

## Village Association News

### Chairman's Annual Report

In this, the Village Association's 25th year, the committee has been especially busy. Along with the usual events, including the ever-popular St George's Day celebrations and highly successful Macmillan coffee morning, we welcomed over 150 guests to a most enjoyable Queen's Platinum Jubilee party in June.

My annual report as outgoing Chairman, which was presented at the AGM on 7th November, summarises the Association's activities over the past year and can be read on the village website. Included in my report is an acknowledgment to a number of other members who have also stepped down from

the committee, all of whom have dedicated many years to the Association and have tirelessly strived to enhance village life for residents. Thankfully, I am confident that the Village Association has a bright future under the Chairmanship of Rosey Gardiner and I wish the new committee every success.

*Margaret Leishman*

### New committee

The village association AGM on Monday 7th November was well attended and we were able to elect a new committee. It represents a healthy mix of experience and new blood and will continue to promote community spirit. The committee would like to thank members

who are standing down. They have supported the VA for many years and we owe them a debt for their untiring efforts.

### Memorial Tree

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II a horse chestnut tree will be planted on 4th December at 3pm on the grass verge at the entrance to the village, near Foxgrove Lane. All are welcome to witness the planting.

### Village Christmas Tree

A 6ft Christmas tree has been purchased by the VA and we would like to invite the children/grandchildren of West Hagbourne to decorate it. The theme is 'Winter Wonderland'. The tree will be located in the centre of the village under the horse chestnut tree by the bus shelter. Children should bring their decorations on Saturday 10th December at 11-12am. Don't worry if you have made your decoration out of paper/card. We will have a laminator on hand to waterproof it.

### St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

We will be supporting the "Carols in the Farmyard" event again this year. See you there!

### Winter Walk

The New Year village walk will be held on Sunday 8th January. Meet at the bus shelter at 2pm. The walk will be led by Julie and should last about one hour. We will then retire to "Rowan, York Road for mulled wine and mince pies.

*Rosey Gardiner (Chair)*

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at York Farm on Saturday October 1st. A fantastic amount of £1,536.76

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL WEST HAGBOURNE RESIDENTS



was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. The Village Association also wish to thank Mary Allen and family who provided the use of York Farm.

*Val Walton*

*Committee member of West Hagbourne Village Association*



It is the time of year to say a more general thank you to all those villagers who, often out

of the public eye, make West Hagbourne a better place to live. For example, those who regularly collect litter on their walks around the village, as well as those who turn up for the main litter pick effort. Those who keep their front gardens looking colourful and the footpaths clear. The volunteers who tend the defibrillator, keeping it in working order. The people who get involved organising village events (especial thanks to the outgoing Village Association Committee members), or acting as Parish councillors and Tyrell trustees. Thanks to those who keep the communications going (newsletter, website, email list and WhatsApp group), and have this year facilitated recycling of a range of items and the sharing of excess garden produce, as well as, occasionally locating lost pets. Finally, thanks to those who keep an eye out for their neighbours and step in when needed. It all helps make West Hagbourne a friendly place to live.

## Christmas Tree Festival & Carols 9th - 17th December



Over 100 households throughout East and West Hagbourne have generously signed up for a Christmas tree to display in their front gardens including the Village Association tree that will be positioned at The Square. These, along with the 30 sponsored trees that will be decorated in St Andrew's church, will be a welcome sight, brightening our streets during the longest of the dark winter nights.

Over the festival period a number of events have been planned, one being 'Carols in the Farmyard' at Manor Farm on Sunday 11th December at 3:30pm, by invitation of Sue and Chris Lay. Following last year's success, Meryl and her singers from the Oxford-based choir, vOx, have kindly offered to lead the carol singing,

during which, mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate will be served by members of the Village Association, for which donations will be gratefully accepted. Festival raffle tickets will be on sale at £1.00 each with many prizes, from luxury hampers to family days out, to be won. All proceeds from this year's festival will be split between St. Andrew's church and Albie and Beyond, for Brain Tumour Research. Please note that this will be a CASH ONLY event.

For more information including the full schedule of festival events, please look on the village websites (including the December issue of the Parish magazine), Facebook sites and noticeboards. Merry Christmas!

*Margaret Leishman*

# other news

## Peter Bishop

02/08/1925 - 13/10/2022

Dad was born in Hungerford, his family moving to West Hagbourne when he was young. He was the oldest of three with brothers Ken and Stan, and went to school in East Hagbourne. Like many children he got up to all kinds of mischief and playfulness. Called up on his eighteenth birthday to fight in World War 2, he joined the Royal Navy, ending up on the H.M.S BERWICK, which was on Convoy Guard Duty in the North Atlantic. In 1945 the War Ministry were asking for volunteers to join the Army to fight in the Far East, so he joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment, fighting in Burma as part of the 14th Army. He came home in 1946. He then joined Rowlands Bakery, in Upton, as a trainee baker and Horse and Cart Delivery.

When that closed he joined the Railway and was based in Reading, working there for over 40 years, until he retired. He married his beloved Vi in 1950 and she had four sisters and three brothers, so there were lots of birthday parties, holidays, travelling and many family get togethers, which he thoroughly enjoyed. They moved to 10 York Road in 1952, making many friends in the village over the years. He would often be seen on his bike cycling around the village or to Didcot, where he would catch the train for work, or to the shops or the bookies at the weekend which he did until he was ninety. He also loved his vegetable garden spending a lot of his spare time there, preparing it for all his crops, right up to his 91st birthday. Sadly then his health began to suffer and he slowly deteriorated so he had to give it up -but what an amazing life. Time to say Goodbye. R.I.P

Andrew Bishop

## Parish Council

There have been two incidents recently of road signs being turned round so they do not face the right direction. If you notice a road sign which has been altered please report it to Fix My Street. They will arrange for it to be dealt with.

If an elderly or disabled person has a medical appointment which they have difficulty attending, an option is to use Didcot Volunteer Drivers who are available on 01235 816709.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30pm in the meeting room of Hagbourne Village Hall.

Michael Butler (Chair)

## Keeping warm

### Keeping the house warm

Get the boiler serviced earlier in the year if you can and check

the radiators. Engineers will be less busy in the summer, so worth bearing in mind for next year.

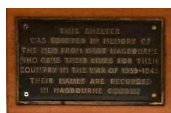
Age UK recommends keeping the living room at 21°C, the bedroom at 18°C and the rest of the house at least 16°C. Set the heating to come on just before getting up and switch off after bedtime. If it's very cold, set the heating to come on earlier and turn off later rather than turning the thermostat up.

Make sure that the house is well insulated to keep the heat in (and save on bills). Draft proofing doors and windows, as well as insulating the loft (and walls if necessary) will help to retain as much heat as possible. Grants may be available to help with insulation. Check out the Energy Saving Trust who can provide advice.

Switch off the heating in any rooms that aren't used; draw the curtains as it gets dark to help retain the heat.

If the house is heated by oil or solid fuel make sure there are adequate supplies for the winter.

## Remembrance Sunday



Those of West Hagbourne who lost their lives during the two great wars were remembered by a short service on Sunday 13th November. A two minute silence was observed and a wreath was hung under the war memorial plaque located in the bus shelter.



## Christmas in the Hagbournes

### Events in December

These will take place in St Andrew's Church unless otherwise indicated.

Friday 9th at 6.30pm  
Carols in the Church Close

Saturday 10th at 1.30pm  
Poets Trail Solstice celebrations

Sunday 11th at 3.30pm  
Carols in Manor Farmyard,  
West Hagbourne

Friday 16th at 7pm  
The Big Wassail

Saturday 17th at 1.30pm  
Hagbourne Community Choir  
2.45pm Handbell ringers

Saturday 24th at 3 and 4 pm  
Christmas Eve Crib Services

## Christmas Waste Collections

Changes to the usual waste collections over the holiday period will be as follows:

Friday 30 Dec will be collected on Tuesday January 3rd

Friday 6 January will be collected Monday 9 January

Friday 13 January will be collected Saturday 14 January



The first Garden Waste collection in 2023 will be on Saturday 14 January.

## HUGS Update

Now is the time to plant your bare root trees and hedging, whether they be new planting or replacements for ones lost as a result of this summer's heat.

Remember, every tree planted promises a better environment for us all in the future.

Also, January/February is the time to trim mature native hedging (after the birds and wildlife have had a chance to feed up on the berries).

This year has been a busy one for HUGS, with successes in a number of projects aimed at enhancing the local ecology.

These included tree planting down Moor lane and around East Hagbourne, installation of 21 owl boxes in selected locations in and around both East and West Hagbourne, and the installation of a new wildflower area in East Hagbourne.

We shall continue our efforts to conserve and enhance the local environment with further projects over the coming year, and look forward to your support in this endeavour.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from the HUGS team.

*Caroline Hunt & Ian Leishman*

## Planning

### Planning Application P22/S3609FUL

Horse & Harrow: Change of use to housing.

### Planning Application P22/S3827HH

Cairnwell, Main Street: Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and construction of side and front extensions:

## 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. 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.

[www.westhagbourne.org/pc\\_minutes.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm)

### 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](mailto:parishclerk@westhagbourne.org)

### Parish email list

If you wish to be placed on this list, or to check that your entry is correct, please send an email to the Clerk at

[parishclerk@westhagbourne.org](mailto: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](http://fixmystreet.com)

Or:  
[highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 08453101111

Web site:  
[www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes](http://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](http://www.westhagbourne.org)**

The website carries information, news and contact details as well as copies of the minutes of all village organisations



## other news

### Lunch Club

IWith the departure of Helen and Tony the lunch club is no longer meeting. I will be exploring possible new venues in the new year.

Sue Totterdell (850080)



Monthly Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at Didcot Civic Hall, starting at 2:30 pm .

#### Dates for Your Diary:

20 December: Christmas event – Didcot Divas

2023

17 January: 10th Birthday Tea Party (afternoon tea with lovely homemade cake!) - featuring the Ukulele Group. Tickets £5 each.

21 February: Where do novelists get their ideas from? - Bobbie Darbyshire.

21 March: Cheltenham Racing Heroes, a talk about famous jockeys living in and around Cheltenham - Peter Gill

if you have a query please email

bulletin@didcotu3a.org

Marian Nicholls,  
Bulletin Coordinator

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## other news

### WhatsApp Group

If you would like to join the group, get in touch with Lillie Jamieson (07712 429811).

To be added to the Village email list, contact the Clerk.

## other news

### Didcot Farmers' Market

This will be in the Orchard Centre on Saturday 10th December and 14th January from 8.30am - 1.30pm.

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If you have any news or photos or know of events you think might interest other residents, please contact the editor.

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