

Village Association News

Macmillan Coffee morning Village Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September this year. The Village Association is pleased to announce that the event raised £ 1130.00. The generosity of West Hagbourne residents donating prizes to the raffle was unprecedented and we had TOO MANY prizes for one raffle. So, the Village Association has decided to hold a Christmas Raffle – all proceeds will still go to the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.

There is one prize - a hamper containing 4 Prosecco, 4 white

wine, 3 red wine 2 rosé wine 1 Baileys and 1 Haig Whiskey.

Raffle tickets will be on sale outside 9 York Road on:

Friday 5 Dec 6-7pm,
Sat 6th Dec 10-11am
Sat 13 Dec 11-12 am
Sun 14 Dec 2-4 pm

Alternatively contact any member of the Village Association via WhatsApp.

Tickets will be £5.00 each and the draw will take place soon Wed 17th December. The winner will be informed on the same day.

Please try your luck and support this exceptional charity.

The Autumn Village Walk

On 2nd November, a group of residents set off from West Hagbourne. This year was notable for the number of dogs – a new record of 5 dogs.

We walked along School Lane and The Embankment towards Didcot. We then crossed Butt's Piece and on to Witcher Close, The Croft then back along Main

Street to the Fleur de Lys. We had a drink before returning home. It was a lovely, sociable event. Why not join us for the Winter/New Year walk scheduled for 11th January 2026, leaving the Bus Shelter at 2.00pm. We will all need to work off a few calories by then 😊.

Remembrance Sunday

On the 10th November a short service was held at the West Hagbourne War Memorial to honour the fallen of WWI and WWII. A two minute silence was observed.

Village Christmas Tree

The Village Association has sponsored a "village" tree again this year. It will be located in The Square, under the Horse Chestnut Tree. We would like to invite the children/grandchildren of West Hagbourne to come along at 11.00am-12.00pm on Saturday 6th December to help decorate the tree. We would love some homemade decorations, SO GET CREATIVE!

There is a rumour that Shaun the Sheep will be making an appearance!

Carols in the Barn

TreeFest 2025 will be running from 5th-13th Dec. This year it is raising money to support St. Andrew's Church and "Friends of Hagbourne Pool". As part of TreeFest, there will be a Carol service in The Barn at York

Farm on Sunday 7th Dec, starting at 3.30pm in the afternoon. Once again, we are very lucky that Meryl and her Farmyard Singers have agreed to lead the carol service.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served by the Village Association for which donations will be gratefully received.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the end of this event.

Please support TreeFest and it's two very local charities.

Christmas Wish

The Village Association would like to send everyone in West Hagbourne a heartfelt Christmas Wish.

We hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a wonderful time and see you all next year at our social events.

Rosey Gardiner (Chair)



Raffle prize: a magnificent hamper



Village walk



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



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Meetings

We had our latest regular bi-monthly PC meeting on 18 November. Our next regular PC meeting will be on Wednesday 7 January, 7.30pm at Hagbourne Village Hall. Please do contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor if you have a matter which you would like the PC to consider at our next meeting. Agenda and minutes of all PC meetings can be found on the village website.

Planning

Please do remember to check the planning rules before committing to any development, especially if you live in the Conservation Area. We noted that the planning application in Upton for a travellers' site (near The George) has been withdrawn.

Roads

The Community Speedwatch team continues to do sterling work to monitor speed levels along Main Street and report

offenders to Thames Valley Police. We continue to work with Highways on appropriate signage and road-marking options to improve the traffic situation in the village.

Drainage

The Flood Group continues to turn out on a regular basis to clear ditches and drains; we feel that this is making a really positive impact (the deluge on 14 November was handled by our drainage systems, although of course groundwater levels are low at present). The clearing of invasive weed in the Moor Lane ditch is scheduled for the coming weeks. Please remember that we maintain a



Drain gang

stock of sandbags in the village for emergencies.

Village noticeboards

The noticeboards will be refurbished; the ones on Main Street by the phone box will remain for Parish Council information, with the one on York Road being taken over by the Village Association.

Moor Lane byway. As expected, OCC have now had to re-open this byway. We are working with them to monitor the impact of 4WD and motorbike usage. Please contact the Clerk if you have any photos of damage caused.

Village website

The new upgraded village website is now almost ready for launch. Residents will be notified by the Clerk when it is accessible.

Dog mess

Please don't leave dog mess in bags on the footpaths around the village; bins are available, and we are working with Biffa to ensure that the bins are in the most convenient sites.

Councillor grants

Our county and district councillors have access to some discretionary funding which can be made available to worthy local projects. If you have any suggestions for such projects - however small - please contact the Clerk.

Horse & Harrow

Residents will be aware that the pub is still boarded up, with no obvious development activity and is becoming increasingly unsightly. Please do contact the Clerk if you happen to know the individual(s) who now own the site as we are keen to understand their plans (we have HM Land Registry and Companies House details).

Can you help?

Volunteers are always very welcome and needed in a small village like ours, particularly in the following areas: (1) Emergency Plan team; (2) Speedwatch and Flood Group teams; (3) future Parish Councillors. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

Dan Tozer (Chair)



Community Fund

An award of nearly £200,000 to 49 community and voluntary organisations has been announced to support crime prevention initiatives. The Community Fund is always hugely over subscribed with 248 applications submitted for over £1.7m of funding, so unfortunately many will be disappointed.

This Community Fund provides support to voluntary and

community groups that help to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Importantly money for the Community Fund comes from proceeds from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners and from court orders. Making criminals pay, rather than the cash coming from taxpayers and using the money in a positive way, to support many of our hard-working communities and voluntary organisations in the Thames

Valley to reduce crime further seems apt.

In total there are 49 schemes funded across the whole of Thames Valley. To a flavour of the types of projects supported, here are a few of the local applications that were successful:

Bright Futures Oxfordshire, Youth mentoring scheme - £5,000.00

Didcot and Wallingford Didcot TRAIN, Inspiring young people - £6,000.00

Improving Road Safety in Long Wittenham - £5,700.00

Sandford-on-Thames Road Safety Initiative - £3,300.00

Gloves Not Gangs, Spartans Boxing Club, Abingdon - £4,000.00

Sweatbox Youth Work, Wantage - £5,000.00

Abingdon Damascus Youth, The Gazebo Project - £4,000.00

CCTV at Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall - £1,500.00

Fraud and Scam Awareness, Vale Community Impact - £5,000.00

Successful recipients will attend a presentation event with members of the judiciary and Chief Constable in November.

*Matthew Barber,
PCC*

Death of Dr Eva Pinkava

Eva Pinkava, long term resident of Foxglove Lane, died recently. An obituary will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

Save the Date!

Sunday 15 February 2026 at 3pm in St Andrew's

LOVE, LEGENDS AND LULLABIES

sung by the UK's flagship vocal ensemble PAPAGENA "extraordinary voices" (BBC Radio 3)

A concert to mark Valentine's weekend with something for everyone! Medieval – folk – classical – pop – contemporary a cappella.

The programme includes works by Kate Bush, Henry Purcell, Claudio Monteverdi, Sandy Denny, Hildegard of Bingen and many more besides.

Tickets cost £20 including a glass of wine (or £15 for under 18s) and will be on sale from January 5th from www.wegotickets.com, Hagbourne Village Shop, Jeff Powell (07751 607932) and on the door.

In aid of Friends of St Andrew's.

Planning

CCurrent Planning applications:

Planning Application P25/S2925/HH

Retrospective planning application for outbuilding at Manor Barn.

Thames Water

Thames Water are currently consulting on a proposed new reservoir between Steventon and East Hanney.

The reservoir will exchange water with the River Thames and may also feed into the Farmoor system to supply Oxfordshire and Swindon, and to the Kennet to help with water supply for Berkshire and Hampshire.

This reservoir will cover a large area, and plans include significant landscaped areas devoted to leisure and newly created plant and animal habitats. The project will require the diversion of roads and water courses.

For a full explanation of the plans and the opportunity to comment, go to one of the face to face events or look on their website: <https://thames-sro.co.uk/sesro/statcon2025>



School choice time

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

You can apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Didcot Library offers free wifi access.

For help or information email admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01865 519800

Parish Council

Clerk

Andrew Wise
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org



meeting of the Parish Council, the agenda will be circulated to all those on the list. To comply with legal requirements, a copy of the agenda will also be posted on the PC noticeboard. www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

Councillors

Chair:

Dan Tozer
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Vice chair:

Margaret Leishman
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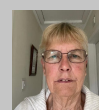
Planning updates

If you wish to be notified about planning applications that affect West Hagbourne you can sign up for email alerts. Contact Andrew Wise: parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

Andy Wimshurst
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Julie Freeland
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Parish email list

If you wish to be placed on this list, or to check that your entry is correct, please send an email to the Clerk at parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

Robin Wilkes
robin.wilkes@westhagbourne.org



HGVs and Potholes

HGVs and potholes are a persistent issue on the roads in the village and beyond. If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of a pothole this will help assess the urgency if its repair.

You can do this online at: fixmystreet.com

Or: highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 08453101111

Web site:

www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes

District Councillors

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Jane Murphy
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Council Meetings

These are held in Hagbourne Village Hall - see website for future dates. Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online. If you cannot find them, contact the clerk. If you do not have access to the internet, call the clerk and a printed copy will be sent to you. Shortly before the

HGVs not delivering to an address in the village should be reported to Trading Standards. If possible, you should take a photograph but definitely write down a description and registration number as soon as possible. Reports can be made to:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement>

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Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be on the last Friday in January (30th) as there is no meeting in December. As usual it will be at the George in Upton from 12.30. Anyone can join the group - get in touch with Sue for more details (editor@westhagbourne.org).

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Sue Totterdell,
Meadow's Edge



Monthly meetings: Didcot Civic Hall on the 3rd Tuesday in the month starting at 2:30 pm. Enquiries to join please go to our website.

Future Meetings

January 20th Politics and protest in 20th century Oxford - the life of Olive Gibbs by Liz Woolley.

February 17th Women and the Victorian Army by Dan Allen of the Victorian Military Society.

If you have a query please email bulletin@didcotu3a.org

Marian Nicholls
Bulletin Coordinator

New Editor

A volunteer is being sought to take over the editing of this village newsletter. If can spare half a day once every two months, please get in touch with me. I am happy to hand over at any time but in any event will no longer fulfil the role after the end of 2026.

Advertising

This newsletter is entirely funded by income from the advertisements in it. It is edited by Sue Totterdell, with contributions from a number of villagers, designed by Mary Ann Le May, printed by Hugh Lewis and distributed by a group of volunteers. To ensure that it will be able to continue in its present form we would welcome new advertisers. If you have a business you would like to advertise to residents, please get in touch:

editors@westhagbourne.org

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WhatsApp Group

The village group goes from strength to strength, facilitating communication between residents. Notably in the past month it has helped people pass on items they no longer want to neighbours who can make use of them - local recycling has to be the green option! If you want to be added, contact Lillie Jamieson (07712 429811).

To be added to the Village email list, contact the Clerk.

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Village Shop & PO

Shop:

Mon: 9.00 - 4.30

Tues/Wed: 9.00 - 4.00

Thurs: 9.00 - 4.30

Fri: 9.00 - 4.00

Sat: 9.00 - 12.30

PO:

Mon: 9.00-12.30; 1.15-4.30

Tues: CLOSED

Wed: 9.00 - 12.30

Thurs: 9.00 - 12.30; 1.15 - 4.30

Fri: 9.00 - 12.30

Sat: 9.00 - 12.30

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Newsletter delivery

Thank you to volunteers who responded to my request for people to deliver newsletters. Maybe you too could deliver between 10 and 20 newsletters, every two months. New volunteers are always welcome so that some of the current team can 'retire'. Please get in touch with me via

editors@westhagbourne.org

If you have any news or photos or know of events you think might interest other residents, please contact the editor.

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 at a cost of £50 each or £75 for two plus a returnable deposit of £75
 Tables and/or chairs are included in the price

Please note that the Association will not be responsible for any claims for accidents that may occur during the rental.

For advance booking and details please contact **Robin Wilkes** at va@westhagbourne.org

All fees go towards the Association's funds

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