St Andrew's Hagbourne

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Easter Greetings from St Andrew's Church

Holy Week and Easter Services on page 4

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's on Saturdays 12.30 – 2pm

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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**

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR MARCH 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: 'A Journey through the Psalms'.
8pm online Compline

2 Saturday 12.30am to 2pm Lent Lunches: St Andrew's H

3 +Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** *Pastoral care and visiting.*

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
9.15 Lay led Service: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm Outdoor Church: Blewbury Playclose
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

4 Monday 8pm online Compline

5 Tuesday 3 to 4.30pm 'Reflections on Art and Spirituality' St Michael's Blewbury and 7 to 8pm online (see separate entry for code)
8pm online Compline

6 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline

7 Thursday 8pm online Compline

8 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: 'A Journey through the Psalms'
8pm online Compline

9 Saturday 12.30 to 2pm Lent Lunches: St Andrew's H
3pm Outdoor Church: meet in the Benefice Office car park – see separate entry

10 +Sunday **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY** *Families, Family Services and Mothers' Union.*

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

11 Monday 8pm online Compline

12 Tuesday 3 to 4.30pm 'Reflections on Art and Spirituality' St Andrew's Hagbourne and 7 to 8pm online (see separate entry for code)
8pm online Compline

13 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline

14 Thursday 8pm online Compline

15 Friday 10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: 'A Journey through the Psalms'
8pm online Compline

16 Saturday No Lent Lunches at St Andrew's due to event at the Village Hall

17 +Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** *Outreach and parish magazines.*

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

18 Monday 8pm online Compline

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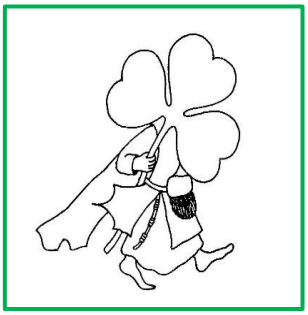

Rector's Reflections

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I wonder: do you have any plans for 17th March? As you may or may not be aware, 17th March is **St Patrick's Day.** St Patrick was British by birth, and was probably born c.390AD. As a young man, he was captured by Irish pirates and enslaved. After some 6 years in Ireland as a slave, he escaped (or was freed), and returned to his family.

He then trained to be a priest, and decided to go back to Ireland, but this time as a missionary. Patrick established a base at Armagh, and he seems to have focussed his missionary work in the north of Ireland. The date of his death is uncertain, but it was probably sometime in the 460s AD. Some of Patrick's writings have survived, including a short autobiography.

In subsequent centuries, Patrick's fame spread far and wide, and in due course he became regarded as the patron saint of Ireland. Lots of stories were told about him, which may or may not have any foundation in fact. For example, one story claimed that Patrick expelled all the snakes from Ireland, and another story has Patrick explaining the theology of Trinity by pointing to a shamrock.

There is a wonderful ancient Irish poem called St Patrick's Breastplate, which is popularly attributed to St Patrick. This poem has been turned into a hymn, which starts "I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity". If you are unfamiliar with the hymn, do look it up. It is sung to a splendid traditional Irish melody – in fact, two different Irish melodies, as two verses in the hymn are sung to a different tune.

St Patrick's hymn is unlike any other – and whether or not it goes back to the Saint himself, the words are quite remarkable. So remarkable, in fact, that some might question whether they should be sung in church! Eric Routley, who wrote extensively on hymns, considered the hymn to be a "very primitive blending of supernatural and natural experience"; and others have written that the hymn contains "many elements of druidical incantation mingled with a war-song and a creed". I wonder what you think. Is the hymn suitable or not?

If you are curious to learn more, do come along to St Andrews's East Hagbourne at 10.30am on Sunday 17th March. You'll be most welcome. We're holding a special service to celebrate St Patrick and there will be the chance to sing his hymn!

-Father Jason

Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to Church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

Short Reflection and daily prayer During weekdays, Fr Jason writes a short reflection and prayer. If you would like to receive this, please contact the Benefice Office. (p.4)

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.

Calendar and Diary for February 2024 continued . . .

19 Tuesday	3 to 4.30pm 'Reflections on Art and Spirituality' St Mary's Upton and 7 to 8pm online (see separate entry for code)	
		8pm online Compline
20 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
21 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
22 Friday	10.30am Ecumenical Lent Group: 'A Journey through the Psalms'	
		8pm online Compline
23 Saturday	12.30 to 2pm Lent Lunch in aid of Sobell House: St Andrew's H	

24 +Sunday **PALM SUNDAY**

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

All the Churches in our Benefice and our relationships together.

25 Monday	7.15pm Candle-lit Compline: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
26 Tuesday	7.15pm Candle-lit Compline: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
27 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	
	7.15pm Candle-lit Compline: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline

28 Maundy Thursday 8pm Benefice Eucharist with stripping of the altar and watch: St Michael's B — 8pm online Compline

29 Good Friday 10am Outdoor Church: St Mary's Upton
12 noon An Hour at the Cross: online
2pm An Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's H
2pm An Hour at the Cross: St Michael's B
2pm An Hour at the Cross: All Saints' NM — 8pm online Compline

30 Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil: St Michael's B

31 +Sunday **EASTER DAY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist: SM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

Children, our village schools & Sunday Clubs

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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 – rector@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

Churchwarden's Chatter . . . We have had a few concerns about the state of the stone wall on the perimeter of the Church grounds. A quote was acquired for the wall to be repaired. The Quinquennial inspection also showed that some remedial work is required on the exterior stonework of the church building itself. Yet another quotation was required, and the total cost involved for this work is about £30.000. 'The Friends of St Andrew's' was approached for assistance with the financing of this project, and I am so grateful that they are prepared to support us in a very generous way.

On a more personal note, I thank everyone for supporting me at this slightly trying time in my life. It is so good to have so many people wishing me well. All I can say is that we are slowly proceeding but I am trying to have a positive outlook. Thank you, Jane, for covering for me.

Jill Garlick and Jane Drew.

MARCH ROTAS	3rd March Third Sunday of Lent	17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	31st March Easter Sunday	General Notes
Readers	Exodus 20. 1-17 Jenny Loder 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 Mo Windsor	Jeremiah 31. 31-34 Daniel Dawson Hebrews 5,5-10 Trevor Goss	Acts 10. 34-43 Margaret Antcliff 1 Corinthians. 15.1-11 Doug Amos	**Please note there will be a Service on Easter Day which is on 31st March.** *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.*
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Robin Harries Jane Blond	Jacqui Mackenzie Sally Duncan	Jane Blond Myra Hardiman	
Coffee	Jill Garlick Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Justine Shepperson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Church Cleaning	Barbara.Elsmore-Wickens Cordelia Gover	Jill.Garlick Sylvia Maynard	Wendy Price Gillian Harries	
Flowers Lady Chapel	No Flowers	No Flowers	Joy Napper	
Flowers High Altar	No Flowers	No Flowers	Lynne Carter	

Baptism in the Benefice

11th February **Axel Simon Evans-John** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

Wedding in the Benefice

9th February **Thomas James Knight** and **Ruth Mary Ball** were married at St Michael's, Aston Tirrold.

Funeral in the Benefice

26th February at St John the Baptist South Moreton **Jacqueline Rickards** aged 91.

Interment The ashes of the late Edna Napper were interred in the grave of her late husband, Guy Napper, on the 5th February at Hagbourne Cemetery.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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)

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church

There will be hot soup lunches served at St Andrew's Church during Lent.

These will be on 2nd, 9th and 23rd March between 12.30 and 2pm – no lunch on 16th March because of the ClubFest event at the Village Hall.

The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. The Lunch on the 23rd of March will be in aid of Sobell House, Oxford. All welcome to come and enjoy lunch and good company.

CHURN BENEFICE LENT GROUPS FOR 2024

A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS on the art and architecture of our Church buildings, how they might help us in our prayer lives.

Tuesdays from 3pm to 4.30pm - 5th March at St Michael's Blewbury,
12th March at St Andrew's Hagbourne and **19th March** St Mary's Upton. Led by Fr Jason.
These reflections can also be followed online at 7pm to 8pm on the same days using the link https://meet.goto.com/621726189

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS – an Ecumenical Lent Group

Please feel welcome to join us **for 'A Journey Through the Psalms'** at 10:30 am to 12noon on **Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd March**. Meeting at the home of Jenny Loder. Contact Elaine in the office on 850267 to book a place and for directions.

QUIET TIME You may be unaware that every weekday at 8pm Monday – Friday there is a short service of night prayer online, traditionally called **Compline**. It lasts about 10 minutes and is a wonderful way of winding down at the end of the day.
Please use the link https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312446493

OUTDOOR CHURCH FOR LENT

A short session of ACTIVITY for all ages with pause for praise & prayer.
Led by Revd Louise Butler

Sunday 3rd March, 3pm Play Close, Blewbury, "Looking for Life". We shall we looking closely for signs of life – if you can, bring a magnifying glass, camera.

Saturday 9th March, 3pm "Beauty in Nature". 3pm meet at the Benefice car park, Blewbury to visit the garden at Sawyers**.** *By kind permission of the Hooper family.* A guided tour of the spring garden and opportunity to make flower posies for Mothering Sunday back in the Benefice Centre – scissors, string or ribbon will be useful.

Good Friday 29th March, 10am "Making Easter Gardens" in Upton Churchyard.
10am in St Mary's Churchyard, Upton. We gather items to make Easter gardens – please bring a plate, tray or bowl.

Mothering Sunday – 10th March

We will not be having a Morning Service on Mothering Sunday this year at St Andrew's when we would normally hand out posies of flowers for Mothers at the Service. However, posies will be available at Church to give to Mothers at the LENT LUNCH on Saturday 9th March, 12.30 to 2pm.
There will be an Evening Service at St Andrew's on the 10th of March.

Heard about ClubFest but still wondering what it's all about? Well, read on . . .

What Goes On Around Here?

Nobody knows ALL the clubs and activities that are available in our villages of East and West Hagbourne, and how would you find out anyway? Did you know that there are two table tennis clubs, FOUR book groups, Scouts, music nights, am dram, bridge club and the diverse happenings at the Church to name but a few.
Then there are the events that get organised, such as the Scarecrow and Poets' Trails, Christmas Tree Festival, and the Fun Run. How would you join in with making those happen? Or even if there isn't a group for your interest yet, how would you start one up?

How To Find Out and Join In

These are all great reasons why The Action Group is running ClubFest on Saturday afternoon, 16th March. It's a "Come-and-Browse" afternoon where villagers new or old can get to know our community. Over 25 clubs and groups will have table-top displays and you can chat to any of them to find out more.
So, why not pop into the village hall between 2pm and 5pm; it could change your life (but even if it doesn't there's still tea and cake – donations gladly accepted).

The Village Hall and East Hagbourne Parish Council are kindly covering the costs so any proceeds will go straight to The Didcot and District Emergency Food Bank.

See you at ClubFest!

The Action Group

HAMS production of HAMSFEST on Fri/Sat 8th/9th March

Tickets for HAMSFEST have been selling well with large audiences for both nights. There are only a few left priced £10 Adults/£7 Students, at:

- **Hagbourne [illegible]**
- **Box Office: [illegible] 814140**
- **www.wegottickets.com/HAMS or use the QR link**

SOLD OUT!

www.thehams.co.uk email:info@thehams.co.uk

East Hagbourne Community Shop

For 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 for 1 or 2 hours a month: email Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com or easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

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

Congratulations to Postmaster Steve Smith for 10 Years' Community Service!

Please join the Shop Committee and Volunteers in congratulating Steve Smith, who was presented with a Community Service Award by the Post Office recognising his many years of support! A life-long local resident, Steve has worked as East Hagbourne Postmaster for 10 years, as well as committee member to the Shop and mentor to Shop volunteers at the till. As rural post offices have gone under around the country and local bank branches have closed, Steve and his team play a vital role in keeping critical services – not only mail, but banking, bill payment and pension services – accessible for all of us.

The East Hagbourne Community Shop was founded in 2003 with a mission to retain our community Post Office, by raising sufficient funds to cover overhead costs. Today, the Shop offers convenient essentials and a range of locally-made treats, local artist cards and books, and artisanal bakery goods by Marcopolo – sales of which all help to fund this valuable community asset.

Step in to congratulate Steve and thank him for his service! Find out more about how our PO can help you or your business; and pick up some local eggs, honey, marmalade, our homemade Thursday cakes, or a bag of pick-n-mix sweets to support our village amenities.

Post Office: Access your bank accounts, top up prepaid cards & mobiles or pay bills.
Mornings: Mon to Sat 9am to 12:30pm; Afternoons: Mon & Thur 1:00pm – 4:30pm.
Shop: Monday & Thursday 9 – 5pm; Tues/Weds/Friday 9-4pm; Sat 9-12:30pm.

Post Office/Shop closed for Easter Bank Holidays Friday 29th March & Monday 1st April

SAVE THESE DATES – 16th March and 23rd March

Saturday 16th March: Looking to Get More Involved in the Community?

Visit us at Hagbourne Clubfest, 2 – 5pm, Village Hall. Get to know your neighbours and use your skills to help the Post Office and Community Shop thrive! If you can spare an hour or 2 each month, you can help improve or promote the Shop, suss out new local products, or take a shift at the till. We welcome volunteers aged 14 or older. Come by for a chat or email Alice Smith at alice.w.smith@gmail.com.

Saturday 23rd March: Hop Over to our Annual Easter Stall from 9am -12:30pm

Browse lovely, hand-made organic soaps, lush locally designed Easter cards, festive Easter treats, home-made Easter cakes and of course, our popular Marcopolo range or artisan breads, savouries and pastries perfect for the long Bank Holiday weekend! Local eggs, honey, marmalade and other goods complete your holiday shopping. You can **pre-order Marcopolo goodies by 4pm Wednesdays** in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pickup on Saturdays.

Date for your diary: Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk, Monday 6th May.

One of the biggest events of the Hagbourne year is the annual 4½ mile Fun Run and Walk. Locals and visitors, young and old, the fit, the hoping-to-get-fit, those who fancy a stroll in the Spring countryside in company - and those who love a homemade cake or two - all join in to have fun and raise money. Every year we send off a nice, fat cheque to cancer research charities, and we top-up the Village Fund which exists to support good causes in Hagbourne itself. We encourage you to enter online. See www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun or https://easthagbourne.net/directory/fun-run-walk/ for info and links to the online entry form.

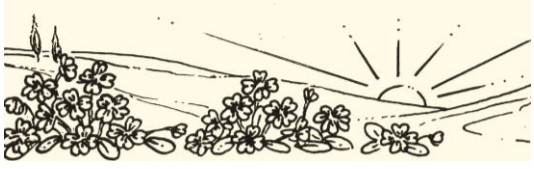
We cannot run the event without our amazing volunteers (course marshals, catering, village hall support). If you could spare a few hours on the day please contact Rob Pennington on robpennington64@outlook.com and we'll find you a job that suits you.

A Blessing for 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.



You are invited to . . .

The Lent Lunch on Saturday, 23rd March, from 12.30 to 2.00pm at St Andrew's Church to raise money for Sobell House Hospice, Oxford.

The Lunch will consist of
homemade soup,
fresh bread and cheese,
fruit and/or cake
plus a cup of tea or coffee.
We will also have a Raffle.
We do hope you will be able to come and support us.
Thank you, Marian 01235 816808.

Tower Talk We miss Jill Garlick at our ringing practices on Tuesday evenings following her awful incident of flooding in her home while she was visiting her sister in the USA but we look forward to her joining us again once it has all been sorted. Jill is now living with her family the other side of Wantage, but she does join us for ringing for Morning Service on a Sunday and you will see her at other events in the village during the day. Hope it gets sorted soon Jill!

The ringers will have a spot at the **Hagbourne ClubFest**, do pop along to speak to us on the day, **Saturday 16th March** 2:00 – 5:00pm in the Village Hall.
The tower AGM was held on Tuesday 27th after a shortened ringing practice. Shirley Goss.
Birthdays: Saturday 2nd March – Laura Makin **Sunday 3rd March** – Mary Napper
Happy Anniversary to Jeff and Coral Powell
Mothering Sunday is Sunday 10th March. (please see page 6)

Easter Flowers at St Andrew's

Flower Arrangers - please do come along to help decorate the Church with flowers for Easter once again. We will be there on Saturday morning 30th March to make it all fittingly beautiful but if a later time that day is more suitable for you, that will be fine.
Mothering Sunday There will not be a Service in Church on Mothering Sunday morning,10th March, this year, so we thought it would be good to have posies available at the Lent Lunch of the Saturday 9th March. It would be lovely if you could make some posies and bring them to Church on the morning of 9th March Very many thanks – as ever – for all your help and wonderful arrangements. Helen Clayson.

Benefice Online Church Service

Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! This Service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship.
The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up. Our online congregation is regularly the second-largest congregation in the Benefice! Every Sunday at 10.30am using this link:
Computer, tablet, smartphone https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice
New user https://meet.goto.com/install

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 3rd March. ALL WELCOME.

Glad Rags Event at St Andrew's

There will be a sale of pre-loved clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery etc at St Andrew's at 6.30pm on **Saturday, 27th April**. This event was very popular last time. If you are having Spring Clean at home, please save your unwanted items for this event.
Full details will be in the April magazine.

Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2024

CUP FOR THE WINNING SCARECROW

Theme:

"Your Favourite TV Character"

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

Saturday 25th May until Sunday 9th June

Buy your maps for £1 from The Community Shop and The Fleur from Saturday 25th May in order to follow and vote for your favourite scarecrow.

From Monday 18th March, entry forms will be available at the Community Shop or you will be able to print your own from www.easthagbourne.net.
Additionally, it will be published in the April magazine.

Entry forms to be returned by Friday 3rd May

Profits will be shared between
Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

East Hagbourne Open Gardens
Sunday 9th June 2024

Seven village gardens opening.
Teas on Fieldside and at St Andrew's.

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Go with your gut in the garden!

THE EDIBLE MEADOW – coming to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024

Can gut health be improved by eating or just walking past particular flowers? The gardener designers of the Bowel Research UK Microbiome Garden at Chelsea this year aim to illustrate that it can.

Inspired by medical and botanical research. the garden explores the link between healthy landscapes, guts, and minds, through a planting of ornamental grasses and edible perennials which offer a harvest for both people and wildlife.

The human microbiome - formed of microbes which live in and on us, mainly in our gut, disposes of bad bacteria and maintains good bacteria to keep us well. So, exposure to many different plants equals exposure to many different types of microbe. Healthy soil is vital - full of microorganisms which transfer to the plants we grow and food we eat. Sadly, industrial agriculture, on which we now rely for most of our food, is mainly based on sterile monocrops, in soil depleted of beneficial bacteria and microbes. While humans have a long history with soil, fruit and vegetable gardening provide our main relationship with soil today. Unsurprisingly, recent studies have shown that gardeners have healthier guts than non-gardeners *.

What makes the Chelsea microbiome meadow garden different from traditional Chelsea gardens is its plant diversity - including edible wild foods - making us aware that growing our own food, and having a multitude of different plants in our garden are key to our health. How can we achieve this in our own gardens? According to microbiome garden designer, Chris Hull, the answer is simple: "Grow your own food … perennial crops to get more wildlife in … and more diverse plants." There we have it.

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-022-05387-5#Sec8

Hagbourne Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 28th March** in the East Hagbourne Pavilion. The talk will be on **Gardening in a Beautiful Zoo** by Harriet Rycroft from the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens. **The AGM starts at 7.20** Doors will be open at 7pm for refreshments and the talk will start at 7.30pm after the AGM. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person.

For further information call Sally on 01235 352275

Thank you to all involved in The Scarecrow Trail since 2005

I am delighted that Chris and Sacha Powell have agreed to take over running the Scarecrow Trail. They will bring fresh ideas and energy which is good.

Thank you to everyone who has in any way contributed since 2005 when it was started in East Hagbourne with a great deal of help from Robert and Liz Rendell. They donated the cup and Liz typed and printed the maps. Linda Benton used her artistic talents to draw the map which has been updated over the years. Janet Corderoy printed the maps from 2006 until 2019, no trail in 2020, and since then the Benefice Centre have printed them. Joy Napper patiently reminded me to put the posters in and printed them for the Parish Magazine and the Powell Family donated the straw. The Church Wardens and Clergy allowed us to use St Andrew's for teas and the Fleur and Community shop sold maps. Most of all I would like to thank all you amazingly creative and skilful people who have made Scarecrows. It has evolved in many ways, but it is a joy to see and hear people especially children excitedly hunting around to spot the scarecrows.

Thank you again everyone. Mary Harrison and the Action Group.

TABLE TENNIS at the Pavilion: Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com
Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

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

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB is one of the most special places to play in the whole county. 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; from beginner to Commonwealth Champion (and anything in between), 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

DIOCESE OF OXFORD

St Andrew's Church Hagbourne
invite you to the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

of the Parish of Hagbourne

Preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting to appoint Churchwardens.

Sunday 21st April 2024, 11.45am

The meeting will start immediately after the 10.30am Service in St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne. There will be a short business meeting to elect new members onto the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod Representatives, and to hear reports on what has been happening in the Parish during the past year.

All Welcome to hear about past, present and future activities in the Parish.
In order to take part and vote at the meeting it is necessary to be on the Electoral Roll.

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Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Hagbourne Village Hall on Thursday 28th March. This is not a Parish Council meeting but is a statutory Annual Meeting for the residents of East Hagbourne. As an incentive to attending, a main topic for discussion will be what we can do with the money that we receive as a parish because of housing developments in the village. Since there are a significant number of houses in the development on Main Road opposite the school, the total sum that we will have will be greater than £250,000 and must be spent on infrastructure projects in the village within the next five years.
In order to stimulate discussion and to solicit suggestions from you, the Parish Council have prepared a shortlist of possible projects that can be found on the link: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/h7tyv4ebilh8u6kmgk30g/CIL-projects-APM.pdf?rlkey=w65ykcdgvor2ezx495gtdvhaq&dl=0 and will shortly be available on the village webpages. If you are unable to access this, then please ask myself or the Parish Clerk for a printed copy.
This is a subset of the many projects that are given in the much longer list: https://easthagbourne.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/EHPC_Community-Project-Strategy_20231202.pdf
However, as this is your meeting feel free to propose other projects that you feel would offer lasting improvements to the village or village life. There will be a short summary of Parish Council activities and a report on council finances but the primary part and the main aim of the meeting will be this discussion. An agenda will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard, Facebook, and Mailchimp on 18th March.

Parish Council meetings For some time an Action List has been included in both agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings. To increase transparency, the Action List has been expanded significantly. It is hoped that the Action List will then be a good snapshot of the current activities of the Parish Council. To streamline meetings, this new Action List will not be part of the agenda but an updated version of it will be included with the minutes of the meeting. These minutes are published straight after the next PC meeting when they have been formally approved.
The PC meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. 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. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th March.

Neighbourhood Plan At an SODC Council meeting on 22nd February, the East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan, was "made", that is it was formally adopted and accepted as part of the Local Development Plan. There are a few edits underway before the documents will be posted by SODC and on our website, but this has been a major undertaking and has required far more effort than I believe was anticipated by anybody when the work started nearly two years ago. Our thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their hard work on this.

Parish Surgeries Following a lively surgery in January, the next will again be in the Fleur on Friday 15th March from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. However, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns. 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

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East Hagbourne Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THURSDAY 28th MARCH, Hagbourne Village Hall

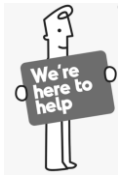
The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year, and to be involved in future plans for the parish. There will be particular focus this year on projects that should be prioritised for CIL money expenditure in coming years, so please do come along and join this important discussion. Refreshments from 7pm, meeting to start at 7.30pm.

HAGBOURNE CLUBFEST – SATURDAY 16th MARCH, 2-5PM, Hagbourne Village Hall

The Parish Council will have a table at Hagbourne Clubfest. It would be great to meet anyone who is willing to volunteer a few hours to help with footpath repairs, Community Speedwatch or other activities – many hands make light work! Please contact the clerk if you can help.

CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 15th MARCH

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



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

Winter Warm Spaces are available at Didcot Library and the Didcot Wave, see further info here for opening times and other nearby venues.
Oxfordshire Age UK's online Winter Hub is accessible here with advice on Oxfordshire County Council's Resident Support Scheme and other useful guidance.
SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays see here for information.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Fridays, see here for information.
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

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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:

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.

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Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P24/S0336/HH 36 Bishops Orchard, East Hagbourne - Demolish Conservatory and add single storey rear extension.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 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

Hagbourne Pre-School - for children aged 2 to 5

Hagbourne Pre-School are now taking admissions for September 2024. The books will close in Mid-May. To discover all about the Pre-School please visit: www.hagbournepreschool.org where you will find all the details and links and also how to arrange a visit.

THE ENGLISH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024: Dorchester-on-Thames

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The Festival takes place over the second May bank holiday, from **Friday 24th to Monday 27th May**, in Dorchester-on-Thames in Oxfordshire and we would welcome help over the whole weekend if possible, but if not, then whenever suits your own timetable. Duties can be tailored to your own interests, abilities and preferences. The full programme can be seen at https://www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2024-may-festival/programme.php.
Please contact Festival Director Em Marshall-Luck at em.marshall-luck@englishmusicfestival.org.uk for more information or if you are able to help.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

The Didcot Emergency Food Bank is at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS Telephone 01235 813187. Email: office@didcotbaptist.org.uk
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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
and Shirley Goss – 815608 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

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

Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

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

route number	94	94A	94A	94	94	94A	94	94A	94	94A	94A	94	94	94A	94
Didcot St Birinus School											1530				
Didcot Girls' School											1538				
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4		0720	0735	0840		1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1545	1700		1820	1920
Didcot Orchard Centre		0724	0739	0844		1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1549	1704		1824	1924
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way		↓	↓	0848		1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1553	1708		1828	1928
East Hagbourne War Memorial		0730	0745	0851		1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1556	1711		1831	1931
Blewbury The Blueberry		↓	↓	0858		↓	1128	↓	1328	↓	↓	1718		↓	1938
Upton Village Hall		↓	↓	0903		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1723		↓	↓
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow		↓	↓	0905		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1725		↓	↓
Harwell Campus Becquerel Avenue		↓	↓	0916	0922	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1735	1740	↓	↓
West Hagbourne Moor Lane	0645	0738	0751	↓	↓	1027	↓	1227	↓	1427	1602	↓	↓	1837	↓
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0646	0739	0752		0931	1028	↓	1228	↓	1428	1603		1749	1838	↓
Upton Village Hall	0648	0741	0754		0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1605		1751	1840	1943
Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610		1756	1845	1948
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	↓	0755	0808		↓	1044	↓	1244	↓	1444	1619		↓	1854	↓
South Moreton The Crown		0801	0814			1050		1250		1450	1625			1900	
North Moreton Bus Shelter		0805	0818			1054		1254		1454	1629			1904	
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0700	↓	↓		0945	↓	1145	↓	1345	↓	↓		1803	↓	1955
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	0704	↓	↓		0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	↓		1806	↓	1958
Didcot Orchard Centre	0710	0812	0826		0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1637		1812	1912	2004
Didcot Parkway Railway Station	0715	↓	0831		0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1642		1817	1917	2009
Didcot Girls' School		0820													
Didcot St Birinus School		0828													

This journey operates during school holidays only.

This journey operates on school days only. Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway.

Saturdays

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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	0831	0859	0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1559	1707	1759	1907	1959

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

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APRIL 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

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Thank you, the parish magazine committee

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