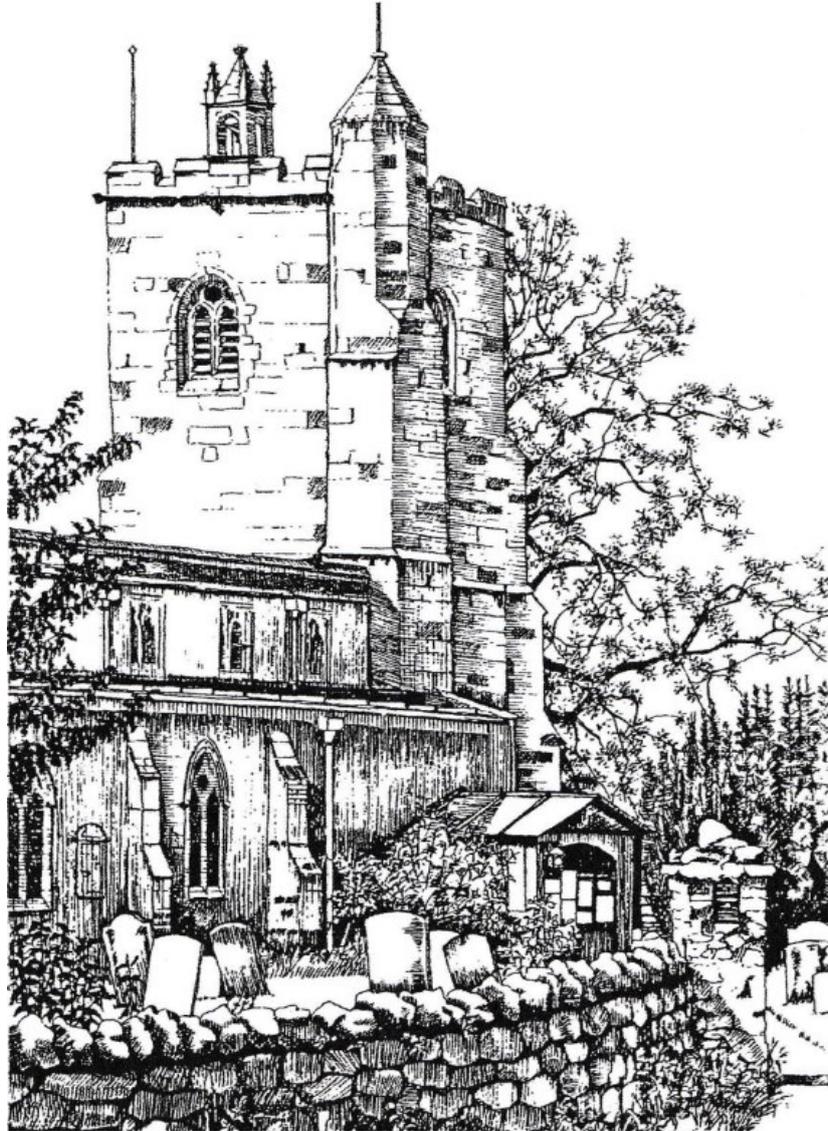


# St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

**JULY/AUGUST 2025**



**4th July – Hagbourne School's 150th Birthday  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL!**  
**6th July - Community Choir Concert - St Andrew's**  
*Full details of all events in the magazine*

***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](http://www.easthagbourne.net)**

**[www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)**

# CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST 2025

The Prayer Intentions in July are for all who live in East Hagbourne.  
The Prayer Intentions in August are for all who live in the The Astons and Upton.

## JULY 2025

### Prayer Focus:

1 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
2 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
3 Thursday	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	8pm online Compline
4 Friday	7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B	
5 Saturday	Hagbourne Primary School – 150th Birthday	8pm online Compline

### **6 + Sunday** THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



*Children, our village schools and Sunday Club.*

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 and Sunday Club: 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  
4pm Hymns and Pimms: St Michael's B  
3pm Community Concert and Teas: St Andrew's H  
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

7 Monday	Wedding: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
8 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
9 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship in the Garden: Charity School House, Blewbury	
10 Thursday		8pm online Compline
11 Friday		8pm online Compline
12 Saturday		

### **13 + Sunday** FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



*Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.*

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Parish Eucharist and Patronal Festival: St John the Baptist SM  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

14 Monday		8pm online Compline
15 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
16 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
17 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
18 Friday		8pm online Compline
19 Saturday		8pm online Compline

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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 Upthorpe (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 Scottish Island

I wonder if you have plans for a Summer holiday? Some years ago, I went on a short holiday with a group of friends to the island of Iona, a small island off the west coast of Scotland.

We drove up to Oban, and then took the ferry over to Mull. We then crossed the island, and took a second ferry over the short stretch of water which separates Mull from Iona. We happened to take the car, but it is possible to get to and from Iona by public transport.

Iona is a small but beautiful island, with plenty to see. Back in 563, an Irish missionary, St Columba, visited the island and established a monastery, which became one of the centres of Celtic Christianity. Missionaries were sent out from Iona to mainland Scotland and to the North of England. The abbey survived until the 16th Century. In the 1930s, an inspirational Scottish minister, Revd George MacLeod, had the vision of rebuilding the abbey buildings, and using the buildings as a base for a new type of Christian Community, which would seek to empower and inspire Christians to serve the needs of contemporary society. This community is known as the Iona Community, and it continues to flourish.

There are many places to stay on the island. My friends and I booked ahead and were able to stay in the abbey buildings, but there are other places to stay as well. Because the island is so well known, it attracts visitors from around the world, so it is best to book well in advance.

The island has been described as a "thin" place. What is meant by this phrase? It is meant to describe the sense of being in a holy place: many people who visit Iona feel that being on the island brings them close to God. It feels as if there is very little separating us from God – the boundary between earth and heaven feels very "thin" on this Scottish island. In short, it is a holy place.

I think it does us all a lot of good to spend some time in a holy place - a place where we feel that we might almost stretch out our hand and touch God. We don't have to go as far as Iona to find a holy place - there are holy places all around us. I do hope you will be able to spend some time in a holy place over the next month or so - a place where you can feel close to God, and can rest in God's love. It does us all a world of good.

Father Jason.

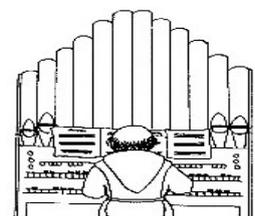
## YEAR OF THE QUANTUM

As you will be aware our Benefice has a commitment to promoting and celebrating the world of science. This year happens to be the International Year of the Quantum.



We will be celebrating this at St Andrew's Hagbourne on **Sunday 6th July within the 10.30am and the 6pm Services**. Father Jason will talk about the science of the quantum and what this might have to say about the way God works in our lives and our world. **The talks will be family friendly and assume no prior scientific knowledge! ALL WELCOME!**

**Free Organ Recitals at St Andrew's** The Organ Recitals continue through the Summer with Colin Windsor on **6th July**, please see details on page 6 and another Recital on **3rd August**, the organist to be announced. Both these recitals start at 5pm. We hope to see you there! A programme of Colin's music for the 6th of July is in the Church.



**Church Calendar and Diary for JULY 2025 continued . . .**

**Prayer Focus:**

**20 +Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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 Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Youth group and teenagers.*

21 Monday Hagbourne School Leavers Service: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

22 Tuesday *Mary Magdalene*

8pm online Compline

23 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

7.30pm Fellowship in the Garden: Charity School House, Blewbury

24 Thursday

8pm online Compline

25 Friday *James the Apostle*

8pm online Compline

26 Saturday

**27 +Sunday SIXTH 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 Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Our worship, musicians, organists and choirs.*

28 Monday

8pm online Compline

29 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

30 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

31 Thursday

8pm online Compline

**Church Calendar and Diary for AUGUST 2025**

1 Friday

8pm online Compline

2 Saturday

**3 +Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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 Village Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM  
10.30am Baptism: St John the Baptist SM  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Weddings and God's blessing on new and existing marriages.*

4 Monday 12 noon Teddy Bears Picnic: Orchard House B

8pm online Compline

5 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

6 Weds *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

8pm online Compline

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

7 Thursday Wedding: St Andrew's H

7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B

8pm online Compline

8 Friday

8pm online Compline

9 Saturday

**10 +Sunday EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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



*Churchwardens, fabric and churchyards. Church cleaners*

11 Monday		8pm online Compline
12 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
13 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 7.30pm Fellowship in the garden: Charity School House, Blewbury.	8pm online Compline
14 Thursday	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
15 Friday		8pm online Compline
16 Saturday		

**17 +Sunday NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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 Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Families,  
children's  
outreach,  
Family Services.  
& Mothers' Union*

18 Monday		8pm online Compline
19 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
20 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
21 Thursday		8pm online Compline
22 Friday		8pm online Compline
23 Saturday		

**24 +Sunday BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

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



*PCCs, all in  
leadership and  
our Operations  
Manager.*

25 Monday		8pm online Compline
26 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
27 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 7.30pm Fellowship in the Garden: Charity School House, Blewbury	8pm online Compline
28 Thursday		8pm online Compline
29 Friday		8pm online Compline
30 Saturday		

**31 +Sunday ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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



*Clergy and all  
who preach or  
lead.*

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**Sea Sunday** Sea Sunday in 2025 is on July 13th. This is the second Sunday in July, which is when Sea Sunday is traditionally held. It's a day when churches worldwide unite to pray for and support seafarers, recognizing their vital role in global trade and the challenges they face.

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

**Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)**

**Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – [revlouiseb@aol.com](mailto:revlouiseb@aol.com)**

**Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – [jphclarke@gmail.com](mailto:jphclarke@gmail.com)**

**Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – [mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk)**

## Follow us on Instagram and Facebook:

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

### Annual Teddy Bears Picnic:

**Monday 4th August 12 noon - 2pm**

We meet in the garden of **Orchard House, Chapel Lane, Blewbury OX11 9PQ** (Adjacent to the Red Lion).

Some parking available in the driveway.

**Hosted by members of The Churn Mothers' Union.**

We welcome all babies and pre-school children with siblings, parents, grandparents or carers. Please bring a teddy bear, picnic and a rug to sit on. Soft drinks and ice-creams will be provided. For directions please contact Benefice Office on 850267



Tunes for the Toys.

by Colin Windsor.

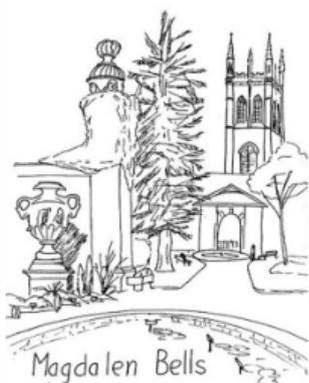
## Free Organ Recitals

St Andrews Church, Hagbourne, OX11 9LP

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00 pm**

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

Enquiries: [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)



Magdalen Bells



Have Communion

Love came down at Christmas  
Christmas: Bennett  
Colin Windsor

Diapason

Soprano Solo

Harmonium

Let us sing of Christ - our King

A musical score for the hymn 'Love came down at Christmas'. It includes a title, composer information, and musical notation for various instruments including Diapason, Soprano Solo, and Harmonium. The score is written in a standard musical notation with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

## The St Birinus pilgrimage is back!

**Saturday, 16th August  
9am - 5pm**

This pilgrimage will take us from Churn Knob, where Birinus preached, to his shrine at Dorchester Abbey.

The route is about 12 miles and passes through Blewbury, South Moreton, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Little Wittenham. At each stop we will pause, pray and reflect.

Our estimated arrival time at Dorchester is 5pm. This event is being organised by Dorchester Abbey. Numbers are limited. You can sign up via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1318523642709?aff=oddtcreator> If you'd more information before signing up, please contact:

Revd Prebendary Jane Haslam  
[jane.haslam@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:jane.haslam@oxford.anglican.org)

**Churchwarden's Report** I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our Fete. Your incredible efforts helped us raise approximately £2750, which is indeed a significant accomplishment. I am particularly pleased that we were able to hold the event within the vicinity of the Church. As a village Church, it is essential for us to utilize this space as much as possible and to ensure the ongoing maintenance of this historic building. Please remember that the Church is available for hosting events you may be organizing.

You may have observed that maintenance work is currently being carried out on the exterior stonework of the church (I must say, the wall looks splendid). This essential task is being funded by the Friends of St Andrew's. We are exceedingly grateful for their support, as such contributions are vital to preventing the church structure from falling into disrepair.

The monthly organ concerts, held on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm, continue to attract attendees. If you know of an organist interested in performing, please contact me. Concerts are a valued activity within our Church community. On Sunday, July 6th, at 3pm, The Hagbourne Community Choir will perform. Attendance is open to all and free of charge, with refreshments available for a donation.

There is a Wedding in the Church on Monday, July 7th, and a Wedding on Thursday, August 7th. Additionally, on Monday, July 21st, the school leavers will have their Service in the Church. During July, Sunday Summer Teas will be held in the Church from 3 – 5pm. Further details can be found in Shirley's section of the magazine.

August is typically a time for holidays, providing an opportunity to enjoy free time and favourable weather conditions. If you are in need of some peace and quiet, please make use of the Church. That's what it is there for. It is the perfect place to sit and contemplate and recharge your battery!  
Jane and Jill.

**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>

**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 at any time please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

### **Weddings in the Benefice**

7th June **Mark Smith** and **Sarah Reid** were married at All Saints', North Moreton.

14th June **Lewis Neofitou** and **Sophie Dodd** were married at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

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

### **Funerals in the Benefice**

3rd June at St Mary's Upton **Wendy Whiter** aged 70

6th June at St John the Baptist South Moreton **Jane Lawson** aged 62

14th June at St John the Baptist South Moreton **Laci Nester-Smith** aged 90

19th June at All Saints' Aston Upton **Jane McKee** aged 94

26th June at South Oxfordshire Crematorium **Iain Hope** aged 91

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



# The East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail 2025

Thank you to everybody who entered the Scarecrow Trail this year and to everyone who contributed in some way and helped raise £808 for charity.



The overall winner was **'You should never smile at a crocodile'** featuring Captain Hook and the crocodile and hosted by The Wratten family of Blewbury Road. This scarecrow was the overwhelming favourite of all our voters. It was a really strong field this year. Second place in the overall voting went to **Oi Frog**, by the Savages family of Lower Manor Farm, Blewbury Road and third place went to the Ainger family from Fieldside with **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**.

The winner of the Action Group award was **Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay** (from The Scarecrows Wedding by Julia Donaldson) hosted by The Nicholson family of the Old Travellers Welcome.

Congratulations to them all.

There are many people to thank including The Community Shop and the Fleur de Lys for selling the maps, Joy Napper for her help with the advertising in The Parish Magazine, The Powell's Farm for the straw and the Rector and Churchwardens for permitting us to use the Church to provide teas. Also, a big thank you to the Action Group for all their support and practical help throughout including organising and running the Sunday teas and to Marian and Maranda for helping us with the teas on the final Sunday.

**£404.00 has been sent to each of this year's chosen charities: Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue** who do fantastic work in rescuing, caring and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned wild animals throughout Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

**WaterAid**, an international charity that helps transform lives around the world by helping with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

Thank you everyone for taking part. Chris & Sacha Powell



## Summer Teas at St Andrew's

**There will be teas served at St Andrew's Church on Sunday afternoons during the Summer from 3 to 5pm – it will depend on the various groups in the village doing the teas as to when they will happen so, please watch out for notices.**



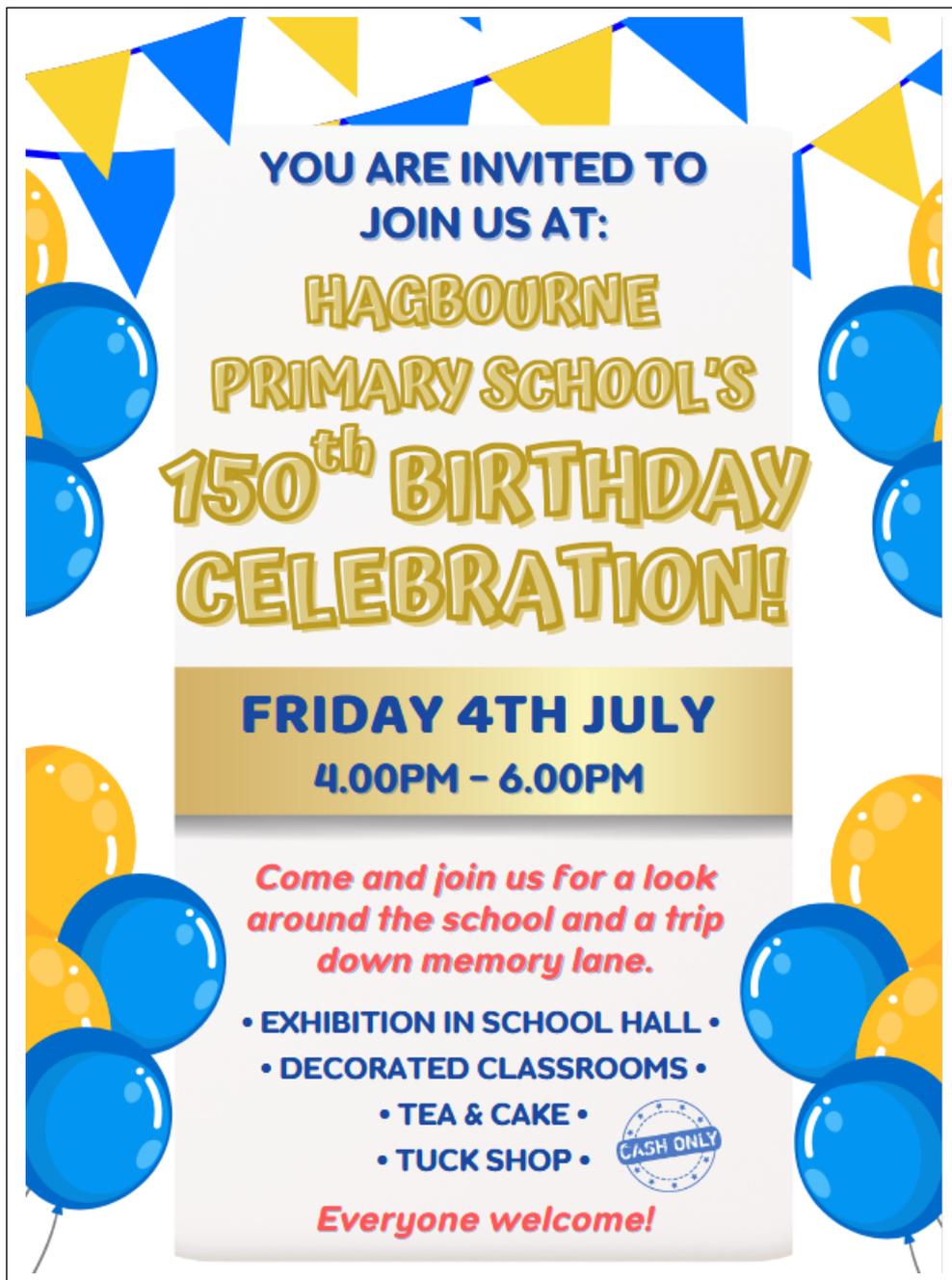
This year if anyone would like to hold a tea on a Sunday afternoon, they are quite welcome to do so but this will NOT be done on an organised rota by me. The Church Group hope to organise a Cream Tea at some time during the summer months, watch this space!

Any group is welcome to organise a tea, using the Church, and raise funds for their charity.

I can provide an information sheet re: running the teas and all you have to provide is the milk and cakes. You can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com).

**Just check with me that the Sunday you wish do your teas is free.**

You could use this opportunity to advertise your group or to sell produce and the money made can be retained by your group. We would just ask for a small donation for the use of the church and the tea, coffee and sugar. Shirley Goss



**FREE CONCERT BY THE HAGBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Sunday, 6th July 2025 3:00 – 4:00pm**

**St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne**

**Tea and Cakes! to follow Concert until 4:30pm**

The Programme will include a selection of songs and medleys from:  
**The Beatles, Miss Saigon, Cold Play, Let the Rivers Run, Wide Open Spaces,  
Angels, A Thousand Years, Heart and Soul, and more.**

Donations for Tea and Cakes would be appreciated to support ongoing work  
at St Andrew's Church.



## Tower Talk

We held a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 3rd June in the tower. Practices are going well and are well attended.  
 On Saturday 14th June we rang for the wedding of Lewis Neofitou and Sophie Dodd. We would like to wish them every happiness for the future.  
 The Church Fete was held on Saturday 21st June starting at 1pm and was held in and around St Andrew's Church.  
 The Branch Outing takes place on Saturday 12th July, I am sure some of the team will enjoy visiting other towers in the area.

Paul is organising a tower ringing outing on the afternoon of Saturday 19th July starting in Standlake. We will finish in Stanton Harcourt followed by a meal. We are all looking forward to our outing.

**Birthdays:** 18th July, John Napper 20th August, Julie Culley Shirley Goss.



### **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 6th July and 3rd August  
 ALL WELCOME**

**The Church Fete Thank you to all who helped and to all who came to the Fete at St Andrew's on the 14th of June.** It was a very hot day, but the Church was cool and there was plenty to eat and drink. The stallholders were busy and it was good to catch up with friends and have a cup of tea. The huge effort made by everyone resulted in the amazing amount of money raised – approximately £2,750. Our next event will be on 6th July when we will be entertained by the Hagbourne Community Choir at 3pm and then enjoy tea and cake before the Organ Recital by Colin Windsor at 5pm.

CHURCH ROTAS	6th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity	20th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity	17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	General Notes:
<b>Readers</b>	2 Kings 5 vv 1-14 Doug Amos  Galatians 6 vv 1-6, 7-16 Sally Duncan	Amos 8 vv 1-12 Justine Shepperson  Colossians 1 vv 15-28 Jeff Powell	Hosea 11 vv 1-11 Jenny Loder  Colossians 3 vv 1-11 Helen Clayson	Isaiah 5 vv 1-7 Shirley Goss  Hebrews 11 vv 29--12 v2 Trevor Goss	<i>Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand.            If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know.            The more the merrier.            It may mean that you are only called upon once a year!</i>
<b>Intercessions</b>	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Myra Hardiman Jacqui Mackenzie	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Chris Price Wendy Price	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
<b>Coffee</b>	Jill Garlick Sally Duncan	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	Marian Powell Jenny Smith	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	Joy Napper	Marian Powell	Sally Duncan	Jane Blond	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	Gillian Harries	Shirley Goss	Wendy Price	Jenny Smith	

## Looking ahead to the Autumn:

**Pet Service – 21st September • Harvest Festival at St Andrew's – 5th October**



**Saturday 6th September 2025**  
**Hagbourne Village Hall**  
**Free Entry**

**Entry Drop off 9-11. Opens at 2pm.**

**Bring along your:**

**Veggies, Fruit, Flowers, Plants, Herbs,  
Arts, Crafts, Baked Goods.  
Children's Art and Crafts  
and MORE!**

**CREAM TEAS, RAFFLE, PRIZES  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Sponsors:**

**The Fleur de Lys, The Village Shop.**

<https://www.facebook.com/hagbourneproduceshow>

[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)

**Jazz in the Hagbournes** Despite the cold weather, Jazz and Blues fans enjoyed a World Class line up at the Fleur's Jazzfest, with the Ronnie Scott Allstars combining with the Charlie Wood Blues Band to provide an esoteric mix of music. Their support came from the Oxfordshire Youth Big Band, which was sensational. We plan to do it all over again next year!

**The monthly Jam sessions start again on Wednesday, 9th July at 8pm in the Fleur.**

I am looking for singers in the village who would like to have a go at Jazz Singing. If there is enough interest, I will try to put an event together with a backing group and an experienced singer to guide participants. Don't feel shy!

Contact: Peter.hands3@btinternet.com

**Didcot Health Centre** – There will be an **Annual General Meeting** of the **Patient Participation Group** at **Didcot Health Centre** on **Wednesday 9th July at 7:30.**

The meeting will be held in the Health Centre in the main waiting room downstairs. All Didcot 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.

**FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne:** Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne and welcomes new men and youth players.

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)  
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 [keith\\_davies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk)

**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, 15th July** with a talk on **Slovenia/Albania** from Nick Brazil.

The August meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th August** with a talk on **Fraud and Scamming Awareness!** With Viviana Salmon. For further information: [didcot.u3asite.uk](http://didcot.u3asite.uk)

**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. We look forward to seeing you at the next gatherings which will be on **Thursday 17th July** and **Thursday 21st August**.



## FRIENDS OF HAGBOURNE POOL

**Our lovely pool has been an integral part of Hagbourne CE Primary School since the 1970s, helping children develop water safety skills, build confidence, and stay active.**

We're sure many readers of the Parish Magazine will have fond memories of the pool. Perhaps you were part of the original working party who helped dig the ground all those years ago? Or maybe you, your children, or your grandchildren were taught to swim there.

Currently, all Hagbourne pupils are fortunate to swim for two terms each year, from Reception through to Year 6.

The pool is also used by children from other local schools, including Blewbury and Chilton, and benefits the wider community through after-school and weekend swim sessions, baby and toddler classes, lifesaving training, local groups like Cubs and Young Farmers, and free lessons for eligible children through the YouMove initiative.

**Friends of Hagbourne Pool** is a newly registered charity (No. 1213633) set up to support and enhance the swimming provision at Hagbourne School.

**We're currently fundraising for:**

- Replacement of the pool liner, skimmers, and pool surround.
- Upgrading the outdated heating and filtration systems to improve efficiency and sustainability.

**The total cost is estimated at £34,000.** Thanks to existing funds, grants, and generous pledges, we're already over halfway there. Pupils have raised over £4,000 through two themed fundraising challenges: HMS Hagbourne (a pirate adventure) last Summer, and this year's Swimming Pool Time Machine challenge, celebrating the 150 year anniversary of the school. We hope their involvement gives the children a lasting sense of pride and achievement.

**Our goal is to complete the essential refurbishment this winter**, during the pool's closure period. Restoring the pool will ensure it remains a vibrant, inclusive space for learning, fun, and community use for years to come. With school swimming provision under pressure nationally, keeping Hagbourne's pool open helps protect access for all—regardless of background.

**You can support us today:**

👉 Donate online: [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/friends-of-hagbourne-pool](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/friends-of-hagbourne-pool)

✉ Or contact us: [friendsofhagbournepool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhagbournepool@gmail.com)

**Together, we can secure the future of our much-loved pool!**



Image by Vicky Hunt

### 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](http://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). 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](http://www.hugsustainability.org)

### TABLE TENNIS at the Hagbourne Pavilion

Join our friendly table-tennis groups at the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground for exercise and fun:

**Tuesday mornings** 10am to 12noon, £3 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available.

Due to occasional illnesses and some people moving away, our numbers are fewer than before, and new players would be welcome. Session fee waived for introductory session.

More info from Julian 01235 813599 [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)

and Anthony 01235 511920 [aannanjones@gmail.com](mailto:aannanjones@gmail.com)

**Wednesday evenings** 7:30-9:30pm - contact Adrian Coles 07711 350 011 [adrian.coles@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.coles@gmail.com)

### HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB:

We have an active and growing membership and in particular, our lady players have been making great progress in local leagues and friendlies, however, more players of any level are always needed. Whatever your bowls experience you'll find a warm welcome and many new friends at Hagbourne Bowls Club. For more info, please contact our Ladies Captain: Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or [sandybudd@sky.com](mailto:sandybudd@sky.com)

### HAMS ... *plot twist*

It may look like an interval but when HAMS goes quiet you may be sure there is a plot twist coming.

Following the election of new and existing members to the steering committee for 2025 – 26, the story has rolled on.

Quietly...

Quietly...

Behind the scenes...

It's all in the preparation!

Keep your eye out for notices and get ready for the curtain to come up on a whole new season of activity from September. . . Watch this space.

Email: [info@thehams.co.uk](mailto:info@thehams.co.uk)

[www.thehams.co.uk](http://www.thehams.co.uk)



## 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](mailto:alice.w.smith@gmail.com) or [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office/)

### JULY AND AUGUST BUSINESS HOURS:

**Post Office:** Mon to Sat 9am – 12:30pm and Mon & Thurs afternoons 1:15pm – 4:30pm

**Shop:** Mon and Thu 9am – 5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 12:30pm

### ALL WELCOME to our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 23rd JULY, 7:30pm in HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Come and meet Chris Billen, our new Postmaster, hear the latest news about the Community Shop, and have a chat with the Operating Committee about the coming year over a light beverage, wine and nibbles. Have your say, share your ideas, and learn how you can help support our Post Office as a Shop customer, volunteer or Committee member to help keep our community going and growing!

**SWEET SUMMERTIME!** Keep your cool with Magnums, Minis, Cornettos and other frozen treats, a cold drink or classic pick-and-mix sweets. Pop in for a takeaway coffee or tea.

**What's for dinner?** Choose from our high-quality frozen fish, local butcher Calnan's sausages or mince, pies or pizza to keep it easy-breezy. We also stock milk, local free-range eggs, local honey, a range of local artists' cards and household essentials.

Check out our selection of locally authored and gently used books to while away a lazy summer's day. **Every penny you spend 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](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com). Products and allergen details in Shop or at [easthagbourne.net](http://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.

### SAVE THE DATE: HAGBOURNE VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW, Saturday 6th September

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual Village Produce show, where we'll bring along the best of our local goods plus our crowd-pleasing pick n' mix candies, Monica's handmade organic scents & soaps and donate a prize basket for the raffle.

## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Unitary Council** For the local governance of East Hagbourne, in addition to the Parish Council, there are two other statutory councils: South Oxford District Council and Oxford County Council. Central Government have decided that local government in the future will be based on Strategic Authorities. For Oxfordshire, this means that the district and county councils will be replaced by a single unitary authority. Oxfordshire has until 28th November 2025 to submit proposals for this, with a decision expected in 2026 and the new councils in place by 2028.

Is this important and will it affect us? The answer is yes. On the one hand, it might simplify things and avoid confusion over who is responsible for what. On the other hand, unitary councils will be larger than current districts so that level of local government may be more distant. There could be compensating changes to parish councils, although nothing has been said about them yet.

Three different proposals are being prepared for submission in November. One, strongly promoted by our district council, is for Two Unitary Councils, one comprising South Oxford, Vale of the White Horse and West Berks and called Ridgeway Council and the second called Oxford and Shires comprising Cherwell, Oxford City, and West Oxfordshire (<https://twocouncils.org/home>). Another proposal, promoted by Oxford County council, is for a Single Unitary Council (<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/#>), and a third proposal, promoted by Oxford City Council, is for Three Authorities: an expanded city, the Ridgeway Council, and Northern Oxfordshire (<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/future-local-government/greater-oxford>).

Our district council is conducting a survey to inform their proposal. This is accessible through their website (<https://twocouncils.org/home>) by clicking on "You can take part in our survey here" and then in the box "Click here to take part". The deadline for responding to this survey is 11.59pm on 16th July.

**CIL Projects - Making our Village Sparkle** Last month I focused on the category that includes footways and said that I would give more information on each other category in turn in later articles. Although I have not had feedback on my call for help with footways, I am very encouraged by a meeting that I had with our new County Councillor, Johnny Hope-Smith, who has offered to help us in our discussions with OCC on this topic. For this second article, I am pleased to focus on "Making our Village Sparkle" where some progress is already being made. I refer the reader to the Potential CIL Projects listed in our web pages and available as a paper copy from the village community shop.

The Parish Council has already acted on item c) with the lighting in the pavilion being upgraded in early August.

Councillor Cordelia Gover has been very proactive for items a), b), and d). Both the bus shelter (item a)) and the recreation ground gates (item b)) will be improved (made to sparkle!) through support from the Art Project (see below) and a proposal on cemetery seating (c)) was presented at the last parish council meeting and will be actioned at the July meeting after input from WHPC and the Cemetery Committee.

**Public Art Project** The Steering Group for the public art project, financed by S106 money from the Deanfield development, met on Monday 16th June and considered the applications from local artists to our three briefs on: the recreation ground gates, the bus shelter, and sculptures. The applications were all excellent and it was tough to select the winning candidate for each category but this was done and the recommendations were ratified by the Parish Council at its meeting on 19th June.

I have thus great pleasure in reporting that the artists chosen were:

**Recreation Ground Gates:** Julie Grose - blacksmith. **Bus Shelter:** Linda Benton - visual artist.

**Sculptures:** Alex Wenham - sculptor working in stone. These artists will shortly be liaising with the local community for input to their work to ensure it enhances our village experience.

**Parish Surgeries** The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 4th July from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me ([iain.duff@easthagbourne.net](mailto: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 17th July. 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'



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Telephone: 07891 551 851

**Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com**



**PARISH PATH WARDENS (PPWs)**

East Hagbourne parish now has a fantastic team of Parish Path Wardens who are responsible for assessing and reporting issues with Public Rights of Way. PPWs are independent volunteers coordinated by Oxfordshire Ramblers and will be supported by the Parish Council's Footpaths Working Group and Clerk to improve communications and make progress with path maintenance.



**PUBLIC ART PROJECT – ARTIST SELECTION**

Following review of the submissions for the art briefs, three artists have now been chosen, and we will be moving forward with their exciting proposals for stonework, metalwork and visual art installations. Please see the Chairman's letter on page 15 for more information.



**CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 4th JULY**

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 4th July 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](mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com) or 01235 814024  
**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email [hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com](mailto:hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com)  
**East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group** - [easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com) or 07568 395228



**DEFIBRILLATORS:**

The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:  
**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.  
<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.  
<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/S1631/HH Green Shutters, 18 Main Road, East Hagbourne – Partial demolition of existing garage

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th July 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](http://www.easthagbourne.net)

**West Hagbourne** would like to invite **East Hagbourne**  
to a **BARN DANCE** on **Saturday 5th July, 7 – 10pm**  
at **The Grain Store**, Reading Road A417, West Hagbourne. OX11 0FE

**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.

Email: [the4gardeners@btinternet.com](mailto:the4gardeners@btinternet.com) to register interest and inform us of any dietary restrictions. Our thanks to Jeff Powell for providing the venue.

### **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.

**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>

**Wanted** We are in need of a local family who would be prepared to act as a host for a Ukrainian lady and her 7 year old son. If you are able to help, please reply to: Val Bindon at [sotwellhillhouseoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sotwellhillhouseoffice@gmail.com) Many thanks, Val Bindon.

**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](mailto:sue.somani@sky.com) 07748 771188

**Hagbourne Bridge Club** If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while – give us a go! If you have never learnt to play bridge but would like to give it a try, why not come and see us? We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a break around 8.30pm for light refreshments and usually finish playing cards by 10pm. It will cost you £3.

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

**Tai Chi Classes** I am running a Tai Chi class in West Hagbourne, it is small and personal, and we have a first-class teacher with 30 years' experience, it is for health and mobility. Any ages welcome. It is on a Monday afternoon from 3.45 – 4.45pm and runs continuously except for the teacher's holiday and bank holidays. Payment is in 6 weeks blocks, individual classes can be taken if unable to make all six, at a slightly higher cost. All booked in advance. Maximum in class 12 and I have a few spaces spare. For further details please contact Sue Lay on 07900010367 – text or WhatsApp.

**Wednesday Church  
at St Peter's Church,  
Newlands Avenue, Didcot  
First Wednesday of the month,  
except for August, 10 – 12noon**



**Church Services for adults with learning disabilities or dementia,  
their families and carers.**

Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month 10am to 12noon  
We will be enjoying our Summer Garden Party on the 2nd of July,  
we do not meet in August and so we look forward to seeing everyone on  
**Wednesday, 3rd September**

We are blessed to have helpers from all Churches in Didcot, not only Anglican, but Baptists, Methodists and Kings Church. We meet at St Peter's because it has wheelchair friendly access, a kitchen so that we can serve drinks and biscuits and moveable pews so we can make space for wheelchair dancing. We welcome people from special communities like day centres as well as individuals who live with parents or carers. They know that when they come to worship with us that they will understand what is happening as the liturgy is in language that is clear including sign language (Makaton) and clear pictures to accompany the Service. Our congregation are part of what we do. They are encouraged to offer prayers, do readings, ring the bell and light the candles. They sing and pray with real faith and passion.

**Any questions? Ring Jenny on 01235 510199 or Rosie on 01235 270270**

**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](mailto:foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk) or use the [contact form](#) on the website

**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: 18th July.**

**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.

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

route number	Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)														
	94	94A	94A	94	94	94A	94	94A	94	94A	94A	94	94	94A	94
Didcot St Birinus School															
Didcot Girls' School															
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4															
Didcot Orchard Centre															
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way															
East Hagbourne War Memorial															
Blewbury The Blueberry															
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Didcot St Birinus School															

This journey starts at St Birinus School on school days only.

This journey operates during school holidays only.

This journey operates on school days only.

Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway.

## Saturdays

route number	94A	94	94	94A	94								
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	0735		0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910
Didcot Orchard Centre	0739		0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714	1814	1914
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way			0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0745		0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	1921
Blewbury The Blueberry			0928		1128		1328		1528		1728		1928
West Hagbourne Moor Lane	0751			1027		1227		1427		1627		1827	
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0752			1028		1228		1428		1628		1828	
Upton Village Hall	0754		0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1533	1630	1733	1830	1933
Blewbury The Blueberry	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1538	1635	1738	1835	1938
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	0808			1044		1244		1444		1644		1844	
South Moreton The Crown	0814			1050		1250		1450		1650		1850	
North Moreton Bus Shelter	0818			1054		1254		1454		1654		1854	
East Hagbourne War Memorial		0845	0945		1145		1345		1545		1745		1945
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way		0848	0948		1148		1348		1548		1748		1948
Didcot Orchard Centre	0826	0854	0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1554	1702	1754	1902	1954
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	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](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk)  
 There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop. Buses from the Orchard Centre, Didcot, go to Wallingford, Henley, Wantage, Abingdon and Newbury.

### Thames Travel bus service to Oxford and the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32

The X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - still every half hour. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR. **Please see page 16 for useful details on how to get to the various Oxford Hospitals via public transport.**

Please use our local 94 and 94A bus to help keep the Service going.



## SEPTEMBER 2025 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the September parish magazine by  
**Monday 18th August to magtemp5@gmail.com**  
Thank you, the magazine committee.

### Builders and House Maintenance

**D. BARTLETT BUILDING SERVICES** Customer driven and friendly local builder for all your general building needs from kitchens, bathrooms and plastering to extensions and loft conversions. Please contact David Bartlett on **07816 413166**  
**David.bartlett23@hotmail.co.uk**

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**Les Giles Tel: 07879 451301 les.giles@yahoo.co.uk**

### Care and Domestic Duties

**CARING TOUCH - Personal Assistant.** Ex NHS Nurse. Providing all aspects of Personal Care, washing and dressing, application of creams, help with medication, travel to appointments or social events, companionship. Cover for main carer if they need time out. Domestic duties, such as cleaning, ironing, laundry, shopping, pet care, collection of prescriptions. DBS checked and fully insured.  
Available to meet to consider your needs with no obligation.  
**Please call Karyn 07947129409**

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**GRIMEBUSTERS. Professional carpet, upholstery and rug cleaning.**  
Most carpets dry within the hour. Unbeatable results, removing almost all spots and stains. Free estimates and friendly advice. **www.grimebusters.co.uk**  
**Oxford: 01865 726983 Abingdon: 01235 555533 Witney: 01993 868924**

### Carpet and Vinyl Fitting

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