

St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

JUNE 2025



***SCARECROW TRAIL in East Hagbourne with
Afternoon Teas in Church on Sundays 1st, 8th June.***

***HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE Saturday 21st June
from 1pm to 4pm at St Andrew's***

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes and Coscote

**Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites.**

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JUNE 2025

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury.

1 +Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
2.30 to 4pm Teas at St Andrew's H
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Prayer Focus:
Treasurers and church finances.

2 Monday

3 Tuesday

4 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

5 Thursday 7pm A time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B

6 Friday

7 Saturday

8pm online Compline

8 +Sunday PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
2.30 to 4.30pm teas at St Andrew's H
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of Confirmation and Celebration of Lay Ministry, led by Bishop Gavin: St Andrew's H



Sidesmen, those who help with hospitality and catering. Flower arrangers.

9 Monday

10 Tuesday

11 Weds

Barnabas the Apostle

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

7.30pm – 9pm "Fellowship in the Garden" home group, Charity School House, Blewbury

12 Thursday

13 Friday

14 Saturday Wedding at St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

15 +Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am All Age Service: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Pastoral care and visiting.

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The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U), St Michael's Blewbury (B),
All Saints' Aston Upton (AU), St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT),
St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM), All Saints' North Moreton (NM)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.

Rector's Reflections

A Surprising Fact about the Diocese of Oxford



There are always surprising things to learn about the Diocese of Oxford. For example, did you know that the Diocese of Oxford educates approximately 60,000 young people in its church schools?

And did you know these schools are provided for the benefit of all, regardless of faith? People sometimes talk about church schools as "faith schools", but "faith schools" are quite different. "Faith" schools are for the faithful of one particular religious tradition. "Church" schools are schools provided by the church for everyone, regardless of their belief. Non-Christians are very welcome to attend church schools, and many Muslim parents choose to send their children to a church school. I should add that if a church school is over-subscribed, it may be that in some circumstances faith is one of the factors taken into account when allocating a place in the school, but this is very much the exception to the general rule that church schools are provided for the benefit of everyone.

Why does the Church of England invest so heavily in the provision of schools? It is nothing about trying to brain wash little minds into becoming church going Christians. It is about trying to enable every young person to flourish. The Church believes that every person is precious in God's eyes, and every person deserves the best possible opportunity to flourish. Church schools are fundamentally about the church's commitment to social justice: the belief that every child deserves a fair chance in life.

Church schools operate as a partnership between the church, the government, and the local community. There are so many ways for members of the local community to support their school: for example, you can come into school to help with reading, or offer to serve as a governor. Whoever you are, and whatever you wish to offer, you can be assured that you will be warmly welcomed and given all the training you need.

Church schools have been serving their communities since Victorian times (and sometimes earlier). Our schools have continuously changed and developed over the years, but the fundamental purpose remains the same: they seek to be a blessing to their communities. And I think this is what our churches should be all about: Churches should be communities of Christians who look outwards, and seek to be a blessing to others. The Church doesn't exist for itself. It exists for others. Fr Jason.

Free Organ Recital at St Andrew's Sunday 1st June at 5pm

We will be joined by James Lord, music student at Cardiff University and Organ Scholar at St Martins in Roath but previously Didcot Sixth Form! His programme includes works by Bach, Perrin, Demessieux, Vaughan Williams, Boëllmann and Fletcher.

We hope to see you there!



Home Communion Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

Church Calendar and Diary for JUNE 2025 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:

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| 16 Monday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 17 Tuesday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 18 Weds | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | 8pm online Compline |
| 19 Thursday | 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B | 8pm online Compline |
| 20 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 21 Saturday | 1pm – 4pm Hagbourne Church Fete: St Andrew's | |

22 +Sunday FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Families,
children's
outreach, family
Services and
Mothers' Union.*

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| 23 Monday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 24 Tuesday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 25 Weds | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 7.30pm – 9pm "Fellowship in the Garden" home group, Charity School House, Blewbury | 8pm online Compline |
| 26 Thursday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 27 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 28 Saturday | | |

29 +Sunday PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

10.30am Lay-led Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Outreach and
parish magazines.*

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| 30 Monday | | 8pm online Compline |
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Online Compline This is a short time of Evening Prayer online every weekday at 8pm – time to wind down from the day and relax. Join using the details from www.churnchurches.co.uk. If you go to [What's On](#) and click on [Services](#) you will find the online Compline details to log on.

Midweek Communion Everyone welcome to the Midweek Communion at **St Andrew's, Hagbourne, every Wednesday at 10am**. This is a said Communion Service without hymns and the opportunity to stay for a coffee afterwards and a chat.

This is a popular Service - all welcome.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 **Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk**

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com

Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com

Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

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Look for @churnchurches on Instagram and Churn-Benefice on Facebook

Churchwarden's chatter During May we commemorated VE Day with bell ringing. At our annual meeting we elected two new members to the committee, Dr Linda Tayler and Charles Kingston. We will welcome them to our meetings. The first was on 27th May. Lots were discussed which shows just how active we are. In June we have our first Wedding of the year and the Fete, luckily not on the same day! There is also a Confirmation Service at 6pm on 8th June.

We are looking for new volunteers to help with the day to day running of the Church, if you can help in any way (cleaning, flower arranging etc) please let us know. I am very pleased that there are concerts, both choral and organ, held in the church as it is always good to welcome visitors to our church at any time. Thank you all for your continued support.

Death watch beetle has been spotted in our lovely Church! We are in the process of getting experts in to assess the damage and we will keep you posted. Jane and Jill.



Sunday Club In the Parish Room at St Andrew's, Hagbourne on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am, joining parents in the Church Service later. Bible stories, circle time, drawing, colouring, painting, crafts and more. Ages 4 - 11. Encourages children to interact with each other and adults, make friends, be creative. A gentle introduction to Christian values.

Next dates: Sundays 1st June and 6th July
ALL WELCOME

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. If you haven't joined us recently, please note that your "GoToMeeting" software will need an update. The process is very straight forward but will take a little bit of extra time.

Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link: Computer, tablet, smartphone

<https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice> **New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via

<https://meet.goto.com/312446493>



A new **Churn Benefice home group** is beginning in Blewbury, open to all who want to deepen their time of fellowship with other Christians in the villages. For the summer months, we are calling it **Fellowship in the Garden (or garden room!)** and it will be held on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7.30 to 9pm, at The Charity School House**, Blewbury. After tea and cake, we will spend time with Jesus' parables and then pray together, led by Joss and Julia Saunders. This group is open to everyone!

Baptism in the Benefice

4th May **Remy Zoe-Jennifer Harwood** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

May God's blessing of peace and joy be with her and protect her all of her days.

Wedding in the Benefice

3rd May **Luke Storch** and **Ceri Morgan** were married at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.

We pray for God's blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together.

Funerals in the Benefice

20th May at All Saints' North Moreton **Brian Bates** aged 86

21st May at St Michael's Blewbury **Norman Webb** aged 88

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE

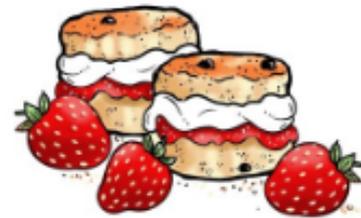
Saturday 21st June 2025

St Andrew's Church

1pm – 4pm



**Teas
Cakes
Books**



Tombola



Discarded Treasures

Plant Stall



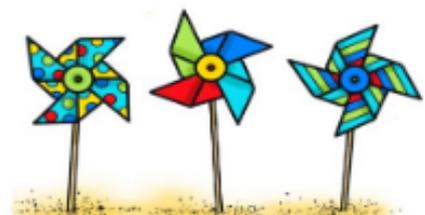
Bottle Stall

Strawberries



Raffle

FREE ENTRY



Tower Talk We would like to thank our Tower Keeper, John Napper, for putting the flag up on the tower for St George's Day. The second HSCR Training Day was held on Saturday 17th May. The method was Plain Bob Doubles as there were only 7 of us on the day, 6 ringers and one to stand by to help out. It was a good workout for George and Kelly and hopefully they gained a lot from the morning.

The bells were rung on Thursday 8th May to commemorate VE Day.

One of our quarterly meetings will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June** following a short ringing practice. We will be ringing for a wedding on **14th June** at 2:00. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: none in the tower to my knowledge.

Dates for your diary: Quarterly Meeting 3rd June. Wedding 14th June at 2:00

Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2025



**CUP FOR THE
WINNING
SCARECROW**

Theme:

***"Fictional Characters
from Books"***

Scarecrow Trail . . .

***. . . for everyone to follow
and vote for your
favourite Scarecrow . . .***

***Saturday 24th May
until
Sunday 8th June***

**Buy your maps for £1
from East Hagbourne Community Shop and The Fleur
from Saturday 24th May
in order to follow and vote for your favourite scarecrow.**

**The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing tea and cake
in Church during the afternoons of
Sunday 25th May, Sunday 1st June and Sunday 8th June
when maps will also be on sale.**

**Profits will be shared between
Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid**

Help wanted at the Fete If you can help in any way at all please let me know.

Lynne would be very glad of any bottles (full of goodies) that you can spare for her stall, Peter and co would welcome your discarded treasures and I would welcome any raffle prize you might like to donate You may leave items in the Parish Room at the back of the Church.

Thank you in anticipation. Jill Garlick.



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Congratulations to all those who took part and thank you to our generous sponsors, all of the volunteers who helped on the day and the local residents who kindly tolerated so many people charging across your fields or past your front doors.

Each year this event is a lovely example of our community coming together, pulling together and having a lot of fun ... so please do join us again next year.

Thank you, The Fun Run Committee



The Village Fund

Each year the Fun Run raises money for cancer research and the village fund which helps groups and individuals in our community. In the past we have supported such diverse causes as the defibrillators, the village hall extension and family support for medical treatment. If you are based in the village and are looking to raise money please send us an email to hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com and we will see if we can help.

| CHURCH ROTAS | 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter | 15th June Trinity Sunday | 6th July Third Sunday after Trinity | General Notes |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Readers | Act 16 vv16-34 Sally Duncan Revelation 22, vv12-14. 16-17, 20-end Daniel Dawson | Proverbs 8 vv1-4, 22-31 Myra Hardiman Romans 5 vv1-5 Andrew Kaye | 2 Kings 5 vv1-14 Doug Amos Galatians 6 vv1-6, 7-16 Sally Duncan | <p><i>Don't forget the Fete is on 21st June. A bit of a tidy up may be required for the next Service. All volunteers who can help to clean the church will be made very welcome</i></p> |
| Intercessions | Celebrant | Celebrant | Celebrant | |
| Sidesmen | Myra Hardiman Jackie Mackenzie | Trevor Goss Sally Duncan | Robin Harries Jane Blond | |
| Coffee | Shirley Goss Sally Duncan | Gillian Harries Myra Hardiman | Jill Garlick Sally Duncan | |
| Flowers Lady Chapel | Marian Powell | Coral Powell | Joy Napper | |
| Flowers High Altar | Felicity Topping | Felicity Topping | Gillian Harries | |



On Saturday, 10th May, The Hagbourne Action Group organised it's Sixth SAFARI SUPPER.

107 villagers safaried round East Hagbourne, first meeting at St Andrew's Church for drinks and canapes, and then enjoying excellent food at 24 different houses, rounding off the evening in the Fleur de Lys.

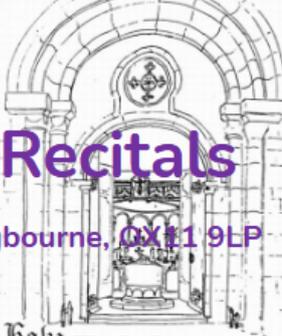
At the same time, raising over £3000 for two charities...

Friends of St Andrew's and Medecins Sans Frontieres, UK.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.

Hagbourne Action Group

Tunes for the Toys.
by Colin Windsor.



Free Organ Recitals
St Andrews Church, Hagbourne, OX11 9LP

Sunday 6th July at 5.00 pm
Holy Communion

To Jonathan, Elizabeth and Jane
Colin Windsor: "Enjoy my scrunchy chords"

Enquiries: office@churnchurches.co.uk



Magdalen Bells



Love came down at Christmas.
Christine Roselli
© Colin Windsor

GET PLANTING READY FOR THE....

PRODUCE SHOW!

6th SEPTEMBER 2025
East Hagbourne Village Hall

Staging 9-11.
Opens at 2pm. Free entry



An annual celebration of local produce, baking, crafts: open to all.
CREAM TEAS, CAKES, RAFFLE
Sponsors:
The Fleur de Lys, The Village Shop.
<https://www.facebook.com/>
www.easthagbourne.net

Confirmation Service at St Andrew's – Sunday 8th June We are delighted to say that Bishop Gavin will be conducting a Confirmation Service at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 8th June. We have candidates for later this year so do keep all the enquiries coming! Confirmation is not just for teenagers – **all enquiries welcome** at 01235 850267.

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

In celebration of trees If you didn't see Linda Benton's Didcot oaks exhibition at the Cornerstone in May, do pick up a copy of the latest Poets' Trail anthology 'Didcot Oaks (and other notable trees)' with Linda's beautiful illustrations. Available from the Cornerstone and East Hagbourne Village Shop.



Image by Roger Kidd

Meanwhile, here's why we love and celebrate trees:

- Economic value, trees yield many crops across the world (including timber, rubber and fuel). They provide us with jobs, landscaping, forestry and woodland restoration. They even enhance the value of our houses by just being there in our gardens.
- They feed us (our local heritage here is fruit tree orchards; apples, pears, plums, greengage, damson and cherries).
- They provide myriad environmental services. They store carbon, their canopy catches and roots absorb rainwater reducing flood risk, they lower temperature and provide us with much needed shade in our hot springtime's, summers and autumns. They also improve air quality, absorbing pollution as well as sound.
- They support an abundance of wildlife. A mighty oak can support more than 280 species of insect alone. As well as insects, birds and mammals depend on trees for a home and for food. The woodland habitat trees create, lowers temperatures, making a home for many types of plants, insects and other species under their canopies.
- Our own health depends on nature and trees are a vital part of this. We may feel that we're no longer a part of nature, but scientific studies suggest otherwise. Our blood pressure lowers when we look at wildflowers and blossom. And we recover better from ill health / surgery when we can see trees from our hospital or bedroom windows.

So, if you have trees in your garden or your neighbourhood look after them. And if you want more trees, you have the summer months to plan and research which beautiful species to bring into your home environment to nurture you, your family and your local wildlife. www.hugsustainability.org

Dragons in West Hagbourne There was a good display of dragons in West Hagbourne for St George's Day and lovely cream teas and a plant sale were enjoyed by all.

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Didcot Health Centre – There will be an **Annual General Meeting** of the **Patient Participation Group** at **Didcot Health Centre, Britwell Road, on Wednesday 9th June at 7:00pm**. The meeting will be held in the Health Centre in the main waiting room downstairs. All Health Centre patients are invited to this meeting, come along and find out what is happening at your Health Centre and the problems that face medical practices locally and what they are trying to do to improve the situation.

Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT) The Ladies Thirsty Thursday meets on the third Thursday of each month in The Fleur from 7.30pm for a friendly drink (or two) and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us, and spread the word. and we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering which will be on **Thursday 19th June**.

HAMS - *Steering Group members*

At the Annual General Meeting, which was held on 22nd May, elections were held following the resignations of Bill Proctor, the Chairman and Richard Elliott, the Treasurer. We are delighted to welcome the members of the 2025/2026 Steering Group:

Stephanie Hilder as Chairperson,
Steven Van Boxel as Treasurer,
Marian Varnom as Secretary,
Richard Elliott as a member,
Gemma Fowkes, appointed as a member,
Mary Hands, re-elected as a member,
Susan Proctor, re-elected as a member,
Lesley Woodward, re-elected as a member.



Following the election we were treated to a showing of [Jhamboree -The Movie](#). Copies of the video are available in either DVD or Blu-ray format at a cost of £12 each. If you would like to order a copy, please send an email to: proctor1a@aol.com, stating which format you would like, and you will be sent details of how to pay HAMS, preferably by bank transfer.

We are eagerly looking forward to learning the thoughts of the new HAMS Steering Group on future productions and events.

email: info@thehams.co.uk.

www.thehams.co.uk

Hagbourne Barn Dance Club – an evening of Traditional English Dance

is held on the third Friday of the month at the Hagbourne Village Hall at 8pm to 11pm. Please bring your own mug and plate (saves washing up). **Next session: 20th June.**

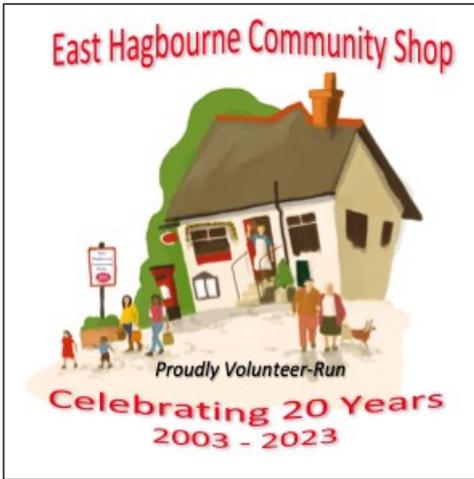
Scottish Country Dancing – if you enjoy dancing then why not give Scottish Country Dancing a go? We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm. We are a friendly club that welcomes beginners and experienced dancers alike. You don't have to be Scottish to join! No partner is required, and it is a sociable way for all ages to have exercise and fun! Please visit our website: <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for more details.

Wednesday Sewing Class Places available in the Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Jazz in the Hagbournes On Sunday, 8th June, we welcome Charlie Wood and his Blues Band to The Fleur, in support of the Ronnie Scott Allstars.

Charlie is from Memphis, Tennessee via New Orleans, Chicago and other influential Jazz/Blues locations. And now East Hagbourne..... He became a Beale Street Musician (Beale Street being the centre of Blues in Memphis) and later was honoured with a Brass Note on Beale Street, the Memphis equivalent of a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. His style is eclectic, mixing Blues, Jazz and R'n'B in a hugely entertaining show. He married Sir Johnny Dankworth's daughter, Jaqui, and now lives over here. He plays throughout Europe and is also a Professor of Music at the Guildhall School of Music.

I cannot recommend him highly enough for both enthusiasts and those who are new to Jazz/Blues.
Peter Hands.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 20 years, East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new Committee members and volunteers to help keep it going and growing!

To learn how you can help in 1 or 2 hours a month: email Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com or easthagbourneshop@gmail.com, or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

Visit us on FB or on the village website at: easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office/

JUNE BUSINESS HOURS: The long-awaited installation of new postmaster Mr Chris Billens is finally underway! During transition to new ownership, **East Hagbourne Post Office will be closed through Thursday 29th May, reopening Thursday 5th June**, when new business hours take effect, re-opening Saturday mornings and Monday & Thursday afternoons.

The Shop will maintain normal hours during the PO transition.

NEW! PO Hours From 5th June 2025:
Re-opening Monday & Thursday afternoons & Saturday am!



| DATE | *POST OFFICE* | SHOP |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Monday | 9am – 12:30pm & 1:15 – 4:30pm | 9am – 4:30pm |
| Tuesday | CLOSED | 9am – 4 pm |
| Wednesday | 9am – 12:30pm | 9am – 4 pm |
| Thursday | 9am – 12:30pm & 1:15 – 4:30pm | 9am – 4:30pm |
| Friday | 9am – 12:30pm | 9am – 4 pm |
| Saturday | 9am – 12:30pm | 9am – 12:30pm |

SHOP: Hot or cold drinks, ice cream, crisps, snacks or pick n' mix sweets enliven daily adventures or stop by for household essentials and local products including Calnan's sausages, free-range eggs, honey, bright cards by local artists and more.

Each penny spent in the Community Shop helps fund PO operating expenses and keeps this valuable neighbourhood amenity open for all to access.

HERITAGE BAKERY AVAILABLE EACH SATURDAY Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday!

Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. Products and allergen details in Shop or at easthagbourne.net.

THURSDAY CAKE DAY! Mid-week pick-me-up or a weekend treat, stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes every Thursday. Selections change weekly and come by early - they don't last long!

EXTRA VEG? Consider donating excess to the Shop where your high-quality produce will be sold for a modest sum, reducing waste and funding Post Office operating costs. Many thanks!

THANK YOU!

East Hagbourne Post Office thanks our customers and volunteers for their kind understanding and patience during this long-awaited business transition.

We heartily thank Margaret Maythem and Steve Smith for your unstinting support, wishing you both the very best – wherever the future takes you, you'll always be part of our community. Lastly, welcome Chris Billens to our East Hagbourne community!

West Hagbourne

would like to invite

East Hagbourne

to a

Barn Dance

on the 5th July 2025 7-10pm

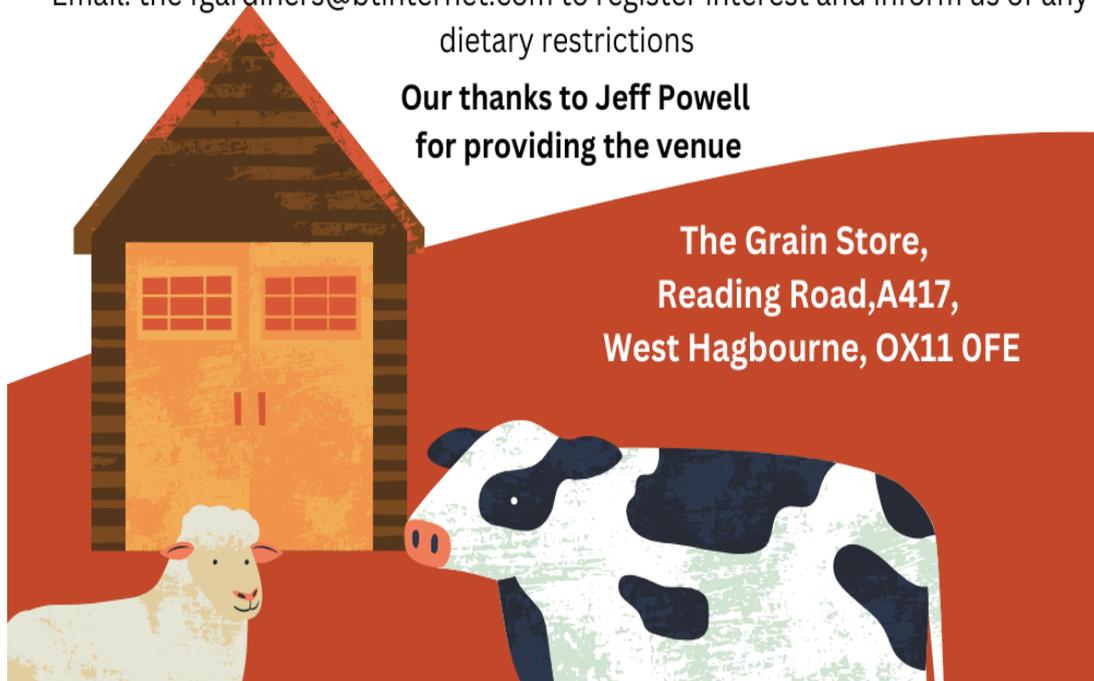
Pandemonium will be playing

This will be a free event, but, please note there will be a PIZZA VAN on site throughout the evening selling food.

Bring your own drinks and unbreakable glasses. Plenty of parking available.

Email: the4gardeners@btinternet.com to register interest and inform us of any dietary restrictions

**Our thanks to Jeff Powell
for providing the venue**



**The Grain Store,
Reading Road, A417,
West Hagbourne, OX11 0FE**

Didcot Emergency Foodbank – food donations urgently needed.

A recent report shows that there has been a 56% increase in the number of food parcels provided to families with children in the South East over five years. Locally we've seen a significant drop in donations to the foodbank. If you are able to donate, these are some of the items most needed: Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, puddings; Jars of pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter, coffee (small); Packets of pasta, rice, packets of dried potato, breakfast cereals, biscuits, treats, tea, hot chocolate; Cartons of long-life milk and long-life juice; Toiletries, toilet rolls and clothes-wash items. NO alcohol, razors, medicines or homemade preserves. **There is a collection point at Sainsbury's in Didcot.** Alternatively, you can make a financial donation which can be on a one-off or regular basis. This can be done by visiting: <https://didcotbaptist.churchsuite.com/donate/> and "Foodbank" as your option adding gift aid if you are able to. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

If you need to use the Foodbank you can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the [contact form](#) on the website

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

CIL Projects The two-page copy of potential CIL projects that we are presently evaluating, costing, and promoting have been flying off the shelves in the Community Shop but there has been almost nobody responding to my call in the last Parish Magazine for help in advancing these. We have thus, together with a second printing of the list for the shop, added another sheet giving a councillor to contact for each category. It is my plan to highlight in this page one category each month.

Making Walking Safe and a Pleasure (aka footways) So let me start with the one that I am leading. The main reason that I am is that this involves significant interaction with Oxford County Council (OCC), and the Clerk and myself have already spent considerable energy trying to engage with the Highways people at OCC.

One CIL project in this category is a possible footway between the new estate and the cemetery so that the only crossing of Main Road when going from the Church or central village to the cemetery would be at the zebra crossing. Other projects include improving the footways on Main Road, perhaps even extending or levelling them. Although OCC responsibility, they have effectively no money for this so our only recourse is to use CIL money noting that, in pre-CIL days, these funds may have been held by the County Council.

So please contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net) if you are interested to help with this, particularly if you have some expertise with these things.

I should add that, as well as the CIL projects, we are strongly engaging with OCC about improving the road to Coscote, at their cost given the decisions made by them at the outline plan for the estate not to charge the developers with doing this. We are also trying to coordinate work of different councils to resurface the carriageway by the raised footway near 10 and 12 Main Road to avoid regrowth of gutter weeds, and we understand that a slurry seal on most of Main Road footway is scheduled.

Public Art Project The deadline for artists or budding artists to submit their proposals is just passing as you read this article. However, usually the editor is so efficient that you might be reading this ere the end of May and at any rate a brilliant application submitted in very early June will still be considered.

The Steering Committee will consider the applications by 16th June so hopefully some recommendations may pass to the Parish Council for final decision at the meeting on 19th June. Just in case you are planning a last minute entry, the three artists' briefs are on the village website and can be found as the first item on the link:<https://easthagbourne.net/folder/miscellaneous/>. Your proposal should be sent by email to the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Parish Surgeries. Friday the Thirteenth. Maybe tempting providence, but the next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 13th June from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th June. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting.

Although I often ask the clerk or a council member to review parts of this page, and I am grateful for any improvements, this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council. I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions, and do please alert me to any you find! Iain Duff.



**East
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GREAT MEAD PLAYGROUND – UPDATE

The rope bridge on the multiplay unit was fixed by our contractor ahead of the half term break. Please do contact the Parish Council if you see anything of concern so we can take appropriate action.



PARISH WANDERINGS

Thank you to those of you who have already cut back the vegetation along your boundaries; we have seen some marked improvements to accessibility along some of the trickier narrow footways recently and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. A reminder - please remember to tie back the lovely hollyhocks, keep weeds clear of pathways and sensitively trim boundary hedges back during the growing season, so we can all continue to enjoy our beautiful village safely.



CHAIRMAN’S SURGERY – FRIDAY 13th JUNE

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 13th June from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays see [here](#) for information

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for information

First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for info.

Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found [here](#)

The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help. Details can be found [here](#)

Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, see further info [here](#) for opening times & other venues.

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



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Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road

Hagbourne Village Hall (next to the main entrance)

Hagbourne Bowls Club on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)

In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.



USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.

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<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne.

<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area.

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P25/S1321/HH 1 The Crescent, East Hagbourne – Two storey side and rear extension

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at The Pavilion, Great Mead

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net

TABLE TENNIS at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis groups at the Pavilion for exercise and fun: **Tuesday mornings** 10am to 12noon, £3 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com and Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com
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Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk

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We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com
and Shirley Goss – 815605 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

Coffee Mornings . . . All welcome to pop into St Andrew's on Wednesday mornings each week, after the midweek Communion, about 10.45, for a coffee and a chat.

Oxfordshire Young Farmers County Show and Rally Congratulations to all the organisers and volunteers of the County Show on 17th May at Sheencroft Farm. It was a very busy, successful day and lovely to see the steam engines making their way to and from the Show.

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times.

You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15** is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

Didcot and District U3a Come along to the monthly meetings held on the **third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30pm**. New members are always warmly welcomed to join and chat over tea and biscuits.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 17th June** with a musical delight from Mike and Rachel on the dulcimer and autoharp. The speaker will be David Fenton. membership@didcotu3a.org

First Steps Baby Bank **First Steps Baby Bank is a non-profit organisation, providing essential baby items, free of charge to families in need in Didcot and the surrounding villages, including East and West Hagbourne.** The Baby Bank relies solely on funding and donations from the local community in order to provide support. Donations can be in the form of new and pre-loved items alongside financial contributions. The Baby Bank currently supports children up to the age of 2 years old, including expectant mums. To find out how to donate, to refer a family in need or to access support please visit their website <http://www.firststepsbabybank.co.uk>

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

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| West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow | 0646 | 0739 | 0752 | ↓ | 0931 | 1028 | ↓ | 1228 | ↓ | 1428 | 1603 | 1749 | 1838 |
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| Blewbury The Blueberry | 0653 | 0746 | 0759 | ↓ | 0938 | 1035 | 1138 | 1235 | 1338 | 1435 | 1610 | 1756 | 1845 |
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| North Moreton Bus Shelter | ↓ | 0805 | 0818 | ↓ | 1054 | ↓ | 1254 | ↓ | 1454 | 1629 | ↓ | 1904 | ↓ |
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| Aston Upthorpe The Chequers | 0808 | ↓ | 1044 | ↓ | 1244 | ↓ | 1444 | ↓ | 1644 | ↓ | 1844 | ↓ | ↓ |
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| Didcot Orchard Centre | 0826 | 0854 | 0954 | 1102 | 1154 | 1302 | 1354 | 1502 | 1554 | 1702 | 1754 | 1902 | 1954 |
| Didcot Parkway Railway Station | 0831 | 0859 | 0959 | 1107 | 1159 | 1307 | 1359 | 1507 | 1559 | 1707 | 1759 | 1907 | 1959 |
| | | No service on Sundays or Public Holidays | | | | | | | | | | | |

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: www.oxfordbus.co.uk
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JULY/AUGUST 2025 PARISH MAGAZINE

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