

Village Association News

St George's Day Celebrations

As many of you will have read in my email circulated by the clerk to the parish council, we have had to cancel the St George's Day afternoon teas and village walk this year.

The St George and the dragon competition, however, will still take place between 13th-26th April, and I think we will all look forward to seeing some splendid displays when we take our daily walk around the village.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Best display - £30.00

Runner-up - £20.00

Best child's entry - £10.00

Along with the displays, we would also like to invite the children to draw or paint a picture of St George and/or the dragon, to display in their front window during the same 2 weeks - we would love to

see your art work brightening up the village too!

The excellent, informative audio-visual presentation about St George, researched by one of our committee members, Eva, and compiled and narrated by Malcolm Brownsword, is now available to view on YouTube, the link is <https://tinyurl.com/egroeGtS> Well worth a look!

Madge Trophy front gardens competition

June - we already have our judge booked for the Madge Trophy competition this year, so now is an excellent time to be planning your summer planting. A more precise date for the judging will be in the June newsletter.

Summer event

We are still hopeful that a summer family event, which is planned for the afternoon of Sunday 5th July, will be able to go ahead. Sue and

Chris Lay at Manor Farm have very kindly invited us to hold the event in their garden, and even though the plans

are still at an early stage, we are aiming to provide a light lunch, after which will be a variety of games, activities and entertainment that will appeal to everyone, taking place throughout the afternoon. We hope to bring you more information in the June newsletter when

perhaps the situation is more certain, but in the meantime, please put this date in your diary.

If you wish to get in touch with the Village Association, we now have a dedicated email address which is va@westhagbourne.org or you can telephone me on 01235 851707.

As ever, we thank you for your support,

Margaret Leishman (Chair)



Parish Council

In these difficult times there can be no guarantee that there will be a parish council meeting on 13 May 2020. If there is a meeting, it may not be open to the public, it may not involve all councillors and it may not be a physical meeting at all.

The Annual Parish Meeting, currently set for 20 May 2020 is also extremely unlikely to take place.

At the time of writing this we are waiting to see what developments there will be in respect of meetings and other parish matters.

The Village Hall is closed until further notice.

Mike Butler (Chair)

Tidy-up

This year's Village Tidy-up has been cancelled as SODC were unable to deliver the pickers, gloves and bags. If you are out walking your dog or taking exercise, you might want to pick up any litter you see, but don't forget to wear gloves. It will be interesting to note whether a reduction in car journeys through the village is matched by a reduction in litter.

Val Brownsword



Village Lunch

Sadly, given the current situation with regard to pub and restaurant closures, the lunch club has been cancelled until further notice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen and Tony for making us welcome and we wish them all the best in these difficult times.

Plant Swaps

This is the time of year when many of us will be thinking about planting the vegetable plot and flower borders. Whilst garden centres are closed, if you have an excess of plants that you have raised from seed that you are happy to share or to trade, please get in touch with Sue Totterdell (850080).

Village Garden

With spring upon us, plants are shooting and we can begin to see more colour. The mild winter means that many plants are ahead of the normal season. In particular the Clematis armandii that scrambles on the fence beside the telephone kiosk has been a picture. Thanks to Rob and Hazel at Woodleys, as it is planted in their garden.



other news

Covid19 support group

Many residents have volunteered to help their neighbours get through this period of restricted movement and social isolation. If you can offer help or need to access this service please contact us via our dedicated email address covid@westhagbourne.org or call Lillie (07894 343281) or Sue (850080).

How it works

Offers of help include local shopping, prescription collection, dog walking, taking post, or just being round for a chat if you tire of your own four walls.

If you need a prescription to be collected, please try to let us know before 11am and we will try to arrange collection the same day.

If you require some shopping, please don't wait until the last minute as it may take a day or two to respond.

When someone gets in touch we will circulate the request round the list of volunteers to see who is available on the day. That person will then contact you directly to establish exactly what are your needs.

Stay in the know

The newsletter only comes out every two months and the

situation changes rapidly. Check the village website for up to date information and if you are on-line, sign up to the Clerk's mailing list. Send him your contact details: westhagbournepc@gmail.com

Shielding the Vulnerable

OCC has a dedicated phone line for our extremely vulnerable residents with access to a central team who can offer advice on a range of issues.

It will be operational from 8:30am to 8:00pm Monday to Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

If you or someone you know has been identified as extremely vulnerable by the NHS and have no support network, please contact the dedicated team

Call 01865 89 78 20
Email: shield@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For those residents not in a high risk category but still in need of support, visit Oxfordshire All In or Oxford Together for more information on community support near you.

In South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, anyone that is not considered high risk and does not have a support network around them to help, will be able to call their dedicated support line from 27 March at 9:00am on

01235 422600 or email communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

The County and District Councils in Oxfordshire are working to maintain frontline council services. For queries related to everyday council service please check out the County, or relevant District website.

For more advice and information on Covid-19, please visit Public Health England.

Shopping

Shopping seems to be weakest link in the safety chain. It is almost impossible to arrange for delivery of groceries or even click and collect. This may change as supermarkets learn for how long movement restrictions are likely to go on. As it is, it is almost impossible to shop for even a week at a time, and it is tempting to try more than one supermarket in order to get everything on your list. Hopefully this will get better as supplies are better able to meet demand, and those who are stockpiling run out of storage space. Please shop sensibly and with a thought for other shoppers.

When you get home either remove food wrappings that might have been touched by someone else as soon as you get home, or to wash off the external plastic/cardboard with soapy water, before washing your hands again. It seems sensible.

Symptoms of Covid 19

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



Self Isolation

How long to self-isolate if you have symptoms:

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you'll need to self-isolate for 7 days.

After 7 days:

- if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to self-isolate
- if you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal

You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 7 days. A cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

If you live with someone who has symptoms:

If you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

If more than 1 person at home has symptoms, self-isolate for 14 days from the day the first person started having symptoms.

If you get symptoms, self-isolate for 7 days from when your symptoms start, even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days.

If you do not get symptoms, you can stop self-isolating after 14 day.



Hagbourne Parish Charities

Hagbourne Charities is a "Relief in Need" charity whose aim is to provide small-scale emergency financial assistance to residents of its benefit area – East and West Hagbourne and the Northbourne area of Didcot. It can respond quickly and without red tape by providing a small sum of money at a moment of especially urgent need, almost anything that is not available

from normal state or local authority provisions.

Funds are limited so grants can only be single payments unlikely to exceed £50

In these difficult times if you know of a case in immediate need in our benefit area please call 07572401769 or email hagbourne.charities@gmail.com

Pub Take-aways

In common with many local pubs and restaurants, the Kingswell and the George & Dragon have started offering a take-away services to help the businesses survive whilst we are being asked to stay at home. The Horse & Harrow are also offering to make and deliver free of charge soups, stews or curries to those who are in extra need..



Planning

Current planning applications for West Hagbourne:

Installation of stair lift void at York Farm
P20/S0475/LB
Demolition of existing rear

section and erection of single storey rear extension at Manor Farm
P19/S4437/LB

Use of land for residential purposes including mobile home at The Studio Lodge, Manor Farm
P19/S4308/LDE



Sheep grazing peacefully in the spring sunlight

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 news

SODC Update

Garden waste disruption

Whilst Biffa are working incredibly hard to minimise any disruptions to collections due to staff shortages, if your garden waste isn't collected on the correct day – leave your brown bin out for up to three days (including weekends) and we'll aim to catch up.

Kerbside service update

The collection of small electrical items, batteries and textiles for recycling has been suspended as the recycling centres are no longer able to accept these items and the council has no storage space for them. Please do NOT put unwanted or broken electrical items or batteries in the general refuse (rubbish) or recycling as they could cause a fire which could endanger the lives of the crews and others nearby. Please keep these items at home until we can start collecting textiles, batteries and small electrical items for recycling again.

We're planning a public communications campaign to encourage residents to minimise as much of their waste as possible. As well as all the environmental benefits this action will help to reduce any difficulties down the line if waste collections are disrupted further. The campaign will initially be focused on garden waste, as this can easily be composted at home and likely to be one of the first collections that might be affected.

Community support pages

To make it easier for residents, communities, businesses and volunteers to find the advice and support they need, we have restructured the content on our dedicated Coronavirus webpages. We are adding to this content daily and also following best practice from other councils to ensure that the information we provide is what our different audiences need. The web address is:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/covid19

local events

Horse & Harrow Village Lunch Club

Although the pub is closed and the village lunch cancelled until further notice, Helen and Tony would like to

help residents. Helen can make and deliver free of charge soups/stews/curries to those who are in extra special need such as being in isolation.

If you would like to check out this option, call her on 07875327260.

U3A

All U3A meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Keep an eye open for a mention in this newsletter once restrictions have been lifted. For more details email: f

membership@didcotu3a.org



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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)-
rob.griffith@yahoo.co.uk

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