

Village Association News

Barn Dance

What a brilliant evening we had on 5th July. Everything was perfect. Jeff supplied us with a sizeable barn so there were no restrictions on how energetically we swung our partners. Pandemonium provided us with great music and the callers guided us through the dances well enough to avoid TOTAL chaos. The Sol e Luna pizza van fed about 80 people with great efficiency – the pizzas were delicious! We even had an ice cream van to cool us down after dancing.

Thank you to everyone who came and joined in to make this a very memorable event. - it is sure to be repeated 😊.

Summer Walk

The Summer Walk will be on the 17th August this year. We will leave from the bus shelter, The Square, at 2.00pm. Lets hope the weather is kind to us, although, we could always shelter in one of the local pubs 😊.



This year, we thought we'd change things a little and hold a village rounders match. The date will be 7th September at 2-4pm. The competition will be held in the hay field behind Manor Farm.

THIS IS A FUN EVENT. Do you think your running days are over?

If maybe - just join in and enjoy yourselves.

If definitely - come and cheer on your team.

The plan is to have 2 teams: Foxglove Lane and Main Street versus York Road and Manor Close.

The Team leaders will be announced soon and you can contact them to register your interest. Come on! Let's make it a fun village event. The Village Association will provide a picnic for everyone and FREE BEER will be on tap. You are also welcome to bring your favourite tippie with unbreakable glasses.

While this is a FUN EVENT, a little bit of rivalry is encouraged. Feel free to include ringers in your team – extended family and friends.



The Macmillan coffee morning will be held on the 27th September from 10.30-12.30pm at York Farm, York Road. Let's support this very important charity which provides support for families coping with cancer.

Donations for the Raffle would be gratefully received – please hand them in to Sheila at 9 York



Barn dance and caller

Road at least 2 days before the event. Cakes/Biscuits would also be a wonderful donation – they can be brought on the day.

Thank you for your support.

Plants

When you start splitting your border perennials, please do not throw anything away. Phone Rosey on 07542 923328. I will collect and grow on plants to sell at the Village Association plant sale. This will raise money to support social events in the village next year. Thank you.

Rosey Gardiner (Chair)



Preparing the barn



Dancing



Enjoying the evening plus pizza van

HUGS Update

Summer in the garden

Summer is the time to be outside and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature. What better place than your back garden? Hopefully you've been serenaded by the sound of fledgelings during May and June and will still hear more baby birds during July and August. To help them, do avoid hedge cutting until September so their nests are safe and undisturbed.

Leaving grass long and having a wild corner (or more) is also a fantastic support for birds, as they need insects (especially the young) to feed on.

Long grass is a place that butterflies lay their eggs – another reason to mow less often or not at all in some areas if you can. If you're keen to help butterflies, have a look at the Big Butterfly Count (bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org). It's just takes 15 minutes to count butterflies and day-flying moths in your garden (on one day between the 18th of July and the 10th of August).



Lime Hawk-moth caterpillar

And if you're off to the garden centre soon, a large RHS study found that the best way to help promote a healthy ecosystem in the garden is to use native plants (flowers, bulbs, shrubs and trees) and to plant them densely.

Meanwhile, enjoy the sounds and sights of your beautiful and healthy garden!

www.hugsustainability.org

Caroline Hunt & Ian Leishman

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Parish Council

Meetings

We had our regular bi-monthly PC meeting on 2nd July. Our next regular PC meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September, 7.30pm at Hagbourne Village Hall. Please do contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor if you have a matter which you would like the PC to consider at our next meeting. Agenda and minutes of all PC meetings can be found on the village website.

Planning

We welcome residents coming to us for pre-application advice (we had one to consider), and please do remember to check the planning rules before committing to any development. We have also been keeping an eye on a planning application in Upton for a travellers' site (near The George).

Roads

The Community Speedwatch team continues to do sterling work to monitor speed levels

along Main Street and report offenders to Thames Valley Police. The roadside speed-indicator signage has at last been replaced to correspond with the new 20mph limits.

Drainage

The Flood Group continues to turn out on a regular basis to clear ditches and drains, and we continue to liaise with OCC on significant related projects. The PC has approved a budget for the Flood Group to finish the clearing of invasive weed in the Moor Lane ditch. Please remember that we maintain a stock of sandbags in the village for emergencies.

Phone Box/Noticeboards

The phone box has now been refurbished; next on our list is the repair and upgrade of the village noticeboards.

Moor Lane

We have the support of our OCC and SODC councillors, local farmers and East Hagbourne PC in our efforts to prevent recreational 4WDs and motorbikes from using the Moor

Lane byway. We are currently assessing available options with OCC.

Security

A couple of residents have reported some unexpected late night callers in the last few weeks. It may be completely innocent, but it is a good reminder to keep outbuildings locked and generally to be aware of security issues.

Village website

The PC has approved budget for a significant refresh of the village website; we are involving the Village Association and the Tyrell Trust in the project. We would like to include new photos of some of the houses and other landmarks in the village; amateur photographer needed!

Can you help?

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

(1) As part of our village Emergency Plan, we're looking for residents to come forward who would be available to help

in emergency situations. Lots of different types of help might be needed, from checking up on the vulnerable, maintaining registers, making hot drinks to wielding chainsaws! Many thanks to those who have already come forward to help. We hope we'll never need it, but we do need to be prepared if the worst happens. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

(2) The Speedwatch and Flood Group teams do great work for the village, and are always very keen to welcome new members. If you're able to help, please contact Margaret (Speedwatch) or Robin (Flood Group).

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Volunteers are always very welcome, particularly in the following areas:

Emergency Plan team

Speedwatch and Flood Group teams

Future Parish Councillors.

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.

Dan Tozer (Chair)



Tackling anti-social behaviour this summer

Historically, we know that the summer months can sadly see an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour. School holidays, warmer weather, big sporting events, often leading to one or two more drinks than normal can all contribute!

So each year Thames Valley Police put in place a plan to deal with these challenges and keep us all safe. July marks the start of a three month operation to

crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour, with an emphasis on visible local policing.

This does not just involve the police working in isolation. We will also be working closely with our partners, including councils, schools, health services, business, transport and community organisations.

Policing, in collaboration with partners and local communities, will work to ensure preventative measures are being

implemented to better achieve reductions in these crimes and focus on efforts to catch offenders.

Our local policing teams will also be organising days of action and operations to tackle issues such as illegal e-scooters, street crime, shoplifting, rural crime and other offences that affect communities most.

Many of these issues often affect our larger towns and cities, but they can have an impact on everyone. Whether it is residents from rural areas visiting their local towns, the impact of rural crime, or simply the fear that anti-social behaviour can create.

The solution to some of these

perennial problems is a strong community. One that does not tolerate disruptive behaviour, one that supports its young people and one where people are willing to take action. That may be as simple as reporting concerns.

If you see something that's not right in your community or witness a crime, please report it quickly so the police have the greatest chance to tackle the problem. In an emergency or if something is happening now, always call 999.

To report something that has already happened call 101 or report online at thamesvalley.police.uk.

Matthew Barber, PCC

Recycling consultation

OCC is consulting on changes to household waste recycling arrangements. This consultation closes on August 11th so you need to hurry if you want to make your voice heard.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/hwrc-consultation>

Topics include:

Your use of our household waste recycling centres (HWRCs)

HWRC availability

Improving reuse and recycling at HWRCs, including sale of second-hand/used items received at HWRCs

Bringing waste to the HWRCs

The van and trailer permit scheme policy

Changes have already been

introduced which require you to go online to book a time to visit the Recycling centre at Drayton. Small amounts of non-household (DIY) waste are accepted free of charge (your free allowance). You must book a visit to use your free allowance. According to the website, if you have not booked you may be charged even for items where disposal is free.



Village produce show



Show off your garden produce and cooking skills, and much more at the Hagbourne Produce Show on

Saturday 6th September in Hagbourne Village Hall.

The categories include vegetables,

flowers, arts, crafts and baked goods and there are competitions for the children. You can drop off your entries between 9 and 11am, while the show opens at 2pm. Entry is free. Cream teas will be served and there is a prize raffle.

Find out more at www.easthagbourne.net

Local activities

Football

Hagbourne United FC plays regularly in East Hagbourne and welcomes men and youth players. Contact John Symonds at jesymonds29@gmail.com

Table Tennis

Tuesdays 10.00-12.00 at the Hagbourne Pavilion £3 per session, all welcome. Contact Julian at jgallop@freeuk.com

Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30. Contact Adrian Coles at adrian.coles@gmail.com

Bowls club

Whatever your level, if you are interested in joining please contact Sandy Budd at sandy.budd@sky.com



Hagbourne Barn Dance Club

Every third Friday at Hagbourne Village Hall 20h00-23h00. Please bring your own plate and mug.

Scottish Country Dance

Tuesday evenings 19.45 at Chilton Village Hall. Beginners welcome. See <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for details.

Parish Council

Clerk

Andrew Wise
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org



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

Councillors

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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

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 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>

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Lunch Club

Having missed the July lunch due to the George hosting an all-day private event, the next village lunch will be on the last Friday in August (Friday 29th) at the George in Upton from 12.30.

Anyone can join the group - get in touch with Sue for more details:

editor@westhagbourne.org.

Sue Totterdell,



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

Trips

A visit to the Abingdon Gin Distillery will take place at a later date. If any members have any more suggestions for trips during 2025 we would be pleased to hear from you.

Due to the high costs of coach travel we are curtailing day trips at present time.

New Groups

The new book group is called 'Need to Read' meeting on the first Tuesday of every month from 3.30pm to 5pm in the study area at Cornerstones.

The wine group (un-named at present) will be meeting on the third Thursday of every month from 7pm to 8.30pm starting from September.

Enquiries to join please go to our website.

Future Meetings

Aug 19th. Fraud and Scam awareness. Officers from Trading Standards, Thames Valley cyber security and Didcot Police.

Sept 17th. Coleshill – the Nerve Centre for British Resistance. Gillian Cane will tell the fascinating story of the secret resistance during WW2.

Oct 21st. All about swans from author Dan Keel.

If you have a query please email bulletin@didcotu3a.org

Marian Nicholls
Bulletin Coordinator

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WhatsApp Group

The village group goes from strength to strength, facilitating communication between residents. Notably in the past month it has helped people pass on items they no longer want to neighbours who can make use of them - local recycling has to be the green option! Please also share any excess garden produce.

If you want to be added, contact Lillie Jamieson (07712 429811).

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

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Planning

There are no current consultations although you may have noticed that several parcels of land around the village are for sale. These may have implications for future development around the village.

Didcot Farmers' Market

This is held in the Market Place on the second Saturday of each month from 8.30am - 1.30pm.

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Newsletter delivery

Thank you to volunteers who responded to my request for people to deliver newsletters. Maybe you too could deliver between 10 and 20 newsletters, every two months. New volunteers are always welcome so that some of the current team can 'retire'. Please get in touch with me via editors@westhagbourne.org

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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