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Easter Greetings from St Andrew's Church

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

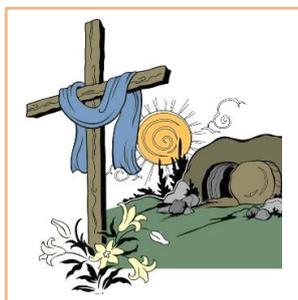
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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 The Greatest Festival

Have you been looking forward to Easter? Easter Day is always celebrated on a Sunday, and this year it falls on 4th April. For many Christians, Easter is the most important festival in the Church's year, more important even than Christmas or Pentecost. Why is Easter considered such an important festival?

For many people, Easter is the affirmation that death is not the end. Jesus rose again from the dead, and this gives us hope that we too can rise again from the dead. How does this work? Christians have given different answers to this question down the centuries. But Christians have agreed that Easter is about having firm grounds for the hope of life after death. Jesus really did rise again from the dead. This really happened as a historical event. And so, we can have hope that for us too life does not come to an end when we die. Our death is the start of a new chapter in the story of our lives. Death is not the end.

Easter is also an affirmation that Jesus truly was who he said he was. Jesus made claims that he had a unique and authoritative relationship with God. He was more than simply a religious teacher or a good man: he was God himself in a human form. This was and is a remarkable claim. By raising Jesus from the dead, God vindicated the claims which Jesus made about himself. Indeed, there are passages in the Bible which suggest that Jesus himself predicted that he would die and rise again.

Easter is also a celebration of the abiding significance of Jesus's death on the Cross. Christians often refer to Jesus's death and resurrection in the same breath, and there is a profound connection between the two events. By dying on the Cross, Jesus offered his life to God as a sacrifice for sin. In other words, Jesus sacrificed his life in order to restore our broken relationship with God. By raising Jesus from the dead, God declared that the sacrifice was accepted, and the relationship was indeed restored – not just for the men and women of Jesus' time, but for the men and women of every age.

I wonder what the celebration of Easter means to you?

Fr Jason

Church Services at St Andrew's in Holy Week

Easter Sunday is on the 4th April and with present regulations our Services will take place online. St Andrew's will be open for private prayer over the weekend please see p.3 for details.

Maundy Thursday 1st April - 8pm online Eucharist.

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday: a moving Service to immerse us in the themes of humble Christian service, the Institution of the Eucharist, and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience as we start these holy three days culminating in Easter Day.



Good Friday

2nd April - 2pm online.

An Hour

before the Cross.



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Day

10.30am online
Eucharist Service

6pm Evensong
(please see p.7)

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR APRIL 2021

The Intentions this month are for all who live in the Astons and Upton

1 Thursday	Maundy Thursday 8pm Online Eucharist – The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday	Prayer Focus: Thorpe Street A
2 Friday	Good Friday 2pm Online – An Hour before the Cross 8pm Compline	Aldens Lane U
3 Saturday	Holy Saturday 5pm Holy Eucharist at St Michael's, Blewbury, (please see note on p.7)	Alexander Close U
4 +Sunday	<u>EASTER DAY</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Eucharist Service 6pm Evensong St Andrew's (please see note on p.7)	<i>Children & Sunday Schools.</i>
5 Monday	8pm Compline	Beeching Close U
6 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Chilton Road U
7 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Church Street U
8 Thursday	8pm Compline	Fieldside U
9 Friday	8pm Compline	High Street U
10 Saturday		Newmans Close U
11 +Sunday	<u>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Those recently baptised & baptism visitors.</i>
12 Monday	8pm Compline	Orchard Close U
13 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Pound Lane U
14 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Prospect Road U
15 Thursday	8pm Compline	Reading Road U
16 Friday	8pm Compline	Station Road U
17 Saturday		Stream Road U
18 +Sunday	<u>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>CYGnets group and teenagers.</i>
19 Monday	8pm Compline	Aston Street A
20 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Baker Street A
21 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Chalk Hill A
22 Thursday	8pm Compline	Downs View A
23 Friday	S. George Martyr 8pm Compline	Our Nation
24 Saturday		Edlins Cottages A
25+Sunday	<u>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Our worship, choirs musicians & organists</i>
26 Monday	S. Mark Evangelist 8pm Compline	Fullers Road A
27 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Hagbourne Road A
28 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Moreton Road A
29 Thursday	S. Catherine of Siena 8pm Compline	Rectory Lane A
30 Friday	8pm Compline	Sheepcote A

Services in Holy Week will be online but St Andrew's will be open on Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Adults must wear masks and sanitise their hands when they enter the church. Thank you.

Online Services

Sundays at 10.30am login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. **Weekday evenings** – Compline at 8pm.

You can join in using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please see the website or the Churn if you receive it for the Service access codes and full details of how to join each week.



Midweek Communion at St Andrew's Unfortunately, due to the current virus regulations we are not able to hold Midweek Communion Services in our churches. We hope to restart these as soon as Government guidance allows. The church will continue to open for **Private Prayer** on **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 12noon**. Please wear a face covering when you enter the church.

A Blessing for you this Eastertide

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar. Christ is risen and offers new life to all.

We hold HOPE in our hearts as we pray for healing and wholeness in our lives, our community and our world.

The message of Easter brings us hope.

May the Spirit and Love of God surround you, strengthen you, bring you peace, and fill you with a sense of new beginnings.



We have been encouraging families to prepare Easter Gardens over Lent. This activity is for all ages! If you are planning to make one in a seed tray or similar you are invited to bring it into church over the Easter weekend. St Andrew's will be open on Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day from 10am to 4pm. Adults are required to wear a mask and to sanitise hands.

During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via email. You can contact the clergy & staff on:

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office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise 07837 009730

revlouiseb@aol.co

Dawn (Administrator) 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or office@churnchurches.co.uk
is in the office from 12pm – 4pm Monday & 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

Please note: all Services and Events are subject to last minute changes or cancellations if Government social restrictions change due to Covid 19.

HUGS April News

The 15 million gardens in the UK make up more space than all our national nature reserves put together. So, they are a place where we can make a real difference.

In our three parishes we can support nature that otherwise has no home; as farming has intensified over the decades and as more new houses are built locally. We can connect gaps in habitat with our gardens, creating corridors of shelter, food and water for wildlife.



A Dunnock

Wikipedia Commons

As part of our SODC-funded Owl Project we're running a wildlife garden competition in East & West Hagbourne and Upton. The competition will open on the 1st of May and we'd love to see lots of entries! More information will be posted on www.hugsustainability.org nearer the time. In the meantime, there are many easy ways to encourage wildlife into your garden and provide more support to what's already there. You can see our new [wildlife garden page](#) for more ideas and inspiration.

Here are some wildlife-friendly ideas to try in your garden in April:

- **Let part of your lawn grow long** - this idea will save you time and money. All you need to do is leave some of your lawn uncut and sit back and watch bees enjoying the flowers of daisies, dandelions and more! There are many campaigns supporting making more space for nature. Have a look at the [The Blue Campaign](#) which encourages us to do just that. If it's your front garden, you can use a homemade blue heart on a stick to show others that you're part of a bigger movement for nature.
- **Sow seeds** – this is the perfect time of year to get out sowing seeds in the garden or the greenhouse or windowsills. You can choose from a huge range of plants, you could research local wildflowers that would suit your garden soil. You can look around at the list of wildflowers that grow in the HUGS Wildflower Meadow at [Hagbourne Cemetery \(listed on part 8 of our Wild Walk page\)](#). Or you might prefer to choose non-native flower seeds for your pollinators to feed on this spring and summer. Another great idea is to look up which flowers are night-pollinated so that the moths in your garden (and therefore the bats too) have an even better 2021. See [this Butterfly Conservation website](#) for more information on both nectar rich plants as well as food plants for caterpillars.
- **Start a mini-pond** – submerge a leak-proof container in a hole in the garden with the water level with the ground and add stones / rocks so that any visiting amphibians can climb out again. If the area of water is small, check that it won't get too hot over the summer. Consider putting it in partial shade and / or plant a dwarf water lily or other floating plant to help shade the surface. Then sit back and watch who comes to visit! For more details on how to make your new water feature [see the RSPB's page on small ponds](#).
- **Feed the birds** – they need to be in good health for the breeding season as well as for moulting. High energy food will be important for them. And how joyful is watching fledglings feed from their parents in the garden in spring? Don't forget clean water for them too. For more advice and ideas see the [RSPB's website](#).
- **Talk to your neighbours about hedgehogs** – who has them? When were they last seen? Do you have spaces under your fences / boundaries that hedgehogs can come in and out through? If not, can you create CD-sized holes in each side fence so hedgehogs can come and forage for beetles and caterpillars in your garden as they've come out of hibernation. Visit [Hedgehog Street](#) for some other great ideas on supporting hedgehogs in your garden.



Easter Pram Service "At Home"

An Easter activity pack is being prepared for families with pre-school children and is also suitable for children in years 1 and 2. These will be delivered at the beginning of April. Please contact Revd Louise if you would like to receive one: revlouiseb@aol.com or mobile 07837 009730.

Revd Louise hopes to resume "face to face" Pram Service in May and looks forward to some socially distanced activities with you all. The venue will be St Michael's Church, Blewbury on Wednesday 5th May at 12.30pm unless further restrictions are imposed.

Anniversary Congratulations Many congratulations to Dick and Marian Powell who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3rd April. Dick and Marian were married at St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne. Best wishes for a very happy day.



Tower Talk

The tower held its AGM on Tuesday 23rd February, online. The meeting was well attended as we all wanted to catch up with each other and talk about the future, which is still uncertain.

One of our bells at St Andrew's was tolled by Jeff Powell for the Day of Reflection on Tuesday 23rd March, the church was open from 11:30 – 12:30 for those of us who wanted to observe the day with the minutes silence at midday and to light a candle.

There is a meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 30th March at 8:30pm, online, following Compline, this is our usual meeting in Holy Week. We will have to enjoy our hot cross buns together virtually; they are a tradition at this meeting thanks to Jeff Powell.

At this time, we are still not sure what is happening in the church for Easter Sunday and we do not know if we will be able to ring any of our bells on the day, watch this space! Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 1st April - Jill Garlick, 12th April – Jeff Powell
Dates for your diary: Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday



Hagbourne Garden Club is looking forward to a talk by Victoria Logue on '**Extending the Seasons In Your Garden**'. The talk will once again be via Zoom and will be the last one until September.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, 22nd April**, commencing at 7.30pm but please log in from around 7.15. For further details contact Sally on 01235 352275.

Annual Plant Sale Hagbourne Garden Club will be holding their Annual Plant Sale (covid willing) on **Saturday, 22nd May** at East Hagbourne Pavilion from 2.30 to 4.30pm There will be a variety of plants for sale (donations also welcome), plus cake stall, raffle and refreshments! Entry free and ample parking so **save the date!**

Happy Birthday

Very Happy Birthday wishes to Richard Allen of York Farm, West Hagbourne. Richard's family have sent a lovely picture of the Allen family showing Richard as a baby and would like to say – "On 4th April 2021 Dad will embark on his 95th year living at York Farm, pictured sitting on his mother's lap. The family came to the farm in 1919 with two children Tony and Ron, Dad, his elder brother David and sister Gladys were born there. When Mum and Dad married in 1949 Gramp and Gran moved into York Farm Cottage next door and so began his married life with wife Mary née Lay."



Photo taken in 1927 From left to right: Gladys, Earnest William Allen, Tony, Pheobe Suzanne Allen, Ron, David, Richard.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
HUSBAND – DAD
GRAMP
GREAT GRAMP**

From all the family



Astronomy Notes - Hubble Bubble

My latest image of the Bubble nebula in the constellation of Cassiopeia. The bubble is created by a stellar wind from a massive hot central star. As it expands into a huge molecular cloud, the boundary is excited by the central star, causing it to glow. The colours I produced with a specific combination of filters known as the "Hubble Palette". You may remember seeing some of the famous images from the Hubble Telescope with similar colours.

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STOP PRESS: We have just heard that there will be an **Evensong** at St Andrew's at 6pm on **Easter Sunday**. Places are limited to 30 and must be booked by contacting the Benefice Office on office@churnchurches.co.uk or by calling 07434 686044 There will also be a **Holy Eucharist Service** at St Michael's Blewbury on **Holy Saturday** at 5pm – once again places will be limited to 30 – please contact the Benefice Office if you wish to attend.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:
www.easthagbourne.net

Easter Bank Holiday Hours

Please note both the Shop and Post Office will be observing the Easter Bank holidays and will be closed on Good Friday, 2nd April, and Easter Monday, 5th April.

For the Saturday, 3rd April, whilst the Shop will be open during our normal operating times 9am – 12:30pm and hosting our Easter Bakery Stall, the Post Office will be closed.

EGG-CELLENT TREATS and EASTER BAKERY STALL - 3rd April

Hop by and visit our Easter Bakery Stall just outside the Shop, 9am – 12pm, Saturday April 3rd for **festively decorated homemade cakes** and Marcopolo baked goodies, along with lovely **locally-designed cards**, delicious **Cadbury Chocolate Easter treats**, clever **Village gift mugs** stuffed with mini-eggs or massive ones, and adorable **knit bunnies cradling crème eggs** in a petite egg cup. Or, you can stop in earlier in the week to browse our selection. All make *EGG*-cellent fillings for your Easter baskets!



Expanding Post Office Hours Beginning 12th April We're pleased to announce that our local Post Office will gradually begin to expand operating hours over the coming months, as our Postmaster continues his recovery, subject to government guidance.

NEW Post Office Hours From 12th April
Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12:30pm and Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.
CLOSED FRIDAY.

Marcopolo Pick up Marcopolo's delicious pastries, fresh breads or savouries each Saturday from 9-12:30pm. Avoid disappointment by pre-ordering for the coming Easter weekend – or any weekend – **by 4pm Wednesdays**, either in the Shop, or by email to:
easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

Volunteers Welcome!

Interested in working in the community?

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if only for an hour or two per month. If so, please contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com



East Hagbourne

OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY

13th JUNE 2021

WHY WE DO IT: passionate about our gardens, supporting charities that we care about as a community

Open Gardens are held in the village every three years and this year 9 garden owners will be opening their gates post lockdown to support the National Garden Scheme. NGS's core beneficiaries, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice Care and the Queens Nursing Institute have never needed more support, stretched to their limit by the current crisis. NGS garden income fell by 85% last year due to lockdown and for many of these charities, the NGS is their largest cumulative funder. The NGS made £3m in donations from funds raised at gardens, including East Hagbourne, in 2018. This is where the money went:

Macmillan Cancer: £500K support projects included: NGS Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Unit, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Wales supporting 177 inpatients and 719 day patients per annum. National Garden Scheme donations have now funded 150 Macmillan Nurses and other Macmillan professionals, enabling the charity to reach more people to provide support from diagnosis onwards.

Marie Curie: £500K donation for national end of life community nursing service, nine hospices, and information and support service and helpline; funding for nurses supporting families at home overnight, providing 24-hour care for patients living with terminal illness within one of the nine Marie Curie hospices. The funding equates to: 22,000 hours of nursing care - or 2,444 overnight nursing shifts; 1,100 hours of hospice care or 62,857 day-therapy sessions within a Marie Curie Hospice.

Hospice UK: £500,000 donation enabling the charity to deliver its strategy to support 200,000 people and their families who benefit from hospice care and to reach the 118,000 who need hospice care but don't currently access it.

Carers' Trust: £400,000 donation the majority of which supported Carers Trust's core work helping 28,495 unpaid carers to access the support they need, raise issues of carers' needs to local authorities and government, and to improve what the charity can offer carers around the UK.

Other charities supported included: Parkinson's UK: £185K. Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) £250K. Perennial £130K.

Gardens opening to support the amazing work of these charities are:

Bottom Barn, Lime Tree Cottage, The Gables, Buckels, 2 Lower Cross Cottages, 5 Higgs Close, Kingfisher House, Little Thatch, Yew Tree Cottage.

Tickets available in advance at NGS.org.uk or on the day.



Read what some of the cast thought about their experience and then click the link at the end of the article to watch it.

Katherine Miller, Director and Producer “As a first time Director and beginner video editor I was extremely pleased with how the pantomime came together. It’s difficult to know how things are going to look before you start, so we tried a couple of experiments on Zoom to see what happened (some of it was fabulous and some things don’t translate to the screen as I had hoped) but hats off to the cast who created costumes from whatever was in their wardrobes and made the best of a very unusual way to do a performance, particularly our young HAMS members who really gave life to the story and made it fun to watch.

It was a unique opportunity to be involved with this production and I hope people enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it.”

Cody Sandland, played Bert, a Market Trader “Performing in Jack and the Beanstalk was such an amazing experience and one that I learnt so much from”.

Meabh Foster, played Jill, “I really enjoyed the experience of being in a virtual pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. Not only was it a brilliant distraction from lockdown but it also helped me gain a new perspective of drama online (acting virtually). I want to be an actress when I am older, so this was really a unique and valuable experience for me. I played Jill in Jack and the Beanstalk (Jack’s girlfriend). It was great fun working on Zoom and overcoming technical difficulties e.g. the time lag, imagining the background without it being there etc. We rehearsed once a week for an hour and a half running through various scenes. Once we were happy with the scene we then recorded it, ready to put into a virtual pantomime with all of our other recorded scenes. It was so nice to watch it back and see what we had created! It was a great show to be in!”

James Dyer, played Jack, “It was cold. It was wet. We were in national lockdown 2 and the winter-brightening rehearsals of last year (Our Day Out) were a distant memory. There could be no HAMS production, this year! –
WHAT?

- **OH NO THERE COULDN’T!**
- **(OH YES THERE COULD!)**

Enter from stage left – **The Film Festival.**

The Oxfordshire Drama Network decided in the autumn that the show must go online, and member societies were invited to submit entries for a friendly film festival of creative works to be aired early in the new year. I signed up straightaway and was really pleased to get the role of Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk, HAMS’ first ever pantomime. Rehearsals and filming all took place on Zoom with the usual comedy additions of “turn your microphone on” and “your camera’s gone funny”. Add to that, a make-shift green screen (that was white), unbearable jokes and hastily assembled (but terribly professional) costumes and I give you the recipe for - the most fun you can have on Zoom. Each week, we assembled online to rehearse and film the next part and to admire behind the scenes production work that had magically taken place on the days between. My favourite things about being involved in this production were the contact with friends every week, the laughter over shared jokes and seeing the finished product complete with special effects and synchronised(ish) singing: The Only Way is Up!

We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it and look forward to seeing you next year, for a live production of whatever comes next!”

Click [here](#) to view Jack and the Beanstalk on YouTube.

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West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	↓	1536	↓	1622	1742	1911
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Upton, Village Hall	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
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Blewbury, The Blueberry	0814	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0822	0953	1123	1253	1453	1623
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0825	0956	1126	1256	1456	1626
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0830	1001	1131	1301	1501	1631
Didcot, Parkway Station	0834	1005	1135	1305	1505	1635

Football in East Hagbourne Hagbourne United Football Club are looking for new players to play in the North Berks league divisions 4 & 5. The Club currently fields two men's teams for age 16+ but will be pleased to hear from players of all ages and abilities. Please contact John Symonds at jesymonds29@gmail.com or 07831 714 076.

St George's Day - 23rd April 2021

West Hagbourne Village Association

This year the village St George's Day displays competition will run from **Sundays, 11th to 25th April**. Come and have a stroll around West Hagbourne spotting St George's and dragons.



St Andrew's Hagbourne Parish Magazine Subscription for 2021

Thank you very much to all who have donated a subscription to the 2021 "alternative" parish magazine.

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Daily Reflections – Thought for the Day and Prayer During the weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. It can be found on the www.churches.co.uk or please ring the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044.

Funerals in the Benefice

26th February at St John the Baptist South Moreton	Pamela Smith	Aged 93
5th March at St Michael's Blewbury	David Croom	Aged 86
15th March at St Michael's Blewbury	Josephine Smith	Aged 80
19th March at St Michael's Blewbury	Joyce Gilbert	Aged 98

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Council Tax You will have recently received your Council Tax Bill for 2021/22. The overall bill has increased by over 3%. There are several components to the bill, coming from District, County, Police, and Parish Council. The vast majority (around 79%) is of course for the County Council, with the main item being for adult and children social care. I am happy to record a slight decrease in the Parish Council proportion. We receive only 3% of the total bill which yields an income of about £30,000 a year. The main expenditures are on servicing loans for the pavilion, the clerk's salary, insurance, grass cutting and maintaining and emptying dog litter bins. Normally we present more detailed figures at the Annual Parish meeting which has again been cancelled because of the pandemic. We do plan, however, to hold a Parish Meeting later this year whenever a face-to-face meeting is safe and legal. Financial documents can be found on the village website <https://easthagbourne.net/folder/financial-information/> and a finance report is produced every month and is included in the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/>

CENSUS 2021 Every household in the village should have received a letter with a code to enter into the website when you click to answer the questionnaire. The deadline for this was 21st March but, as announced on the Parish Council page of this Parish Magazine, you can still respond and are strongly encouraged to do so. Normally, if you do not complete the form either online or as a paper copy, then you can expect a visit from a Census Officer who will be able to advise you on how to complete it. If you have any problems with this and are unable to get help from a neighbour, you are welcome to contact the Clerk or any councillor for help.

Footpath repairs It is worth noting that the Fix My Street system does seem to work so, if you see any problems, for example bad potholes, on the roads or footpaths, it is worthwhile completing the form on <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>. The County Council will look at the problem and will take remedial action if they feel that there is any danger to the public. For example, the very large hole halfway up Parsonage Lane between the two streams and the displaced bridge on the footpath from Lower Cross to Fieldside were both fixed very satisfactorily and fairly quickly.

Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Plans for an Oxford-Cambridge Expressway have been cancelled by the Government. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-project-cancelled-as-transport-secretary-looks-to-alternative-plans-for-improving-transport-in-the-region> The coupling of this announcement with the recent grant of £760 million for an East-West Rail link is good news for the infrastructure and environment.

Housing Development by the Village Hall Both Mactaggart and Mickel and ourselves still await a response from the Case Officer. As soon as we hear anything, we will broadcast any news through our facebook and mailchimp channels. The report from the archaeological study has now been completed, and we hope to be able to post it on our website in the near future.

Communicating information An easy way to get information from the Parish Council is to sign up for emails by going to <https://mailchi.mp/9791c642ed24/ehpc>. Please note that your email will not be shared with any other people or used for purposes other than sending communications from the Parish Council. Normally, you should expect no more than about one message each week.

Parish meetings The Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line and, as in normal times, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting through the Zoom link that will be included on the agenda. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd April. I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council. Iain Duff



East Hagbourne Parish Council

NEWSLETTER No.228 – April 2021

CONTACT DETAILS:

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Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

census 2021

CENSUS COMPLETION Census Day was **21st March**, but don't worry if you haven't completed it yet - there is still time to submit your response. It takes just 10 minutes per person to take part and if you can't get online, there are paper forms available for those who need them. To complete your census, and to find out how you can get help, please visit www.census.gov.uk or call 0800 141 2021.

2021 CALENDAR



CHANGES TO UPCOMING MEETINGS The government made a provision for virtual meetings to be held in place of physical ones during the Coronavirus pandemic, however this legislation ends on 7th May and has not yet been extended.

In light of this, the Annual Parish Council Meeting has been moved forward from 20th May to 6th May, to ensure that the parish council is conducting business legally. Unfortunately, with the ongoing restrictions we have had to make the disappointing decision to cancel the Annual Parish Meeting which was due to be held on 15th April. The intention is to arrange an alternative meeting later in the year when physical meetings can take place.



CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP The group is still active, so please do get in touch if you need help. Please contact easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



ADDITIONAL HELP AVAILABLE If you are in need of additional support for any reason, the following resources are available:

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Winter Support Grant – Now available until 16th April. Contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7907 or visit <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/coronavirus-community-support/winter-support-grant-scheme/>



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Planning applications received since the last meeting: None.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 22nd April 2021. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom details will be included on the agenda for anyone wishing to join the meeting.

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

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Yes, we all join in.
Spring!

Best wishes from Roger Phipps

HAGBOURNE FUN RUN AND WALK

As most of you will know, we had hoped to be able to rearrange the 2020 Fun Run last Autumn, but the worsening Covid emergency forced us to put all plans on hold. The Committee have been looking at our options for 2021: clearly our usual Early May Bank Holiday is out of the question, so we did carefully consider this Autumn as an alternative.

We are aware that this is a much-loved village event for runners, walkers and cake connoisseurs alike, and that it raises a lot of money for charities, so it is with very heavy hearts that we have decided to cancel for 2021.

Whilst the great vaccine rollout is giving us all hope, we know that many uncertainties remain about the progress of the pandemic – vaccine efficacy against virus variants, for example – and many of our fantastic volunteers (and entrants) are in vulnerable groups. It is in the nature of the Fun Run that a large number of people would be gathered together, many of them children and young people who would not have been vaccinated. We would have had to organise things quite differently, which would mean much extra effort by our hard-working committee, starting now, for an event which might still have to be postponed – the Govt. road map is, of course, still aspirational rather than a certainty. We know many people will be disappointed, as we are, but we hope that you will understand our desire to protect everyone. We will be back! **We are hoping to make the next Fun Run and Walk better than ever: Monday, May 2nd, 2022. Keep training!**

Thank You Doreen Watling would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who has written cards and letters to her and to her two sons, Julian and Nigel (who lives in France), to express sympathy and support after her husband, John, died on 9th February. There were some wonderful tributes to John which gave Doreen great comfort and support at this very sad time. Doreen and her family hope to have a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew’s for John’s life when the coronavirus restrictions are lifted, to which all are welcome.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

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Can you help? If you would like to make a financial donation, this can be done by visiting [online donation facility](#) and choosing "Foodbank" as your option. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made, or a cheque sent - please contact the Foodbank for details. If you would like to volunteer to help practically, please contact us for a chat.

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

MAY 2021 PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope that as many of our readers as possible are able to see the Parish Magazine on our temporary home. We are very pleased to be able to include advertisement pages this year.



Please let us have copy for the May parish magazine by **19th April** to magtemp5@gmail.com Thank you.

Keep safe and well, Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

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