

St Andrew's Hagbourne

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APRIL 2024



SPRING EVENTS IN THE HAGBOURNES

St George's Day Dragons at West Hagbourne - 15th to 28th April

Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk - Monday 6th May

Glad Rags Sale - Saturday 27th April

Hagbourne Garden Club Plant Sale – Saturday 25th May

Scarecrow Trail - Saturday 25th May to Sunday 9th June

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 APRIL 2024

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Monday
 2 Tuesday
 3 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 4 Thursday
 5 Friday
 6 Saturday

8pm online Compline
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7 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
 9.15am lay led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM followed by APCM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Those recently
 Baptised and
 baptism visitors.*

8 Monday *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8pm online Compline
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9 Tuesday
 10 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 11 Thursday
 12 Friday
 13 Saturday

14 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



*CYGnets group
 and teenagers.*

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

8pm online Compline
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 8pm online Compline
 8pm online Compline

21 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



*Our worship,
 musicians,
 organists and
 choirs.*

22 Monday
 23 Tuesday *George, martyr, patron of England*
 24 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 25 Thursday *Mark the Evangelist*
 26 Friday
 27 Saturday

8pm online Compline
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 8pm online Compline

(Thank you to Linda Benton for our cover illustration this month)

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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

Now the Green Blade Riseth

What a joy it is to see the signs of Spring all around us! The blossom, the birdsong, the new growth all around. We are fortunate indeed to live in such a beautiful area of the country.

For Christians, the celebration of Easter is above all the celebration of new life. We think of Jesus' death on the Cross, commemorated on Good Friday, and his Resurrection to new life on Easter morning. The flowers and greenery which decorate churches at this time of year provide a beautiful visual reminder that Eastertide is all about new life.

A few days or so before Jesus was arrested and then crucified, he spoke the following words to his followers:

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John's Gospel Chapter 12, verse 24).

Many Easter hymns pick up this theme of new life. One of my favourites is the hymn which starts "Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain". Perhaps you know the hymn. It was written by J.M.C. Crum, a Church of England priest, and was first published in 1928. It is usually sung to an old French tune known as "Noel Nouvelet".

If you have a chance, do listen to a recording of this hymn. The combination of words and music does a marvellous job of communicating something of the joy of Spring, and also the hopefulness which is at the heart of the Christian festival of Easter. Yes, Jesus died; but Jesus rose again, and is alive today!

So let me finish by quoting these words from the hymn:

*"Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green."*



My prayer for us all is that during this Easter season we will experience once again God's gift of new life – that we will see new beginnings all around us and have a real sense of hope for the future.

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 April 2024 continued . . .

28 +Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



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

29 Monday
30 Tuesday

8pm online Compline
8pm online Compline

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

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 7th April. ALL WELCOME.



With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Vera Newman who has passed away at the age of 95. Vera lived for many years in Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne.

Baptism in the Benefice

24th March **Edith Margaux Renton** was baptised at All Saints' North Moreton

Interment of ashes

28th March at St Andrew's Churchyard **Jeanette Cuddon**, aged 63,
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



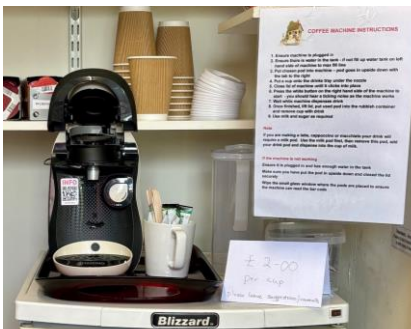


East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

The East Hagbourne Community Shop was founded to help keep our community Post Office open by raising sufficient funds to cover overhead costs. Proudly run entirely by volunteers for over 20 years, the Shop offers convenient essentials and a range of locally produced goods, sales of which help to support our valuable community amenities. To learn more about how you can help in just an hour a month: email easthagbourneshop@gmail.com or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393.



NEW! COFFEE TAKEAWAY

We are delighted to offer coffee for takeaway! Bring it along to warm up local walks or to visits to the playground. Available in recyclable cups or bring your own (small) re-useable mug. Make sure to pick up a sweet or snack, or perhaps a paperback to savour your elevenses or mid-afternoon break. Available now in the front hall, please share any suggestions to the Shop Volunteer on duty as we refine our set-up.

EXTRA SPRING VEG? This looks to be a bumper year for spring crops! If your allotment or garden is overflowing, consider donating your excess to the Shop, where we sell this high-quality, low-impact produce for a modest sum to our community.

MARCOPOLO IS NOW HERITAGE BAKERY Pre-order by 3 pm Wednesdays in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com for pickup on Saturdays. See the range of breads, pastries, savouries and pricing online at <https://easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office/>.



THURSDAY CAKES

Don't forget to collect your home-made cake on a Thursday morning . . . come early as they soon go. Birthday cards are available as well if the cake is for a special occasion!!



APRIL OPERATING HOURS

Post Office: Access personal or business bank accounts, pay bills or top up prepaid cards and mobiles.
Mornings: Mon - Sat 9am to 12:30pm plus Afternoons: Mon & Thurs 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

Shop: Hot coffee now available for takeaway! Offering freshly frozen fish & savoury pies, local free-range eggs, locally produced honey, marmalade & artists' cards; or crisps, snacks and classic pick n' mix sweets. Homemade cakes on Thursdays, or Heritage Bakery goods on Saturdays.

Shop Hours: Mon & Thu 9-5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9-4pm; Sat 9-12:30pm.

APRIL ROTAS	7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	21st April 4th Sunday of Easter	General Notes:
Readers	Old Testament Acts 4. vv 32-35 Sally Duncan New Testament 1 John 1.1-2.2 Myra Hardiman	Old Testament Acts 4. vv 5-12 Jenny Smith New Testament 1 John 3 vv 16-24 Donna Clifford	<p>Please note that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 21st April at 11.45am</p> <p>The Glad Rags Event takes place on Saturday 27th April at 6.30pm – help will be needed to tidy up afterwards.</p> <p>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.</p> <p>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Please could the rota organisers let Justine have their reports as soon as possible for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.</p> </div>
Intercessions	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Chris Price Wendy Price	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Coffee	Shirley Goss Myra Hardiman	Jill Garlick Donna Clifford	
Church Cleaning	Vivien Stocks Sally Barksfield	The Drewe Family	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Joy Napper	Alison Davis	
Flowers High Altar	Lynne Carter	Denise Horswell	

St Andrew's Church – Summer dates for your diary

Sunday, 9th June – Flower Festival and Teas in Church – the Scarecrow Trail event will be taking place and also the East Hagbourne Open Gardens on this day.

Saturday 27th July – Annual Church Fete from 1pm to 4pm.

Summer Teas start in St Andrew's on Sunday afternoons from mid-July.



Thank You to everyone who helped to make our Churches look so beautiful for Easter, it is lovely to see the flowers displayed once again and thank you to all who gave and all who participated in the thought provoking and interesting Lent Courses this year.

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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.



Tower Talk A few of the team have been on holiday recently but that has not stopped the rest of the team, and the bells have been rung for practice nights on a Tuesday and for two Morning Services a month and also two Evensongs a month, on one occasion we were only able to ring four bells as we only had four ringers in the tower but we made a sound.

There was a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm, this was also our AGM which we had to cancel in February as too many of the officers of the society were unable to attend. We all enjoyed our hot cross buns together, this year at Jeff's house. There were NO bells rung that night as it was Holy Week.

The bells were rung on Easter Sunday, 31st March at 10:00, for morning service.

On Friday 19th April a few of the team will be away in Gloucestershire for a ringing weekend. There is a wedding on Saturday 20th April at 3:00 followed by the ringing of the bells. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 1st April - Jill Garlick, 12th April – Jeff Powell

Dates for your diary: Saturday 20th April: Wedding at 3pm
Saturday 27th April – Glad Rags Sale in the Church



Glad Rags and Handbags



A Sale of Nearly New Clothes,
Shoes, Handbags and more. . .

Saturday 27th April

6.30pm

St Andrew's Church
East Hagbourne



Refreshments available





Don't miss your chance to bag a bargain!
Funds raised to support St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne.

Please leave any items (clothes for women, men and children also shoes, jewellery, bags etc . . .) at the back of the Church.




Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK Monday May 6th

11am (Registration 9.00 to 10.30) Hagbourne Village Hall

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE SATURDAY 4th MAY at:

<https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2024>

Note: under 16's forms must be signed by a parent or guardian,
under 9's must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

**Dogs on leads only with walkers:
sorry NO dogs with runners.**



PROCEEDS TO CANCER RESEARCH & THE VILLAGE FUND



Information from:

Robpennington64@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/hagbournefunrun

ONLINE ENTRIES:

**Runners – Adults £9, U16's £3
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1**

ON THE DAY:

**Runners – Adults £10, U16's £3
Adult walkers £5, U16 walkers £1**



**ALL SUPPORTERS WELCOME: ENJOY THE
REFRESHMENTS & MUSIC AT THE VILLAGE HALL**



HAMS

The HAMS steering group has released the following statement:

"Our sincere apologies to any of our loyal supporters who were unable to buy a ticket to **HAMSFEST** because of an announcement that all tickets were sold out. We have not determined the precise nature of the error in ticket numbers and are deeply sorry for the inconvenience. Our regular audience members were especially missed. For that, we are extremely sorry."

Looking forward, as our new season begins on 1st April, we will be preparing for our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, 9th May in the Village Hall at 7pm.

There will be a short AGM following by a showing of **HAMSFEST THE MOVIE** on the big screen. If that is not sufficient incentive to attend, we will tempt you with a welcoming drink when the doors open at 6.45pm. As usual, DVD and Blu-ray copies of the movie will be available at a cost of £12 each; all of the money goes to support HAMS. Please order your copy (copies) by emailing proctor1a@aol.com or telephone 01235 815 943 to receive payment instructions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

www.thehams.co.uk

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church. Thanks go to those who organised a lunch, those who made the amazing variety of soups and or cakes, and to all of you who came to support the lunches. This was a lovely fellowship enjoyed by friends, family, villagers and visitors to the village. All of the lunches were really well attended this year and thank you all for your generosity. Sadly, we had to cancel one of the lunches on 16th March due to the ClubFest in the Village Hall but what a wonderful afternoon that was, a big thank you to the organisers.

We made just over **£1,220.00** on the five lunches this year, the money going towards St Andrew's Church, a Mothers' Union Charity and Sobell House. The Big Lunch for Sobell House raised **£685.00**, thank you very much to all who came to support this annual event for Sobell and to all who helped. Look out for the **Summer Teas at St Andrew's** this summer, Sunday afternoons from mid-July. Many thanks, Shirley Goss



Music Sunday

*A celebration of
the Nation's favourite hymns*



Promoted & supported by the Royal School of Church Music

St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne - Sunday 16th June, 10.30am

Keep the date free and join us to celebrate & sing some of the Nation's favourite hymns.

This is a Benefice wide event.

JAZZ AT THE FLEUR A new focus on Jazz and Blues, with a launch on **16th June**, featuring the world-famous **Ronnie Scott Allstars**. Additional events are being planned, including community events such as Jam Sessions and Jazz singing experiences.

Location and tickets: The Fleur. Contact Peter for more information, playing or singing - all standards welcome. Phone: 01235 819057

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.**

**Entry forms available in the magazine, at the Community Shop or you
can print your own from www.easthagbourne.net.**

Entry forms to be returned by Friday 3rd May

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

**The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing teas in Church during
the afternoons of Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June
when maps will also be for sale.**

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 aannanjoness@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



East Hagbourne Open Gardens Sunday 9th June 2024 from 1 to 4pm

Come and visit seven glorious gardens on your doorstep in East Hagbourne, open through the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on Sunday 9th June. Gardens open are: Bottom Barn, The Gables, Lime Tree Cottage, Buckels, 5 Higgs Close and on Fieldside: Kingfisher House and Yew Tree Cottage. The admission price of £5 raises money for the NGS and covers entry to all 7 gardens. Please bring a printout of your booking. Although you can buy tickets on the day, it is easier to book online: <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/25852/east-hagbourne-gardens>

Tea and cakes will be available at St Andrew's Church (where you can also visit the Flower Festival) and on Fieldside; Open Gardens Pimms (and other options!) will be available from the Fleur de Lys; plants will be on sale at 5 Higgs Close; ice creams will be available from the Village Shop. While most local people will visit on foot, parking is available for those coming from further afield in the Pavilion carpark (off Great Mead – opposite the Post Office on the left coming from Didcot) and on the field accessed down Manor Farm Lane (on the right coming from Coscote).

About the National Garden Scheme: The NGS has been running for nearly 100 years, giving visitors unique access to over 3500 UK gardens and donating over £70 million to nursing and health charities. In 2023 it made an annual donation of over £3.4 million to core beneficiaries including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute as well as supporting garden charities and providing grant bursaries to help community gardening projects. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you in the gardens.

Hagbourne Garden Club Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 25th April at the Pavilion in East Hagbourne. The talk by **Timothy Walker** will be called **Two for the Price of One** and will discuss plants with at least two attractive features. Particularly useful for small gardens for maximum impact and value from the plants we can grow. Come along at 7pm for refreshments and the talk will start at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome at £5 per person.

For further information call Sally on 01235 352275

THE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE will be on Saturday, 25th May 2.30 to 4.30pm at the Pavilion, East Hagbourne. Refreshments, homemade cakes and a Raffle. Full details in the May magazine.



West Hagbourne St George's Day Dragon Display

Theme: Dragons By The Sea

15th-28th April



Dragon Walk

Sunday 28th April
Leaving from the
square at 2pm



Tea & Cake Prize Giving

Sunday 28th April
Woodleys, The Square
2.30-4.30pm



Plant Stall

A chance to buy your
bedding plants



HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Liking the lichen in the biodiverse garden

As the idea of eliminating garden wildlife has become outdated by the biodiversity crisis, gardeners now realise the value of wild flora and fauna, as well as the importance of their own roles in conserving biodiversity.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has listed top beneficial wildlife and plants to encourage into our gardens to naturally ward off the species that can be more damaging to our plants*.

First and foremost, the RHS want us to love lichens, which often grow on trees, shrubs and walls. Lichens are mini marvels, a food source for other garden wildlife, shelters for invertebrates, and a source of nesting materials. They capture nitrogen oxides – a common pollutant, absorb carbon during photosynthesis and regulate moisture in gardens by soaking up rain and then releasing it as water vapour.

We also need to make wasps welcome; these are important predators and useful later pollinators. Beneficial fungi in the garden, which help recycle dead wood and support plant health, can be encouraged with woody mulch or pruning cuttings from healthy trees. Even slime mould gets top marks from the RHS for its contribution to nutrient recycling.

Caterpillars are part of a healthy garden – and a vital food source for birds, especially blue tits. Aphids are loved by wrens and dunnocks. Plant-nibblers play a key role in recycling plant material and animal waste and are themselves food for hedgehogs, frogs, birds and beetles. Slugs and snails are historically unwelcome in gardens and the RHS is working on ethical ways of reducing their damage, recommending biological control nematodes and mulch as controls. A key lesson is that a garden with a balanced ecosystem can get rid of many issues caused by particular species. In the current climate and biodiversity emergencies, it is time to accept – perhaps even encourage, more of this life into our gardens.

RHS LIST OF BENEFICIAL FLORA AND FAUNA:

Lichens, Native ladybirds. Pollinators, Solitary bees (*Aculeate hymenoptera*), Sulphur tuft fungi (*Hypholoma fasciculare*), Slime moulds, Rose chafer beetle (*Cetonia aurata*), Inkcap mushrooms, Hoverflies, Social wasps.

*<https://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/RHS-first-ranking-of-beneficial-garden-wildlife>

ClubFest – What an afternoon on 16th March!

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. So many thanks are due, but mostly to all the clubs and groups that supported ClubFest, creating a real buzz! Thanks also to the Village Hall and the East Hagbourne Parish Council for financial help.

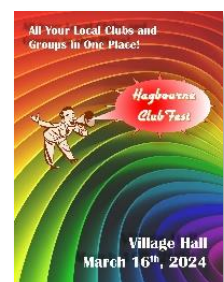
Every group had new contacts and interest, and it looks like new groups have been started as well, including art and photography. We had dozens and dozens of villagers, old and new (some not even moved in yet), and all went away having learned that the Hagbournes are swarming with talent and energy. Also . . . donations for Tea and Cake raised over £250 for the Didcot and Area Food Bank. Thanks again for your support.

We have also gathered names for the new East Hagbourne WhatsApp group. If you'd like to join then please contact Doug via dougamn@live.com

Let's do it again sometime!

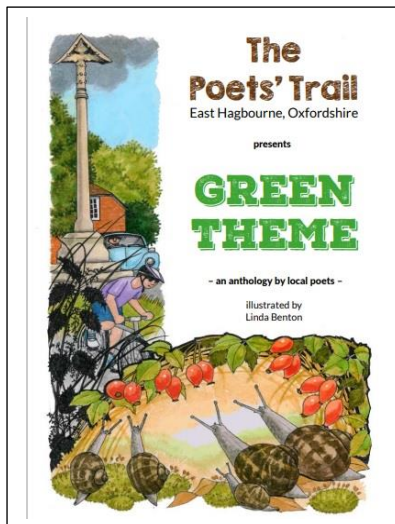
All the best from The Action Group.

ClubFest Programmes are still available from East Hagbourne Parish Council and the Community Shop



The Poets' Trail Green Theme Anthology Following our successful "green" afternoon in the Village Hall The Poets' Trail Green Theme anthology is officially launched. Copies are available for only £5 from East Hagbourne Community Shop and Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot. Poems by 16 local people are in the book.

During the afternoon HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability) organised a touchy-feely, creative activity. Anyone daring enough could put their hands through holes into a big box, feel the contents (all natural but nothing with teeth!) and then write words to describe them. The poets wrote some instant verse based around the words.



Here are some of the verses:

In one hand the soft caress
of fleece in the dark.

In the other hand
Fibonacci coil of the cone.

By Margaret G

A big soft woolly thing,
So it is not volcanic,
More fluffy than puffy.
The wooden petals of a cone,
So once again, not volcanic.

By Jim

Fluffy, puffy, frisky lambs,
Big woolly thing – their mam,
Sunflowers with their
Fibonacci spiralled hearts,
Uncurling, dry, In the brittle land.

By Bonita

A hedgehog treads over little
things, The crumbly and crunchy,
The tickly and prickly,
The crispy and twiggy,
Then smooth, round and nutty!
Countless little things make our
enormous world. *By Linda*

THE ENGLISH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024: Dorchester-on-Thames

Friday 24th to Monday 27th May

Would you like to help?

Do you love music, and would you like to spend a weekend in the best of company, with a friendly and welcoming group of volunteers helping at an internationally acclaimed music festival, with celebrated musicians and a wonderful array of music?

If so, please come and join us at the English Music Festival! We are looking for volunteers to help with stewarding, refreshments and looking after artists. Not only will you be warmly welcomed by our affable and inclusive group of helpers, but you will have the chance to meet and work with our star artists such as the BBC Concert Orchestra, clarinettist Michael Collins, conductor Hilary Davan Wetton and pianist and Radio 3 presenter Paul Guinery, and the opportunity to attend all the concerts.

The Music Festival takes place over the second May bank holiday, from **Friday 24th to Monday 27th May 2024**, 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>.

We also are in urgent need of people to host artists and interns, so if you were able to help in that way, by giving B&B to students or an artist, please let us know. We would be so grateful for your help.

Please contact Festival Director Em Marshall-Luck at em.marshall-luck@englishmusicfestival.org.uk for more information or if you are able to help.

East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground

The Annual Meeting of the management committee will be held on Monday 22nd April at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Great Mead.

East Hagbourne 19th Annual Scarecrow Competition

Entry Form 2024

Profits will be shared between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid

Theme: “Your favourite TV Character”

CUP TO BE AWARDED TO THE COMPETITION WINNER

Name of Scarecrow: _____

Name of Entrant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Paid by: Cash Cheque BACs

If you are from outside East Hagbourne and would like to enter, a site can be found for your “visiting scarecrow” or you can organise your own. Email us on EHScarecrows@gmail.com

**Scarecrow to be in place from Saturday morning of 25th May
to stay in place until Sunday evening 9th June.**

Please return your entry form to Chris and Sacha Powell, Peppersfield, 96a New Road, East Hagbourne along with payment of £5 either by cash or cheque (payable to East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail) or alternatively BACs/Faster Payment: Account: 34642262 Sort Code: 30-99-50 Please use your surname as a reference. Indicating on the entry form this type of payment.

**Entries to be in by Friday 3rd May so that trail maps
can be prepared beforehand.**

Straw available at Peppersfield, 96a New Road, generously donated by the Powell's farm.

Any questions, please email EHScarecrows@gmail.com

Many thanks for your support

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting By the time you read this, The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will have been held. I hope that we will have had good feedback on how to spend our quarter of a million pounds. These funds come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a levy by the District Council on any new buildings, and the majority of our funds come from the houses built by Deanfield near the village school. However, if you missed the APM then please still let us know your thoughts on this by phone, email, or face-to-face to the Clerk, myself, or any parish councillor. This is an ongoing process. We are talking about using this money from now until 2029.

Footpaths and Footways However, we are already using small amounts of CIL money to improve our footways and footpaths. Some helped to expand the work being done on Main Road beside and opposite the Fleur de Lys and the other is being used to supplement a grant from TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) to install a proper footpath from the top of Wilcher Close alongside the allotments (footpath FP4). As our total expenditure in these two schemes is around £4000, there is plenty left to cover any initiative from the APM. It is interesting that the TOE money is coming from a separate CIL pot so this is arguably a benefit from the sometimes considered excessive house building in Oxfordshire. The other very recent activity on Main Road is to install dropped kerbs in Kingsholm Close to enable access to the houses for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. This is being funded by the County Council.

Volunteering Like many of the village clubs and activities represented in the recent very successful ClubFest in the Village Hall on 16th March, the Parish Council was appealing for volunteers to support our activities in several areas. Among these are: helping with footpath maintenance, the emergency plan, stream maintenance, and speedwatch. We had some sign ups at ClubFest but still welcome more help, particularly if you have expertise or equipment for working in any of these areas.

Dog waste and Grass Cutting One of our largest singular regular items of expenditure is in paying to have the dog waste bins emptied on a weekly basis. Our present costs are over £5000 per year but, at the March council meeting, we agreed to change our contractor in order to nearly quarter this cost. We did have problems when we previously moved to a cheaper contractor, but we have good reason to believe that this new contractor will be able to provide an equivalent service to our current one. We also have an agreement in place for a quick return to our current contractor should this be necessary. I am sure you will not be slow in letting us know if there is any problem. At the same council meeting, we agreed to continue to keep our grass-cutting contract with BGG at only a small increase in costs from last year.

Information dissemination When we (EHPC) hear of any building or road works activity in the village we will always notify people by Mailchimp and Facebook. If we don't it is because we have not been informed but we are hopeful that a new initiative called the Oxfordshire Councils Charter will include specific recommendations for better communication between the various councils and so we might be better informed in the future. The Charter should be formally agreed by OALC (Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils) and the major councils in May.

Elections In case you are wondering, the only elections that we will have on 2nd May are for the Police and Crime Commissioner. The County Council elections are in 2025 and the next District and Parish elections in 2027.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will again be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 19th April 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.

Parish Council meetings 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 18th April. 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
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FOOTPATH & RESURFACING AT BUTTS PIECE - GRANT SUCCESS!

The Parish Council is delighted to confirm that it has been awarded a grant from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), using funding from the South Oxfordshire District Council CIL Fund. This generous grant of up to £7,515 will help fund a durable footpath surface enabling year-round accessibility from Wilcher Close past Butts Piece Allotments and up towards Millennium Wood. The Parish Council is also contributing £2,000 of its CIL Money Fund towards the project. It is hoped that the resurfacing can be completed in spring this year so the improved footpath can be enjoyed throughout the summer months.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 19th APRIL

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](#)

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

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

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections. Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne.

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

Planning applications received since the last newsletter: None.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thurs 18th April 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

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 R4	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

route number		94A	94	94	94A	94	94A	94	94A	94	94A	94	94A	94
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4		0735		0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910
Didcot Orchard Centre		0739		0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714	1814	1914
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way		↓		0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918
East Hagbourne War Memorial		0745		0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	1921
Blewbury The Blueberry		↓		0928	↓	1128	↓	1328	↓	1528	↓	1728	↓	1928
West Hagbourne Moor Lane	0751	↓		1027	↓	1227	↓	1427	↓	1627	↓	1827	↓	↓
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0752	↓		1028	↓	1228	↓	1428	↓	1628	↓	1828	↓	↓
Upton Village Hall	0754		0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1533	1630	1733	1830	1933	
Blewbury The Blueberry	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1538	1635	1738	1835	1938	
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	0808		↓	1044	↓	1244	↓	1444	↓	1644	↓	1844	↓	↓
South Moreton The Crown	0814		↓	1050	↓	1250	↓	1450	↓	1650	↓	1850	↓	↓
North Moreton Bus Shelter	0818		↓	1054	↓	1254	↓	1454	↓	1654	↓	1854	↓	↓
East Hagbourne War Memorial	↓	0845	0945	↓	1145	↓	1345	↓	1545	↓	1745	↓	1945	↓
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	↓	0848	0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	1548	↓	1748	↓	1948	↓
Didcot Orchard Centre	0826	0854	0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1554	1702	1754	1902	1954	
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	0831	0859	0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1559	1707	1759	1907	1959	

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

Thames Travel bus service to 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 and down Wantage Road, past the Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and JR. **The service from Didcot to Wantage is now the X35 and we also have a service to Newbury, the X34. These all start from the Orchard Centre in Didcot.**

To look up timetables for all these services please visit:
www.oxfordbus.co.uk.

There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.



FUN EVENT on 28th April to raise funds for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue at Didcot Town Football Club from 10am to 4pm – Free Entry
Mini land rovers, bouncy castles, music, food vans, tombola, licensed bar, ice cream, craft stands, cakes, sweets, competitions and games - a great day out for the whole family!

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a local charity dedicated to saving injured, sick and orphaned UK wildlife. They have been given notice to leave their current rented premises in the autumn. So this event is being organised to raise funds for OWR to buy land and build Oxfordshire's first wildlife hospital. They help 1000s of patients each year within Oxfordshire and Berkshire, so finding a new home for the charity is vital for local wildlife.

They have been fundraising desperately since November 2023 and still have a long way to go, here is a link to our fundraiser if you would like to take a look: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-appeal-save-oxfordshire-wildlife-rescue?qid=0ff7edeccafd8cd7188d0302e22e10a2>

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

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages. **There is very high demand on the Foodbank at the moment.** You can leave items in the supermarkets in Didcot, at Blewbury Post Office or make a money donation via the Foodbank. **Contact details if you need to use the Foodbank or you would like to make a donation:** 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. **All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

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.

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MAY 2024 PARISH MAGAZINE

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Thank you, the parish magazine committee

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