# St Andrew's Hagbourne

# PARISH MAGAZINE

**SEPTEMBER 2025** 



#### **CREATIONTIDE**

PET SERVICE – Sunday 21st September, 10.30am at York Farm, West Hagbourne HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday 5th October, 10.30am at St Andrew's

#### **HAGBOURNE PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday 6th September, 2pm, Village Hall

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 SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Prayer Intentions in September are for all who live in East Hagbourne.

#### **CREATIONTIDE**

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Children, our village Schools & Sunday

Treasurers and

church finances.

Club.

1 Monday 8pm online Compline 2 Tuesday 8pm online Compline 3 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline

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

8pm online Compline

5 Friday 8pm online Compline

6 Saturday Upton Village Fete: 12midday to 4pm

#### 7 +Sunday 12th 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 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

5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H – James Lord, organ scholar.

6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

8 Monday 8pm online Compline 9 Tuesday 8pm online Compline

10 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline 7.30pm Fellowship in the Garden, Charity School House, Blewbury.

11 Thursday 8pm online Compline

12 Friday 8pm online Compline

13 Saturday Annual Ride and Stride for Churches 2025

#### 14 +Sunday 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM

10.30am Online Benefice Service 12.30am Baptism: St Andrew's H 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

15 Monday 8pm online Compline

16 Tuesday 8pm online Compline 17 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline 18 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline

19 Friday 8pm online Compline

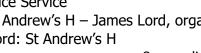
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#### The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

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)



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# 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 Are you doing anything on 13th September?

I wonder if you have heard of a charity called the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust?



The charity exists to give grants to churches of all denominations towards the costs of repair and maintenance, and will also support plans to improve and upgrade church facilities. Every year, they promote an event called "Ride and Stride", which encourages people to be sponsored to visit as many churches as possible. Funds raised are split equally between a designated church and the charity as a whole. This year, Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13th September.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust is an excellent charity, and many churches in our area have successfully applied for grants from the trust. ( I should add that I serve as the local Area Representative, so do be in touch if you have any further questions!)

Why is the work of the trust so important? In short, it is because it is getting harder and harder for churches to find the money and volunteers to look after their buildings and to adapt them appropriately for the 21st Century. Looking at England, Wales and Scotland as a whole, it is widely recognised that the situation has reached a crisis point. Christian denominations are no longer able to look after their historic buildings. They simply don't have the money or the people to do so.

Some denominations, such as the Church of Scotland, are undertaking a radical programme of church closure. However, the Church of England has avoided taking such a radical step, and is trying its best to muddle through. Individual churches are encouraged to keep on top of regular maintenance, in the hope that regular maintenance will forestall major problems with the building. Churches are also encouraged to open themselves to wider use by community groups. Some grants are also available, and charities such as Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust play a significant role. Many churches also benefit from "Friends" schemes.

But at the end of the day, it would be fair to say that as a whole, the Church of England is finding it harder and harder to care for the historic church buildings for which it is responsible. It simply does not have the money or the volunteers needed to take care of the thousands of buildings under its care. Something needs to be done. But what? All thoughts gratefully received!

In the meantime, if you value our historic churches, I would encourage you to support the work of charities such as the Oxford Historic Churches Trust. Perhaps you might be tempted to take part in the Ride and Stride on Saturday 13th September? It's great fun, and you will be playing your part in helping us to preserve our precious church buildings, not only for own generation but also for generations to come. Father Jason.



St Andrew's
Pet Service
Sunday 21st September
10.30am at York Farm,
West Hagbourne



Bring your pet along or a picture of your pet for a blessing. Everyone welcome!

#### Church Calendar and Diary for SEPTEMBER 2025 continued . . .

#### 21 +Sunday MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B

10.30am Pet Service: York Farm, West Hagbourne

10.30am Online Benefice Service

3pm Jazz Concert in the Church: St Andrew's H

3pm Choral Evensong: St Mary's Upton 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



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

**Prayer Focus:** 

22 Monday		8pm online Compline
23 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
24 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline

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

25 Thursday 8pm online Compline 26 Friday 8pm online Compline

27 Saturday

#### 28 + Sunday MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U

10.30am Patronal Festival and Parish Eucharist:

St Michael's B

10.30am Online Benefice Service 12.30pm Baptism: St Andrew's H 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

Pastoral care and visiting.

29 Monday 30 Tuesday 8pm online Compline 8pm online Compline



# Creationtide, also known as the Season of Creation,

is a period in the church calendar dedicated to celebrating God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. In the Church of England, it runs from **September 1st to October 4th**, culminating on St Francis' Day. Churches use this time to reflect on humanity's responsibility for the Earth and all its inhabitants. The Church of England celebrates Creationtide and during this time we...

- Focus on God as Creator: It's a time to acknowledge and give thanks for God's creation and to reflect on the relationship between God, humanity, and the natural world.
- Focus on our environmental responsibility: It's an opportunity to consider the impact of human actions on the environment and to renew commitments to caring for the planet. Many churches incorporate Creationtide into their Harvest celebrations, giving thanks for the food and resources provided by God's creation.

**Focus on a deepening connection with our faith:** It encourages churches and individuals to connect their faith with environmental concerns, prompting reflection and action.

# Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride for Churches

For lots of information and ideas for the 13th of September please explore the website on <a href="https://www.ohct.org.uk">www.ohct.org.uk</a> Volunteers also needed in our Churches if possible to welcome riders and striders.

#### **Upton Village Fete**

#### 6th September, 12 to 4pm Station Road, Upton

Fun Dog Show, Barbeque, Children's area, teas, tombola and lots more!! Money raised will go to St Mary's Church, Blewbury Primary School and Blewbury Pre-School, Island Donkey Sanctuary and the Rangers



# Free Organ Recital at St Andrew's, 5pm Sunday, 7th September

We are happy to announce that James Lord will be joining us again for the next organ recital at St Andrew's. James is a Cardiff University music student and organ scholar at St Martins in Roath.

# Come along and enjoy some great music.



# Harvest Festival at St Andrew's

Harvest Festival is on Sunday
5th October this year. It will be lovely to see
the glorious colours of late summer and
autumn filling the Church.



Details regarding the Harvest Festival and decorating the Church will be in the October parish magazine. The Rotas for 5th October appear in this magazine.



# Jazz in the Church - Concert at St Andrew's, 3pm on 21st September

Come along and enjoy the second Jazz Concert in aid of the Friends of St Andrew's who help to conserve our ancient church. Tickets available from:

Peter.hands3@btinternet.com, from Peter in person, or from wegottickets.com/event/671011.

#### **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

#### Follow us on Instagram and Facebook:

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

# Churchwarden's Chatter So, summer is over, school is back, holidays have been and gone. Let's see what's happening in September.

First there is a **PCC meeting on the 3rd**, don't forget you can always tell us if you want to mention an idea or thought that you have had regarding anything to do with our Church and/or Services. It is always good to get feedback - good or bad

Next is **7th September - 5pm Organ Concert by James Lord**. This will be his second organ recital at our Church and we are very pleased that he comes to play our organ. Then on the **21st we have our Annual Pet Service at York Farm, West Hagbourne at 10.30**. Such a popular service with all animals made very welcome, but if they can't make it, a photo will be ok. Then at 3pm on 21st we have our second **Jazz Concert**. On October 5th is our **Harvest Festival** at 10.30 So much to look forward to!

The new church cleaning system is beginning to take off with volunteers to look after the high altar, the lady chapel, the north aisle, the welcomer's area, the toilet and the kitchen all being cared for. Just the nave and the porches to be adopted. Are you able to help with this? It just involves popping in at any time of your convenience and checking that all is clean and tidy.

The sound system has been checked over and fingers crossed; all is working well. The maintenance work on the building itself is still ongoing with the PCC doing a great job as usual. Thank you all for caring so much about our lovely church. Jill and Jane

**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.

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Amy Dawson who died recently at the age of 99. Amy's Funeral Service in Thanksgiving for her Life took place at St Andrew's on Thursday, 7th August followed by Burial at the Cemetery. Amy was a long-time resident of West Hagbourne.

#### **Recent Weddings and Marriage Blessings in the Benefice**

7th July **Imogen Barnett** and **Ryan Callaway** were married at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

19th July Alex and Nicole Charlesworth Blakelee (Blessing) at St Michael's Blewbury.

24th July **Zack Olliffe** and **Jessica Walker** were married at St Michael's Blewbury.

25th July **Mollie Hart** and **Harry Aldridge** were married at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.

26th July Mikey Glenn and Lucy Wicks were married at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.

31st July **Peter Saunders** and **Rebecca Ledger** were married at St Michael's Blewbury.

7th August Catherine Clifton and Nicholas Batten were married at St Andrew's Hagboourne.

16th August **Lindsay and Imogene Hunting** (renewal of vows) St Michael's Aston Tirrold.

25th August Mark Radford and Hayley Firn were married at St Mary's Upton.

30th August **Luke Whichello** and **Shannon Deeley** 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.

#### **Recent Baptisms in the Benefice**

3rd August **Astrid Rae Storch** was baptised at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.

3rd August Maisie Rose Freda Warr was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.

17th August Lily Edie Rose Dexter was baptised at St Michael's, Blewbury.

31st August **Archie David Bradley Deadman** was baptised at St Michael's, Aston Tirrold. *May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.* 

#### **Recent Funerals and Thanksgiving Services in the Benefice**

1st August at St Michael's Blewbury **Angwin Marples** (died 2016 aged 83) and **Charmian Marples** (died 2024, aged 88).

7th August at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Amy Ivy Dawson** aged 99.

28th August at St Michael's Blewbury **Iain Ernest Filshill Hope** aged 91 *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.* 





#### **Tower Talk**

Paul Batho organised a very successful tower ringing outing on the afternoon of Saturday 19th July starting in Standlake. We rang at four towers during the afternoon with a nice tea break at Bampton Garden Centre. We concluded the outing in Stanton Harcourt followed by a meal at The Harcourt Arms. Many thanks to Paul for organising this fun afternoon.

We all enjoyed the outing and are looking forward to the next one!

On Saturday 2nd August Jill ran another of her training practices this time we concentrated on Stedman Triples. The course started at 10:00 and finished at 11:00. A very good, concentrated course with lots of chances to ring the method and we all feel a bit more confident now. We were joined by a couple of helpers from Blewbury plus one of their ringers.

The next course is early October and will be ringing and calling touches of Grandsire Triple?

On Thursday 7th August we rang for the wedding of Catherine Clifton and Nicholas Batten. We would like to wish them every happiness for the future.

Practices continue to be well supported on a Tuesday evening with various members of the team running the practices. This can vary from an experienced ringer to an early learner. Such a good experience for all concerned and not an easy job to do which we are all finding out.

Shirley Goss.

**Birthdays:** 20th September – Matthew Addison

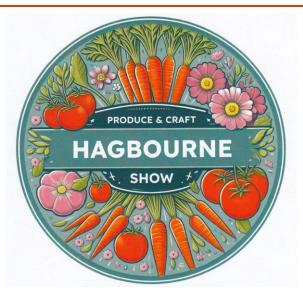
**Anniversaries:** 6th September – Trevor and Shirley Goss

**Dates for your Diary:** 21st September – Pet Service at York Farm, West Hagbourne

5th October - Harvest Festival

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 <a href="https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice">https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice</a> New user <a href="https://meet.goto.com/install">https://meet.goto.com/install</a> Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via <a href="https://meet.goto.com/312446493">https://meet.goto.com/312446493</a>

CHURCH ROTAS	7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity	21st September Matthew Apostle and Evangelist	5th October Harvest Festival	General Notes: Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you. If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.  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. I am still looking for people to look after particular areas in the church. These areas are High altar and choir stalls, Lady Chapel, nave, porches and children's area. Please let me know if you can take up this option. Thank you all
Readers	Jeremiah 18 vv 1-11 Jeff Powell Philemon vv 1-21 Justine Shepperson	PET SERVICE at York Farm, West Hagbourne	HARVEST FESTIVAL Lamentations 1 vv 1-6 Sally Duncan 2 Timothy 1 vv1-14 Jenny Smith	
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Myra Hardiman Jackie Mackenzie		Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Coffee	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson		Jill Garlick Sally Duncan	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Jacqui MacKenzie	Marian Powell	Amanda Davies Alison Davis	
Flowers High Altar	Helen Clayson	Gillian Harries	Felicity Topping	



# 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

#### **Love dogs? Have time to spare?** Why not become a Volunteer Puppy Trainer?

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is urgently looking for kind-hearted dog lovers in and around East Harborne who would be interested in volunteering to care for and train a puppy who will go on to transform the life of a deaf person. **All costs are covered. No experience is necessary.**Visit hearingdogs.org.uk/volunteer/ or call 01844 348129 to find out more

**Arts and Crafts Fair at St Andrew's** Date for your Diary - there will be an Arts and Crafts Fair in St Andrew's Church on Saturday the **1st November**. If you are a local craft person and would be interested in more details, or a booking form to reserve a table, please contact Linda Benton, <a href="mailto:linda.benton@live.co.uk">linda.benton@live.co.uk</a>, 01235 817891.



**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 date: Sunday 7th SEPTEMBER ALL WELCOME

# **HUGS** - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Plenty of Hawthorn berries on the hedges this year.

#### **Recovery from Summer**

It's been another very hot, and dry summer. Our gardens are showing signs of this stress, dying trees and shrubs for many, with the drought and resulting hosepipe ban taking their toll. A lot of oak trees in our local landscape are also looking stressed, leaves turned brown early.

If you cut your garden lawn, it's probably the colour of your patio right now, but it should come back to life with enough rain. If you left your lawn long or even grew a mini-meadow then you might still be looking at long green grass as well as beautiful flowers and seed heads. All of this will look equally beautiful in the first frosts, when they come.

It's been a tough year for many crops again in the fields, with predicted shortages of some UK vegetables this autumn. But fruit has done well. That's good news for wildlife enjoying the early blackberries and elderberries. However, it will mean a shortage of food through autumn and winter, especially for birds as the fruit will be gone. Heat and prolonged drought also affect insect numbers, as their habitat and larvae are lost. This means lower numbers of insects next year too (less caterpillars for baby birds in spring, less moths for bats, etc).

So, here are some things you can do in your garden to help nature out -

**Store** any fallen fruit from your garden now to put it out on colder days over the next few months.

**Leave** part of your garden in a softer style, with some longer grass, less clipped shrubs and hedges, so any last berries stay on the plant for longer.

**Instead** of promptly 'putting your garden to bed,' let your flower beds and borders more naturally and slowly change with the season. This gives home to many beneficial insects over winter.

**Save** your cutting back until spring when the last frosts have gone and /or work around the garden in sections (this means overwintering insects (in all stages of life) have more chance of survival until next year).

**Leave** ivy to flower into the autumn to help pollinators.

**Make** a plan for next year's garden – do you have room for a mini-pond? A wilder corner? A mini meadow? New, native hedging or shrubs somewhere?

You can find more ideas on our website - https://www.hugsustainability.org/wildlifegardening



**Hagbourne Garden Club** will be meeting on **Thursday**, **25th September** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The topic this month is **Plant propagation and planting techniques with a talk by Andy Ledbury** – *helping* preserve our favourite varieties, producing more plants and saving money, including simple tips and advice to make substantial differences to your results. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person.

For further information call Sally on 01235 352275

**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 or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keith davies4@hotmail.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 or

<u>easthagbourneshop@gmail.com,</u>
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/

#### **SEPTEMBER BUSINESS HOURS:**

POST OFFICE: Mon to Sat 9am - 12:30pm Mon & Thurs afternoons 1:15pm - 4:30pm;

**CLOSED TUESDAY** 

SHOP: Mon and Thurs 9am - 4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am - 4pm; Sat 9am - 12:30pm

### 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 goods and organic scents & soaps, and donate a prize basket for the raffle. Stop by for a chat and tell us what you'd like to see in your Community Shop!

#### **SUMMER'S NOT OVER YET!**

Keep your cool with Magnums, Minis, Cornettos and other frozen treats, a cold drink or classic pick-and-mix sweets. We now stock oat and almond milk, along side our usual range of dairy products, plus local free-range eggs, local butcher Calnan's chicken, sausage and mince, 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 to fund PO and Shop operating expenses, keeping these valuable neighbourhood amenities open for all to access. Thank you for your support!





#### **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 <a href="mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com">easthagbourneshop@gmail.com</a>. Products and allergen details in Shop or at <a href="mailto:easthagbourne.net">easthagbourne.net</a>.

**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!

**EXTRA VEG?** Consider donating your over-abundance to the Shop to be sold for a modest sum, reducing waste and funding PO and Shop operating costs. Lately we've seen gorgeous runner beans, plums, figs and much more. Produce goes quickly! — many thanks, gardeners, for your generosity!

#### \*\*SEEKING POST OFFICE PART TIME ASSISTANT\*\*

Chris Billin, our new postmaster, is seeking a highly reliable part-time assistant for 1.5 days per week, to allow expanded business hours on Tuesdays, and to cover his occasional holiday week away. Experience with handling cash and customer service desired. Interested prospects should stop in during business hours and have a chat with Chris.

# Macmillan Coffee Morning 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 10.30am-12.30pm



# HAMS: New Season Starts October!

Since 2010, HAMS has been proud to bring theatre of all kinds to East Hagbourne – from classics to comedy, children's shows to radio plays – always with community at our heart.

This October, we're building on those roots with a fresh approach called **Process and Play**. Every Thursday, we will explore new themes and material, experiment with texts and techniques, and share performances in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. From puppetry to poetry, devising to duologues, our workshops (led by HAMS members) and masterclasses (led by outside experts) promise fun and inspiration.

HAMS is open to everyone – whether you're a long-standing member or curious newcomer, come when you can! **Thursday sessions run 19.30–21.30 at East Hagbourne Village Hall,** starting **23rd October** and leading up to our **Showcase Evenings** on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March.



For more information, email **info@thehams.co.uk** to join the mailing list, or come along to the first session and meet us.

**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. **We hope to have news of the summer's matches in the October issue.** For more info, please contact our Ladies Captain: Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or sandybudd@sky.com

#### **Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman**

**New housing opposite the school** It was good to see the children's playground opening around the end of the school term. It is already being well used by residents of the estate and other Hagbourners. The Parish Council is maintaining its links with Deanfield who have a few items to complete before the handover of responsibilities to Eaves Management and the forthcoming residents committee. The main issues concern planting of some trees, the re-planting of some of the boundary hedge with the car park, and a re-seeding of the wildflower area which are planned in the autumn planting season. Let us hope that the weather will be more obliging this time around.

**CIL Projects** Although the last month has been the main holiday month, there was a surprising amount of activity that will result in a busy parish council meeting on 11th September. Depending on some of the decisions taken at the meeting, I hope that we will be able to provide significant benefits to the village and villagers.

Much of this activity concerned planning for CIL projects so that work on these can take place before the winter arrives. One plan is that before the onset of prolonged bad weather (should we ever see real rain again) the extension of footpath 12 from Parsonage Lane (aka the Causeway) to Church Lane will be complete so that even in the depth of winter there will be good access from Fieldside to the church and school that avoids Main Road. In addition, a smooth connection is proposed from footpath 12 to the Causeway (two streams path FP 13). This will enable mobility vehicles and wheelchairs to come from Fieldside to Main Road via the Causeway.

The community room in the Pavilion will benefit from much improved lighting and lighting controls (already done) and better acoustics (scheduled for October). The lighting on the path from Great Mead to the Pavilion will be improved and also extended to the car park to address problems people had last year when getting from their cars to and from the Pavilion.

On our other car park by the Village Hall, we plan to greatly improve the configuration for the disabled parking bays and we believe that a third party may organize and cover the installation of facilities for bicycle parking. The signage that we lost when the car park extension was being built will be renewed using our now iconic design.

The wildflower meadow in the Cemetery will have a new bench and there will be improved signage for the Cemetery. Road safety will be improved by the installation of vehicle activated signs that will hopefully result in slower and legal traffic speeds through the village. As part of this activity, we will also obtain accurate data on traffic speeds at key points that will support or refute the man claims of speeding in the village. I should add that it is notoriously difficult to estimate car speeds when they zoom past you, perhaps even when they are going within our new speed limit.

**Other major works** Among other major works that we can anticipate over the next year or so, we are progressing with plans for a significant improvement to the car park at the Pavilion that will hopefully be more sustainable.

Much work has already been done to understand the problem of flooding in the Cemetery, and it is hoped that some significant remediation will be in place before the next storms.

Artists are in place for the three Art Projects, the S106 funding for this is now being applied for, with agreements for the owners of land hosting the projects being obtained. In the case of the bus shelter, quotes are being sought for work to repair the shelter prior to the installation of art works.

**The reckoning** I hope the above will get you excited about how the village and village life might be getting better in an age when much is happening in the world to counter such expectations and aspirations. So let us hope that the developments above do come to fruition in the near future, and we will not be embarrassed by perceived broken promises. So watch the update in forthcoming magazines.

**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 11th September. 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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#### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd Telephone: 07891 551 851

Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



#### **THAMES VALLEY POLICE - HAVE YOUR SAY**

Your local Neighbourhood Team will be hosting a Have Your Say at Sainsbury's Local in Didcot on **Wednesday 3rd September at 10:30am.** Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what the police are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.



Visit the **Thames Valley Alert** website <u>here</u> and register to receive messages of local crime alerts, witness appeals and information to the area in which you live or work.



#### **CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**

lain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 5th September from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.

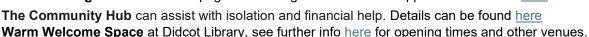


#### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

**SOFEA Didcot Community Larder** is open on Thursdays see <a href="here">here</a> for information **Didcot Emergency Foodbank** is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see <a href="here">here</a> for information.

**First Steps Baby Bank** at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see <u>here</u> for info..

Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found here



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



#### **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**

<u>https://www.fixmystreet.com/</u> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.
<u>https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx</u> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.



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/S1887/LB 29 Main Road, East Hagbourne – 3 replacement windows and doors (Listed Building Consent)
P25/S2266/HH 55 Green Close, Didcot - Demolition of garage, side extension

**P25/S1321/HH** 1 The Crescent, East Hagbourne – 1st Amendment of plans for side and rear extensions **P25/S1361/FUL** 6 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne – New self-build property (retrospective application)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th September 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 <a href="www.easthagbourne.net">www.easthagbourne.net</a>



#### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025 – 22nd September to 5th October**

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Through the strength of Fairtrade's community, millions of Fairtrade farmers have secured a fairer price for what they grow. Workers have been able to improve their living standards. Fairtrade sets off a ripple effect that has seen children go to school and university, women take the lead and reforestation projects supported.

**Despite this success, our global food system still isn't fair**. Farmers are part of a chain in which power is unfairly distributed. They are frequently forced to sell their crops for less money than they cost to grow. The climate crisis is making conditions more and more challenging for farmers.

This year Fairtrade are asking us to think about our cup of tea – to consider the people who grow and pick our tea, how they are to plan their future and protect themselves from the impacts of climate change.

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Over 100 Million Cups of tea are drank every day in the UK. There is a very interesting video on <a href="www.fairtrade.org.uk">www.fairtrade.org.uk</a> (look for Fairtrade Fortnight) which describes how Fairtrade has helped tea producers.

### **JAZZ IN THE HAGBOURNES**

There are two Jazz events in the Hagbournes in September.

First up is the monthly **Jazz Jam session**, on **Wednesday the 10th at The Fleur at 8pm**, following on from a great evening in August. The House Band will support anyone who wants to play or sing. Piano, Bass & Drums available to share. All popular jazz tunes and songs are known to the band, who will work with you at your pace and in your style. There is no entry cost just turn up and enjoy. Our vocalists are brilliant, and particular thanks to them.

Secondly, on **Sunday the 21st at 3pm**, we have **JAZZ IN THE CHURCH**, in aid of the Friends of St Andrews who help to conserve our ancient church. They have spent more than £20,000 so far, and there is an expectation of much more to be required in the near future.

We must do all we can to ensure that funds are available for this essential work on one of the main contributors to the fabric of village life. ALL profits will go to The Friends of St Andrew's.

Tickets available from <a href="Peter.hands3@btinternet">Peter.hands3@btinternet</a>.com, from Peter in person, or from wegottickets.com/event/671011.



### 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

Or contact us: <a href="mailto:friendsofhagbournepool@gmail.com">friendsofhagbournepool@gmail.com</a>

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

### **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

and Anthony 01235 511920 <a href="mailto:aannanjones@gmail.com">aannanjones@gmail.com</a>

Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm - contact Adrian Coles 07711 350 011adrian.coles@gmail.com

**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 <a href="https://higarlick@gmail.com">higarlick@gmail.com</a> and Shirley Goss – 815605 <a href="mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com">shirley.goss@btinternet.com</a>

**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.

**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 <a href="mailto:sotwellhillhouseoffice@gmail.com">sotwellhillhouseoffice@gmail.com</a>

**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

**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 gathering which will be on **Thursday 18th September.** 

#### 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: <a href="https://didcotbaptist.churchsuite.com/donate/">https://didcotbaptist.churchsuite.com/donate/</a> and "Foodbank" as your option adding gift aid if you are able to. All donations are gratefully appreciated. **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

**Summer Teas** Thank you to all who came and to all who helped with the Summer Teas in August at St Andrew's. There will be an item regarding the teas in the next magazine.

# **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: 19th September.**

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# **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 <a href="https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15">https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15</a>, 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.

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



To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: <a href="www.oxfordbus.co.uk">www.oxfordbus.co.uk</a>
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.



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