

St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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HAGBOURNE

CHURCH FETE

Saturday 20th June

St Andrew's Church 1pm – 4pm



**Teas
Cakes
Books**



Tombola



Discarded Treasures



Plant Stall

Bottle Stall



Strawberries



Hook a Duck

Tower visits



Raffle

Free Organ Recital at St Andrew's 5pm on 7th June

Free Hagbourne Community Choir Concert at St Andrew's 27th June

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes and Coscote

**Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites.**

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR June 2026

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

Prayer Focus:

1 Monday		8pm online Compline
2 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
3 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
4 Thursday	7pm A time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
5 Friday		8pm online Compline
6 Saturday		

7 +Sunday FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
 9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club: St Andrew's H
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 2.30pm Teas in Church: St Andrew's
 5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

8 Monday		8pm online Compline
9 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
10 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship group: Charity School House Blewbury	
11 Thursday		8pm online Compline
12 Friday		8pm online Compline
13 Saturday		

14 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Pastoral care and visiting.

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist: SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 3pm Sing your heart out: St Michael's B
 4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

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

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The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U), St Michael's Blewbury (B),
 All Saints' Aston Upthorpe (AU), St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT),
 St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM), All Saints' North Moreton (NM)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections

Ada Lovelace and her Institute

You may well be asking yourself: *who was Ada Lovelace?* Why am I choosing to write about her?

Ada Lovelace is considered to be the world's first computer programmer. She was born in 1815, the daughter of Lord Byron, the famous poet. Her parents separated two months after she was born, and Ada herself, like many women from her social class, was never sent to school. However, she received private tutoring, and in due course she became a highly talented mathematician.

She was introduced to Charles Babbage, and produced a programme for Babbage's "Analytical Engine", the prototype of the modern computer. In 1835, Ada married William King, the 8th Baron King; a few years later, her husband was created Earl of Lovelace, and so Ada became the Countess of Lovelace. Ada herself died in 1852.

Ada was a remarkable woman, and the Ada Lovelace Institute was established in her honour in 2018. What does this Institute do? It focusses its work on trying to ensure that Artificial Intelligence benefits everyone in society. In its own words, the Institute aims "through research, policy and practice...to ensure that the transformative power of data and AI is used and harnessed in ways that maximize social wellbeing and put technology at the service of humanity". Do look at the Institute's website – the Institute does excellent work, and its work deserves to be better known.

See <https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/>



Here in the Churn Benefice, we are holding a series of talks to help us all engage with the impact of AI in our lives. These talks are on the Second Sunday of every month and are part of an informal 6pm Service at St Andrew's Hagbourne. They are designed for everyone, and everyone is very welcome.

Like any technology, AI can be used for good, but it can also be used for bad. It is up to us to determine whether AI will prove to be a blessing, or a curse. The UK Government is eager to push out the adoption of AI as rapidly as possible. But what sort of safeguards should be in place? At the end of the day, AI isn't about technology – it's about people. How will AI contribute to human flourishing? Do come along to our talks and share your thoughts. It will be great to hear your views.

- **Father Jason**

Home Communion 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.



Free Organ Recital at St Andrew's Sunday 7th June at 5pm

We will be joined by Andrew Walker who will play works by Jehan Alain, Percy Whitlock, J.S.Bach and Frederic Descamps.

We hope to see you there!

21 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (REFUGEE SUNDAY)

Families, children's outreach, family services and Mothers' Union.

9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Family Communion Service: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Pet Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word for Refugee Sunday: St Andrew's



22 Monday		8pm online Compline
23 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
24 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship group: Charity School House, Blewbury	
25 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
26 Friday		8pm online Compline
27 Saturday		

28 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Outreach and parish magazines.

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



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



Save the date!

**Come and sing Choral Evensong
Saturday 8th August at St Andrew's**



On Saturday 8th August St Andrew's Hagbourne will host a Come and Sing BCP Evensong, celebrating the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It will be led by our regular visiting organ scholar, James Lord, with the support of Father Jason. They have chosen beautiful music for the Feast of Transfiguration (and some fabulous congregational hymns!) which we will distribute to the choir beforehand together with some YouTube links.

The proposed timings are:

Rehearsal 3-4.30pm Tea 4.30-5.15 Evensong 5.30 Refreshments afterwards.

Please put Saturday 8th August in your diary and help spread the word! There will be no charge, but registration with Elaine in the office is needed so that we can have enough copies of the music ready. Email office@churnchurches.co.uk or phone 01235850267

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com

Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com

Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link:
Computer, tablet, smartphone <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>
New user <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via <https://meet.goto.com/312446493>
If you would like to be added to our weekly mailing list to receive the Churn newsletter, please contact Elaine or you can sign up here <http://eepurl.com/iEcD8A>.

Refugee Sunday – 21st June – A Special Service at St Andrew’s 6pm

On Refugee Sunday, we will have a joint service of prayer & sharing, followed by a bring-and-share meal. Please see page 15 for full details.

Funeral in the Benefice

21st May at St John the Baptist, South Moreton: **Winifred Emily Annie Clark**, aged 101
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Baptisms in the Benefice

3rd May **Austin Arthur Pickett Bianchini** was baptised at St Andrew’s, Hagbourne
9th May **Frederick Crispin Glover** was baptised at St Michael’s, Blewbury
10th May **Toby Frederick Timmis** was baptised at St Michael’s, Aston Tirrold
24th May **George James Peter Furness-Smith** was baptised at St Michael’s, Aston Tirrold
31st May **Clementine Maud Moore** was baptised at All Saints’, North Moreton
31st May **Alexander George Andrew Cooper** was baptised at St Andrew’s Hagbourne
May God’s blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.



Wedding in the Benefice

2nd May **Sunny Melton and Sarah Hetherington** were married at St Mary’s, Upton.
We pray for God’s blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together.



CAMPAIGNING is an important action that Mothers’ Union takes to improve the conditions of family life. This happens nationally, through government and local councils and globally across the world. It is not very well known, but MU has a voice in the United Nations and is particularly involved in committee discussions for the Commission on the Status of Women.

Here is a small selection of MU political campaigning over the years:

- In the early part of the twentieth century, MU campaigned to raise the minimum age of marriage to 16 years.
- In 1945, MU lobbied with the National Council of Women and the WI for the introduction of family allowances to be paid directly to mothers.
- In 2010 MU launched a report “Bye Buy Childhood” calling on the Government to prohibit sexualised media and marketing to children under 16 years of age.
- We have now been called to take part in a government survey: “Growing up in the Online World”.

As you see MU is a forward-looking Christian organisation, grounded in prayer and always with a focus to support loving family relationships.

Our branch continues to meet monthly for a Holy Communion Service followed by refreshments. This month the service is at 10am at St Michael’s Church, Blewbury on Thursday 25th June. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in.

Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch



Tower Talk We would like to thank Alan and Daniel for putting the flag up on the tower for St George's Day in John's absence.

We had some ringers from Standlake visit the tower on Saturday 16th May, this was their first outing as a band. They have a lot of new ringers in their band and found our bells quite difficult to ring as they are heavier than they are used to and a short draft. They were joined by a few members of our tower who were there to lend a helping hand. A good experience though and they enjoyed their lunch in The Fleur afterwards.

We organised a Tower Spring Clean on Saturday 23rd May. Lots of cobwebs to clear plus their occupants and the ladybirds have moved in again on mass! Jeff turned up in a mask and overalls to clean the stairs, not an easy job, well done Jeff.

The next Training Day will be held on Saturday 13th June. The method will be Single Oxford with bobs. One of our quarterly meetings will take place on **Tuesday 2nd June** following a short ringing practice. Saturday **20th June is Church Fete Day!**

Birthdays: None in the tower to my knowledge.

Dates for your diary: Quarterly Meeting 2nd June, Training Day 13th June Shirley Goss



Sunday Club In the Parish Room, 10.30am St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month, joining parents in the Church Service later. Bible stories, circle time, drawing, colouring, painting, crafts and more. Ages 4 - 11. Encourages children to interact with each other and adults, make friends, be creative. A gentle introduction to Christian values.

Next dates: Sunday 7th of June and Sunday 5th July



It takes a whole village to make a fun run run!

Our annual fun run has grown and grown over the past few years and this year we had more than 500 participants and raised a fantastic £5000 for Cancer Research and the Village Fund.

A massive thank you to the many, many people who helped make the whole thing tick around the big day: to our wonderful sponsors, the intrepid course marshalls, the fabulous cake bakers, those who served the refreshments, registered the competitors or helped in so many other ways ... and of course thank you to the gallant participants and all of their supporters who helped to make the atmosphere so special.

If you enjoy this lovely community event and might consider joining the organising committee then we would love to hear from you – please just drop an email to Jkapennington@gmail.com.

Thank you again and see you all next year! The Fun Run Committee



Scarecrow Trail

in East Hagbourne 2026



CUP FOR THE
WINNING
SCARECROW

Theme:

"Historical Figures"

Scarecrow Trail . . .

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

**Saturday 23rd May
until Sunday 7th June**

Buy your maps for £1
from East Hagbourne
Community Shop
and The Fleur
from Friday 22nd May
in order to follow
and vote for your
favourite scarecrow.

The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing teas
in St Andrew's Church during the afternoons of
Sunday, 24th May, Sunday 31st May and Sunday 7th June
when maps will also be on sale.

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



**HAGBOURNE
COMMUNITY
CHOIR**



**FREE CONCERT BY HAGBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR
at St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne**

**Saturday, 27th June 2026 from 3:00 to 4:00pm
Tea and Cakes! to follow concert until 4:30pm**

*The Programme will include a selection of songs and medleys from:
The Beatles, Cold Play, Cats the Musical, Walking on Sunshine, Crocodile Rock,
Blame It On the Boogie, Skyfall, A Thousand Years, Heart and Soul..*

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

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



House Sparrow
Photo: Jacob Spinks: Creative Commons

Citizen Science

The UK is thought to have the largest participation levels in citizen science anywhere in the world. Hundreds of thousands of us every year take part in surveys in our gardens, parks and other green, spaces. We're recording birds, insects, plants and more. Many of us are motivated by the obviously reducing numbers of wildlife that we notice around us. Taking part in these surveys provide valuable, large-scale data on these current trends.

Here are just a few of our national biodiversity surveys –

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch: held in January, the world's largest garden wildlife survey. One hour counting the maximum number of each bird species seen.

- **Big Butterfly Count:** held in July and August, the world's largest butterfly survey. 15 minutes in a sunny spot counting butterflies and day-flying moths.
- **Big River Watch:** run in April and September by the Rivers Trust and Earthwatch Europe, a huge water quality and river health survey. 15 minutes watching the river, answering survey questions about pollution and overall ecosystem health.
- **Bugs Matter:** Led by Buglife, running spring and summer, a relatively new survey. All you have to do is clean your car registration plate, download the app, log your car journey and at the end count and upload the number of insect splats you have on your car registration plate.
- **UKPoMS (UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme):** Running spring and summer, just 10 minutes recording all the insects that visit specific target flowers.

For more ideas and inspiration, take a look at the Natural History Museum's survey calendar and why not have a go!

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/monitor-and-encourage-nature/getting-started-with-wildlife-monitoring/survey-calendar.html>

www.hugsustainability.org

Why not join the Hagbourne Community Choir?

Hagbourne Community Choir is a thriving choir which meets every Tuesday evening in term-time in the Pavilion on Great Mead in East Hagbourne. We rehearse from 7:15 to 8:45pm with a break in the middle for a glass of wine and a chat. We're a very friendly and sociable group and every rehearsal always involves laughter as well as singing! We sing in four parts from sheet music, but music reading is not necessary and many of our members don't read the music other than following the ups and downs of the little dots.

We sing a light pop repertoire and in September we will be working on Blame it on the Boogie, Walking on Sunshine and a medley from CATS'. New members are welcome on all parts. We perform two or three times a year, usually in Hagbourne Church, so if you would like a fun and relaxing activity on a Tuesday evening, please get in touch!

Your first rehearsal is free, to see whether you like us, and after that it's £7 per week, paid at the start of each term. Singing is proven to be excellent for mental health, and you are guaranteed to leave rehearsals with a song in your heart and a spring in your step! Contact conductor Louise Rapple Moore on lourap@gmail.com or just come along to a rehearsal.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

JUNE OPERATING HOURS

Shop: Mon & Thu 9–4:30pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9–4pm;
Sat 9–12:30pm

PO: Closed. Parliamentary petition in progress – see below
**SAVE THE DATE: EH Community Shop AGM 30th July,
7:30pm, Hagbourne Village Hall**

**Follow us on FB or visit the village website:
easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office/**

SUMMER'S NEARLY HERE Delightfully cool drinks, ice creams or popsicles, crisps or pick n' mix sweets refresh you between adventures or daily errands. For this season's special occasions, choose from our local artist cards to celebrate Father's Day 21st June, graduations, birthdays or weddings. Hosting a barbeque or celebration? Make it special with Calnan's sausages with buns from Heritage Bakery; and don't forget local eggs, Dark Horse coffee and breads or pastries for the morning after.

EXTRA VEG? Summer brings a welcome bounty of fresh produce to gardens and allotments. Consider donating any excess to the Shop, to be made available to our community for a modest sum. Many thanks for your generosity!

HERITAGE BAKERY ON SATURDAY Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection on Saturday! Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. Products and allergen details in Shop or at easthagbourne.net.

POST OFFICE UPDATE

Local MP Olly Glover submitted a parliamentary petition on 18th May requesting the Minister of Trade and Industry reinstate the East Hagbourne PO Community Branch Model, because the proposed Local Model is not economically or operationally feasible for our volunteer-run, not-for-profit community shops. The ministers have 2 months to respond, due Monday 18th July.

You can help by emailing to ask the Ministers to reinstate the East Hagbourne Community Branch Model PO: Identify yourself as a resident or customer of East Hagbourne Post Office, and please use your own words to express why reinstating East Hagbourne Community Branch Post Office matters to you. **Points to consider:**

- The closure of East Hagbourne PO has been a major loss to our community. Residents – senior citizens in particular – local charity and activity groups, and local small businesses especially for access to banking services since nearly all banks have closed their Didcot branches. The proposed 'hub' rotating access to various banks for 2027 or later will be independently accessible for elderly, infirm or carers, lacking close-up parking or nearby bus stops.
- The 'Local Model' proposed by the PO Ltd is not feasible economically or functionally for a volunteer-run, not-for-profit Community Shop. The expected income calculated by the PO Ltd. doesn't even cover the minimum legal wages to pay staff for the minimum PO service hours. The PO stated that they expect profits from the 'retail side' to cover these wages, sapping profits from any small business in this model, and impossible for a not-for-profit community enterprise to do.
- It is unreasonable to expect our volunteers – retirees, at-home parents, DoE students and the Style Acre community – to undergo and master the intensive postmaster training to deliver PO services. Our community volunteers to gain valuable work experience, but mostly to connect with their community, which is the central purpose for our community shop social enterprise.
- It is not feasible for the Community Shop's volunteer leadership team to work the additional weekly hours needed for the financial oversight needed to maintain the stringent accounting standards of the PO in the absence of a dedicated postmaster under the Local Model.

Please see continuation on page 10

POST OFFICE UPDATE continued from page 9 . . .

- The Plunkett Foundation was consulted and agreed that 'one size does not fit all', and that the PO's Local Model is not suitable for volunteer-run enterprises.
- The 2 alternative branches identified by the PO Ltd require driving to access, as local bus routes do not stop at their locations and the nearest lacks close-up parking, making them difficult for senior, infirm or care-givers to access; and both often have excessive lines, which, given the continued building of new homes in the already sizeable Didcot area, will only worsen.

Ministerial Contact details: Olly's office advises using the Ministerial styling shown below to ensure they receive your email, and to email both, as it is unclear which will be responding:

- **Rt. Hon Peter Kyle, Secretary of State for Business and Trade:** Supports small independent businesses and enforcing payment of legal minimum wage, which the Local Model does not do. Peter.kyle.mp@parliament.uk
- **Blair McDougall, Undersecretary of State for Business and Trade (Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation):** Recognises 'the unique role the PO plays as a lifeline to residents' and wishes to ensure local communities across the UK retain access to the vital services Post Offices provide, including banking.
Blair.mcdougall.mp@parliament.uk

The Shop Committee thanks you for your continued support and encouragement!

GARAGE SALE Trail

Stalls in driveways around village

BBQ tea/cake stall ice cream available

cash only event

West Hagbourne
7th June 2026
2.00-5.00pm

village map £2

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 – 815605

shirley.goss@btinternet.com

Hagbourne Barn Dance Club

an evening of Traditional English Dance

is usually held on the third Friday of the month at the Hagbourne Village Hall at 8pm to 11pm.

Please bring your own mug and plate, saves on the washing up!

Next session: 19th June.

Help wanted at the St Andrew's Church Fete If you can help in any way at all please let us know. Lynne would be very glad of any bottles (full of goodies) that you can spare for her stall, Peter and co would welcome your discarded treasures and I would welcome any raffle prize you might like to donate. We are also looking for items for the tombola, plant stall and children's books. You may leave items in the Parish Room at the back of the Church. Thank you in anticipation. Jill Garlick and Jane Drewe.

Charity Quiz Night for CoppaTrek update Unfortunately I have had to postpone the Charity Quiz night on 30th May at the Village Hall due to unforeseen circumstances. However, a new date will be coming soon so watch this space! Natalie.

HAMS officially pauses our programme of activity between April and October, but we were delighted to welcome many loyal friends and supporters to our AGM in May. The evening included a look back at a few highlights from the HAMS archive, discussion of tentative plans for the 2026–27 season, and plenty of conversation and laughter over a glass of wine. Steering Group members were re-elected, and we also took the opportunity to thank Richard Elliott for his extraordinary long service to HAMS as he steps down from the committee. Watch this space (and inboxes) for details about our plans for next year. We look forward to seeing everyone again when rehearsals, workshops and theatre trips resume later in the year.

SILENT AUCTION in support of St Andrew's Church funds

Sealed bids for a long weekend in Toulouse – includes: 3 nights to be arranged with the owners, one bedroom flat, Canal du Brienne views, 5-minute walk to the Garonne, 10-15minute walk to the centre of Toulouse.

Place your best bid in the envelope provided in Church and put in the church wall safe by the main door with your contact details. The winner will be announced at the Fete on 20th June.

Closing date for bids is Friday 12th June.



Village Produce Show - Save the date - 6th September

Free entry, all welcome from Didcot, the Hagbournes and surrounding villages.

Bring along your home grown fruit, vegetables, wonky veg, bakes, jams and chutneys, crafts, art/photos!

Popular with kids - make a garden on a plate or a vegetable animals!

Cream teas and cakes available. Staging 9 to 11am Doors open at 2pm Prizes at 3pm

Full list of categories on Facebook Hagbourne Village Produce Show and in Hagbourne Village Community Shop.

Didcot Volunteer Drivers - can you help?

DVD is a local transport scheme run by volunteers using their own cars. Could you spare a little time to drive for us?

Didcot Volunteer Drivers (DVD) drive local people to their hospital, doctors, dentists and other health care appointments, wait for them and take them back home. If you have a car, a clean driving licence and a little patience please get in touch.

You can give as much or as little time as you wish. The DVD office volunteer will ring and ask you if you are free to take a client to an appointment on a certain day. You can accept or decline depending on your free time; some drivers like to have a drive everyday others just occasionally.

People choose to get involved with a local charity for any number of reasons, for some it is an ideal way to get to know your neighbourhood, for others it is a chance to get out and about to meet and help people.

As a volunteer you'll be given a donation by the client. This is based on the journey mileage and will cover your expenses. Perhaps you have other skill to offer? Volunteers to work in the office are always welcome. Maybe you would be the ideal trustee to guide the charity's future.

Didcot Volunteers would love to hear from you!

Call: 01235 816709 **Email:** info@didcotvolunteerdrivers.org.uk

Website: didcotvolunteers.or.uk

Coffee & Kids! Bank Holidays are over for a while so we can resume our sessions for the first Monday in June and July. The next session will be on **Monday, 1st June** in the Vale Room, Blewbury **Village Hall**. We welcome all bumps! babies and toddlers, along with parents, grandparents or carers. Here is a warm, friendly and safe place to enjoy the company of others and have some refreshment as the little ones have fun with toys, learn to play together and even do some craft activities! A donation of £2 is appreciated towards our costs.

Mothers' Union hosts and we look forward to welcoming you Any queries: contact Louise on 07837 009730



Sunday Afternoon Teas at St Andrew's on 7th June

The Hagbourne Action Group are doing teas in Church while the Scarecrow Trail is on – come along and have a rest and a tea and cake while you decide which scarecrow to vote for. Maps for the trail will be on sale for £1.

CHURCH ROTAS	7th June 1st Sunday after Trinity	21st June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	5th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	<u>General Notes</u>
Readers	Genesis 12: vv 1-9 Jenny Smith Romans 4: 13-end Daniel Dawson	Genesis 21: vv 8-21 Colin Windsor Romans 6: vv 1b-11 Mo Windsor	Genesis 24: vv 34-38, 42-49 , 58-end Andrew Kaye Romans 7: vv 15-25a Helen Clayson	Thanks to all you lovely volunteers. Your continued support does not go unnoticed. If you know of anyone else that would like to help us out sometimes, please let me know Thanks again to you all. Jill
Intercessions	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Robin Harries Jane Blond	Jacqui Mackenzie Myra Hardiman	
Coffee	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Marian Powell Gillian Harries	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Jacqui MacKenzie	Marian Powell	Coral Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Felicity Topping	Wendy Price	Gillian Harries	

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Annual Village Meeting - 30th April 2026

The re-badging of the Annual Parish Meeting as the Annual Village Meeting, perhaps coupled with the offer of liquid refreshments had the desired effect of boosting our numbers to an unprecedented 34 members of the public. It was a great evening with one of the highlights being the art works by Linda Benton for a village display in the bus shelter and Julie Grose for her very imaginative metal work for the recreation ground gates. After the formal part of the meeting, there was much discussion between councillors and residents on the display boards for projects in the recreation ground, footpath improvements, and village sparkle projects, such as new benches, helpful signage and renovation of the bus shelter.

Annual Parish Council meeting - 14th May 2026

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council (APCM), the first business is always the election by the parish councillors of the chair and vice-chair for the following year. While these posts are elected annually, residents of East Hagbourne elect the Parish council every four years. The next parish elections are in May 2027 so this is the last year of this present parish council.

At the APCM I was re-elected as the chair and councillor Natalie Milner was elected as vice-chair after our previous vice-chair, Paul Dixon declared he was happy for someone else to replace him. So my thanks to Paul for his three-year service, and a big welcome to Natalie in her first time in this role. Ric Avery, who was already our very active Flood Warden, was co-opted as a parish councillor. So an equally big welcome to Ric in this role. We now have the full quota of eight councillors. In addition to myself and Natalie, these are: Ric Avery, Paul Dixon, Cordelia Gover, Robin Jaboor, David Rickeard, and Carolyn Shaikh. You can see pictures of us all on the web and in the Parish Council noticeboard by the village shop.

Moreover, at the annual meeting we first conduct a review of council operations where we catalogue membership and terms of reference for a range of committees and working and affiliated groups. It really is worth a look at the Review of Council Operations that will shortly be on our website.

A draft version can be found in: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/l1tskicjtayc4efvsbai1/Review-of-council-operations.docx?rlkey=5y72q85wcvxalc0czd13zckzk&st=4h64zt44&dl=0>

This document is a great illustration of the very many ways that the Parish Council interacts and engages with many aspects of village life. Two important decisions later in the meeting were further progress in deciding the position and type of the vehicle activated signs and the acceptance of a tender for work on the pavilion car park.

Footpaths In spite of the historic high temperatures this late May, Footpath 30, the path linking Harwood Road to Main Road past the Village Hall has just been resurfaced. The work on Shoe Lane (FP 9) will take place later this week.

Post Office Our Post Office sadly remains closed. The shop committee has established beyond doubt that the proposed "local model" is not feasible for our village and we need the "community model" reinstated. Our MP, Olly Glover, presented a parliamentary petition on 18th May which formally requires a response from the minister within two months. The post office managers have given us a stay of execution until after the response from the minister. Please check in the community shop for further actions you can take in order to support our cause.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on **Friday 5th June** from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 18th June**. Members of the public are welcome, indeed encouraged, to attend the meeting and the agenda is posted on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Community Shop and on the village website <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/> at least three clear days before the meeting.

Although I often ask the clerk or a council member to review parts of this page, and I am grateful for any improvements, this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council. I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions and do please alert me to any you find! Iain Duff



**East
Hagbourne
Parish
Council**

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PARISH WANDERINGS

Thank you to those of you who have already cut back the rapidly growing vegetation along your boundaries - your efforts have not gone unnoticed! There are still areas for improvement along some of the trickier narrow footways and paths so please check and trim where needed. Please also remember to tie back the lovely hollyhocks, keep weeds clear of pathways and continue with the boundary maintenance throughout the growing season, so we can all continue to enjoy our beautiful village safely.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 5th JUNE

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



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays
Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays
First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays
Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support
The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help
Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, click the link for opening times and other nearby venues
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 - easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



DEFIBRILLATORS: The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:
Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)
Hagbourne Bowls Club on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)
In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.



USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.
<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.
<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.
 Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne
<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area
<https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack> for information on planned/unplanned power cuts

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P26/S1387/HH 57 New Road, East Hagbourne - front dormer windows and small rear infill extension

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th June 2026
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

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

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12noon, £3 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. New players would be most welcome. Session fee waived for introductory session. More info from Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com and Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm contact Adrian Coles 0771135001 1adrian.coles@gmail.com

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB Hagbourne Bowls Club is a friendly inclusive club and welcomes members old and new to the Club House in the heart of East Hagbourne village. We are open from April to September.

Club nights are Monday evenings, and the new season has now started so now is a good time to get involved. Why not come along to one of the club nights – a warm welcome will await you <https://hagbournebowls.co.uk> Come along to our **Bingo Night** on Saturday 6th June.

FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne: Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne at the Recreation Ground 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

First club social of the season

Bingo night featuring raffle and meat draw at the club house

6.30:pm for 7pm start

All welcome

Tai Chi Classes

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

Scottish Country Dancing – if you enjoy dancing then why not give Scottish Country Dancing a go?

We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm. We are a friendly club that welcomes beginners and experienced dancers alike. You don't have to be Scottish to join! No partner is required, and it is a sociable way for all ages to have exercise and fun! Please visit our website:

<https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for more details.

Wednesday Sewing Class Places available in the Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Ladies Thirsty Thursday LTT meets on the third Thursday of each month at The Fleur at 7.30pm for a friendly drink and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone welcome – come along to the next gathering on **Thursday 18th June.**

Refugee Sunday – 21st June – a Special Service at St Andrew’s

On Refugee Sunday, 21st June, at 6pm we will have a joint Service of prayer & sharing, followed by a bring-and-share meal. It will be hosted by St Andrew’s Church, Hagbourne. We are inviting all the Churches in the Didcot area to join us.

The intention is to bring people together to learn from each other and pray for refugees and their countries. We will hear from people now living locally who have come from different countries, especially refugee contexts. They will share something from their countries and cultures, including songs of worship and points for prayer. We will finish by enjoying food and conversation together.

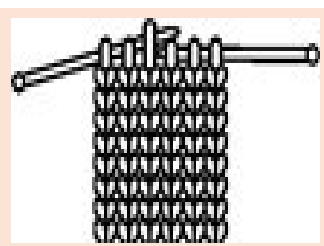
All welcome!

Volunteers’ Week: A UK-Wide Celebration

Volunteers’ Week is an annual UK-wide campaign held from the first Monday in June to celebrate and recognise the contributions of volunteers. Launched in 1984, this initiative has been running for over 40 years, providing organisations and communities a platform to thank current and past volunteers for their invaluable efforts.

The campaign highlights the diversity and unity of volunteer work across the UK. In its 40th year, the campaign underwent a rebrand, introducing a vibrant identity to inspire continued engagement.

Volunteers’ Week fosters connections between national organisations and grassroots groups, celebrating the spirit of volunteering that enriches communities each year. The 2026 celebration will run from **Monday 1st – Sunday 7th June**.



Calling knitting and crochet enthusiasts - knitting for Malawi

We continue to support the hospital in Malawi where winter is setting in. Baby blankets, bonnets, booties and jumpers (please no onesies) in all sizes are welcome but small sizes are especially needed. Deadline for these are the end of June. Enquiries with Elaine in the Benefice office office@churnchurches.co.uk or phone 01235850267. Thank you.

Our local **Knitwit Group** are busy making items for Malawi as well as knitting and sewing up blankets to send to **Hope and Aid Direct** a charity who have just returned from their 100th truck taking aid to Ukraine. They tell us that at the time of sending their 100th truck, more than 620 tonnes of aid, from hospital beds and generators to baby supplies and bedding, have been sent to Ukraine since the war began. The scale is significant, but so too is the need. Around 3.7 million people remain internally displaced within Ukraine, many living in temporary accommodation or damaged homes, unwilling or unable to leave. The charity’s focus remains on helping people stay within their communities, easing pressure on cities, borders, and neighbouring countries. For those receiving help, the impact is immediate.

Deliveries to Ukraine have included:

- 610 field hospital beds
- 1,479 mattresses
- Five hundred baby boxes
- More than 50,000 duvet and pillow sets
- Fifty-one generators, including one capable of powering a village
- 1,500 fire extinguishers
- Hundreds of pallets of medical supplies, food, hygiene products, bedding, blankets, and clothing.

This support means so much. It gives us some stability and hope,” said Alla Nalyvaiko who heads up Ukraine on Palms, their partner organisation on the ground in Ukraine.

If you would like to make 6” knitted squares in double knitting yarn or would like to sew up the squares into blankets for the Knitwit Group please contact Joy Napper on magtemp5@gmail.com



Wednesday Church: who are we and what are we for? Why do we call ourselves 'Wednesday Church?'

The name was suggested back in 2011 when we began to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. A number of us from several different churches in the Didcot area, St Peter's and other C of E churches, Methodists, Baptists, and people from the King's Church, were concerned that there did not seem to be any provision for adults with special needs to meet and worship.

So, we have been meeting at St Peter's Church in Newlands Avenue, Didcot, since March 2011. St Peter's is an easily accessible modern building which is ideal for our purpose. Our members are adults of all ages who come because they want to and are brought in by their carers from several Day Centres around the area. They are welcomed at 10am with drinks and biscuits and various craft activities until 11am when we go into the church for our worship.

Our members contribute to our worship in many ways: lighting candles, ringing the bell, singing, making suggestions for thanksgiving and prayer. Sometimes we include percussion, wave streamers or dance! Even those in wheelchairs can join in!

We have been very glad to see friendships developing between members from different communities and the concern that they show for each other. Local churches have supported us generously and we have been able to buy our own projector so that we can prepare PowerPoint presentations to show the words and pictures that help us to focus our worship.

The songs and prayers are projected onto the wall and Rosie Jackson Kilham interprets them with Makaton signing for those who appreciate that help. In the early days we used to hire a special coach in July to go on an outing to somewhere like the Cotswold Wildlife Park, but recently the Day Centres are wanting to take their people back for a proper cooked meal at lunch time and so now we have a Garden Party at St Peter's with sideshows and so on which is very popular. We would normally expect between forty and fifty people at our meetings but from time to time we have had up to seventy or more.

Our team continues to be ecumenical with many different skills. We welcome everyone and have many friends. Do drop in and share our worship sometime. It's fun! *Jenny Loder*

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.



Looking for something different? Blewbury's Taizé service: every second Sunday of the month at 10.30am at St Michael's

This is a quiet, reflective Service with Bible readings, prayer, silence and singing as well as the opportunity to light candles. It is easy to learn Taizé chants as they are repeated again and again, using just a few words. These chants become a way of speaking to and listening to God. Our service shares the ethos of the Taizé Community which is located in the village of Taizé in Burgundy. We welcome people from all denominations and cultures – those who have a Christian faith and those who struggle to believe. We sing in different languages to reflect this but English translations of what we are singing are also provided. Please do join us and bring your friends.

Fellowship in the Garden

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm at the Charity School House, Church Road, Blewbury. Everyone welcome!

We are looking at **'what next for the disciples?'**, studying their stories after the Resurrection.

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times.

You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15** is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

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

The X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - every 20 minutes. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR.

Useful extra 94 bus on Saturdays There is a bus, just on Saturdays, at 8.45am from the Lower Cross East Hagbourne to the Didcot Orchard Centre and Didcot Station.

Didcot and District University of the Third Age - *Learn, Laugh, Live!* if you are retired or semi-retired why not consider meeting up with like-minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the Didcot & District U3A with over 30 Interest Groups (full details can be found on Didcot.u3a site.uk) there must be something for You! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. **The next talk on 16th June by Simon Evers will be: An ABC of Victorian Painters.**

For more information: <https://didcot.u3asite.uk/>



First Steps Baby Bank supports families in need with free essential baby items. Through a simple referral they support families with all sorts of essential items for their little ones, including clothes and coats, Moses baskets, blankets and sleeping bags as well as nappies, toiletries, bottles, food and formula. We also support mums with essential hygiene items.

Please follow them on Facebook - First Steps Baby Bank - to keep up to date with what they are doing and what items we are most in need of.

You can also find out more on the website <https://firststepsbabybank.co.uk>.

Summer Jazz Festival at The Fleur de Lys Sunday 21st June



The Oxford Youth Jazz Orchestra – 1 to 2pm



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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.		
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Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759	↓	0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610	1756	1845	1948		
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Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway.

Saturdays

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Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	0831	0859	0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1559	1707	1759	1907	1959

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: www.oxfordbus.co.uk
 There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop. Buses from the Orchard Centre, Didcot, go to Wallingford, Henley, Wantage, Abingdon and Newbury.

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

Didcot Emergency Foodbank – food donations urgently needed.

If you are able to donate, these are some of the items most needed: Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, puddings; Jars of pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter, coffee (small); Packets of pasta, rice, packets of dried potato, breakfast cereals, biscuits, treats, tea, hot chocolate; Cartons of long-life milk and long-life juice; Toiletries, toilet rolls and clothes-wash items. NO alcohol, razors, medicines or homemade preserves. **There is a collection point at Sainsbury's in Didcot.**

All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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



JULY/AUGUST 2026 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the July/August parish magazine by

Thursday 18th June to magtemp5@gmail.com

Please note this will be a double Summer issue, please include dates for early September events.

Thank you, the magazine committee.

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