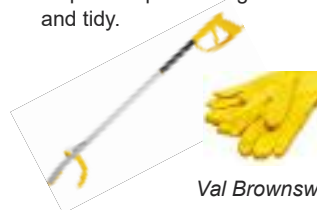
properly, and a road sign that was blocked by foliage. The system can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website. The address is:

<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Mike Butler (Chair)

Tidy-up

This year the Village Tidy-up will be on Saturday 28th March. 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.



Val Brownsword

Village Garden

Winter may not yet be over but there are signs of life in the village garden. Crocuses are emerging around the base of the chestnut tree, so please walk carefully over the grass to avoid crushing the delicate flowers. The main garden is also showing green shoots. During the winter it can look a little untidy as not all the dead growth is cut back. This is deliberate as some plants, such as the salvias and penstemons, require the



protection of their dead top growth to survive a cold snap. Have patience and the spring time colour will soon be evident.

Fun Run

The 2020 Annual Hagbourne Fun Run will be on Friday May 8th at 11 am. Whether you walk, jog or sprint, this is a great social event, raises money for local charities and uses local footpaths. Dig out those trainers and get practising. Registration details will be available on the East Hagbourne Village website.



Village Walk

We were very lucky to have the sun shining down on us for the village walk on Sunday 12th January. This made for an afternoon ambling around local village footpaths and fields for an hour and a half! Wellies were still much needed, but at least no umbrellas were. A good turn out of two dogs and 10 amblers. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon catching up on each other's news and Christmas.

Emma Rickeard



Parish Magazine

New to the village? In addition to this free bi-monthly newsletter, you can also find out what is happening in the Hagbournes by reading the St Andrew's Parish Magazine. It has details of church services and other events. It is produced every month and costs £7 per year, delivered to your home. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please get in touch via

editor@westhagbourne.org

other news

Hagbourne Scouts

1st Hagbourne (St. Andrew) Scout Group is expanding. In recent years the Group has only had a Scout section, providing scouting to young people aged 10-14 from the village and surrounding area. Despite not having the younger sections to feed in, Scouts has always been well attended, with over 20 people in the group. However, in November we were really excited to open a Beaver section to cater for 6 to 8-year olds.

Throughout their first term the Beavers have been learning about the Scout movement, and they've also been on a night hike to Upton playground, learnt about firework safety and why Remembrance Sunday is important, as well as learning the basics of navigation. We are pleased with such a successful first term and look forward to welcoming more young people into the section over the next few months.

The Scouts have continued to have a varied and exciting programme. They spent a weekend at Youlbury Scout

Activity centre learning to conquer their fears on the high ropes course, zip wire and climbing wall. They've also taken part in several night hikes and went to the Didcot Remembrance Sunday parade.

The amazing programme for our Beavers and Scouts has only been possible due to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. But as the Group expands, we need more help. In the future we would like to open a Cub section for 8 to 10-year olds, and also need to expand the Groups' Executive Committee to support our



Leaders who run the sections each week. If you are interested in helping with the Group, your support is welcome. Even if you're only able to spare a couple of hours every few months we can find a role for you!

If you would like more information about the group, would like your son or daughter to join or are interested in volunteering then please contact James Adams, Group Scout Leader:

hagbournescouts@btopenworld.com

Little Egret



Readers of the West Hagbourne Newsletter may be interested to know that, between 1st and 15th January, a Little Egret spent up to an hour at a time feeding on worms in the mud in the two fields between the end of Manor Close and The Horse & Harrow.

I have seen them many times in Europe and also on the Dorset coast but this was only the second one I have seen in Oxfordshire. They are slowly extending their range northwards.

I have video clips if anyone is interested in seeing them.

Malcolm Brownsword

Oxfordshire County Council News

Winter Warmth Campaign

Housing affects health. There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay

independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to

get the help they need. The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

For more information or to make a referral visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/home-repairs

Waste Wizard

Get your waste to the right place

Oxfordshire is the top performing county in the

country, recycling 58% of household waste. Our residents help to make that happen but there is still more we can do to increase the county's recycling. The Waste Wizard is a new online tool to kill the confusion around recycling and help Oxfordshire defeat General Waste. Type in your postcode and the name of any item to find out whether it can be reused, repaired, donated or recycled. Go to:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste-wizard



U3A

The University of the Third Age (U3A) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm to listen to interesting speakers.

18 February - 30 Years in the TVP as a Specialist Fire arms Officer - Mervyn Edwards

17 March - Secret London - Mike Beech

21st April - AGM

So, whether you have a New Year Resolution or you just want to keep active in mind and body, why not visit your local U3A you may just find a new interest or hobby that meets your needs in 2020 and beyond ?

For further information please contact the following:

membership@didcotu3a.org



Patients' groups

All GP Practices are required to have a Patient Participation Group who:

- Act as a 'critical friend' on behalf of patients
- Foster communication between patients and all who work in the Practice.
- Support the Practice's objectives and give feedback on patients' views and concerns.
- Act as a forum for discussion on general health matters, promoting of good health and disease prevention.

Investment into infrastructure lags behind the rapid expansion of Didcot. An area of land in GWP has been allocated for a GP Practice, but there is still much debate over the site. Meanwhile the three existing Practices are working hard to deal with increasing workloads. They are now collaborating, through the Didcot Primary Care

March MADness



Hagbourne Primary School PTA will be holding a Music, Art and Dance Day on Saturday 21st March, 10:00-16:00. There'll be fun activities for primary school kids, including a Charleston workshop, printmaking, African drumming, mural painting, and the opportunity to try an instrument or play with a rock band. Tickets (available on the door) £5 per child; no unaccompanied children, but adults get in free. Refreshments will also be on sale.

For further details, please email pta@hagbourne.oxon.sch.uk.

Network, to offer integrated primary and community health care, enhanced services and advances in patient care, via multidisciplinary teams. The Didcot PCN is at an early stage and the three PPG's are supporting the Practices in this important initiative. The PPG's welcome active membership to ensure there is continuity in medical facilities for the growing population. The more members there are, the higher the volume of the collective PPG voice in support of the Partners and Staff of our valued GP Practices.

Want to get involved? In some Practices, patients are automatically members of the PPG, but can opt to become active members, participating in meetings, surveys, consultations, etc. In other Practices, you may need to apply specifically. Check your Practice's website or ask at Reception for further details.

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: 0845310111

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.

After a highly successful Christmas lunch at the Horse & Harrow, attended by 20 people, the January event was rather quieter. Only  eight of us felt we had room for more food. The dates of the next two lunches are February 21 and March 20. You are very welcome to come along.

Didcot Film Club

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

We have two virtually new child's bike helmets and a quantity of Lego to give away. Perhaps your children or

grandchildren could make use of them? Contact Sue or Dave at Meadow's Edge, York Road (850080).

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



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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@yahoo.co.uk

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