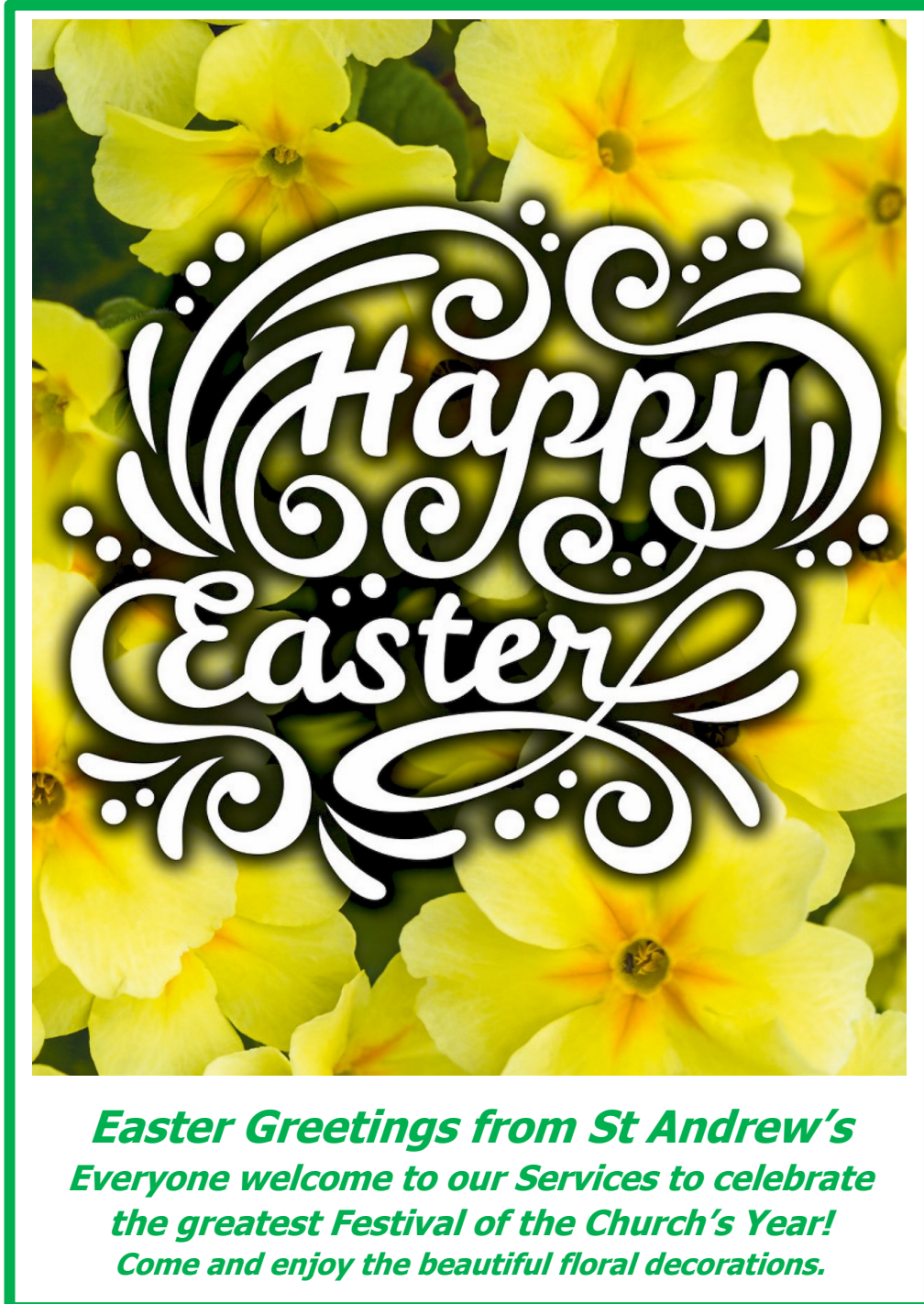


St Andrew's Hagbourne
PARISH MAGAZINE

APRIL 2026



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 APRIL 2026

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

Prayer Focus:

- 1 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
7pm Revd Mark's last "Come and See" online session
- 2 Thursday 8pm Maundy Thursday Service with Watch: St Michael's B
8pm online Compline
8pm online Compline
- 3 Friday GOOD FRIDAY**
2pm An Hour at the Cross: online
2pm An Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's H
2pm An Hour at the Cross: All Saints' NM
2pm An Hour at the Cross: St Michael's B with choir
- 4 Saturday 10am Easter Garden activity: All Saints' NM
8pm Easter Vigil: St Michael's B



- 5 +Sunday EASTER DAY**
8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club: St Andrew's H
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist: SM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

*Children, our
village schools &
Sunday Club.*



- 6 Monday 8pm online Compline
- 7 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
- 8 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
- 9 Thursday 8pm online Compline
- 10 Friday 8pm online Compline
- 11 Saturday 11am Bell Ringers' Training Day: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline

- 12 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: 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



*Those recently
baptised.*

- 13 Monday 8pm online Compline
- 14 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
- 15 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
- 16 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline
- 17 Friday 8pm online Compline
- 18 Saturday 8pm online Compline

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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

Dying in Order to Release New Life

There are so many hymns and songs which have been written to celebrate the feast of Easter. I wonder if you have a favourite? One of my favourites begins:

"Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days hath lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green".

These words were written by the Revd John Macleod Campbell Crum, a Church of England clergyman who served as Rector of Farnham in Surrey and as a Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

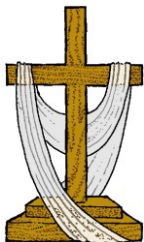
The hymn focusses on a simple but profound image: if a seed is to release new life, it has to die to itself. Jesus used this image in a conversation with some of his disciples: *"very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"* (John's Gospel, chapter 12, verse 24).

At one level, this saying is about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians believe that Jesus' death was necessary in order to release the power of the resurrection: that new life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, which brings new hope to us all, transforming our own lives and our relationships with God and with one another.

At another level, the death and resurrection of Jesus reveals a more general truth. Sometimes things have to come to an end before there can be a new beginning. It can be hard for us to let things die, in order that something new can start. We can gain a sense of security from keeping to the familiar and the well-tested. But sometimes we need to let go of what has gone before and open ourselves to a new beginning in our lives. We need to have the courage to die to the old, so that we can welcome in the new.

Easter is the great celebration of the new life which comes to us as God's gift in Jesus. This new life gives us hope, even in the face of death itself. We can look with confidence to the future, knowing that we have nothing to fear from the changes in our life and in our world. In the words of the hymn, love will "come again, like wheat that springeth green". The death and resurrection of Jesus teaches us that God's love never dies – it always "lives again". No wonder Easter is the greatest festival of the Church's year!

Father Jason.



Free organ recitals at St Andrew's Hagbourne

Every first Sunday of the month at 5pm

Next recital: Easter Day, 5pm

This joyful Eastertide . . .



Fr Jason will play a programme of music for Easter Day:

- **Easter with Mr Handel.**
- **The Harrowing of Hell.**
- **A Medley of Easter Hymns: 400 Years of Praise.**

19 +Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Family Communion Service: St Andrew's H
10.30am online Benefice Service
3pm Jazz in the Church: St Andrew's H
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Our new youth group & teenagers.

20 Monday

8pm online Compline

21 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

22 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

23 Thursday

8pm online Compline

24 Friday

8pm online Compline

25 Saturday 12.30 Baptism: St Andrew's H

26 +Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



Confirmation candidates, Our worship, musicians organists & choirs.

27 Monday

8pm online Compline

28 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

29 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

30 Thursday

8pm online Compline

DIOCESE OF OXFORD



St Andrew's Church Hagbourne



invite you to the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

of the Parish of Hagbourne

Preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting to appoint Churchwardens.

Sunday 3rd May 2026, 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.



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.

Services in Holy Week and Easter Day

Wednesday 1st April 10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's Hagbourne

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday 8pm Benefice Eucharist with washing of feet and watch, stripping of the altar: St Michael's Blewbury

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

2pm Hour at the Cross: Online

2pm Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's Hagbourne

2pm Hour at the Cross: All Saints' North Moreton

2pm Hour at the Cross: St Michael's Blewbury (with the choir)



Saturday 4th April – Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil: St Michael's Blewbury

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's Blewbury

9.15am Eucharist: St Mary's Upton

10.30am Eucharist: All Saints' Aston Upton

10.30am Eucharist: St Michael's Blewbury

10.30am Eucharist: St Andrew's Hagbourne

10.30am Eucharist: All Saints' North Moreton

10.30am Eucharist: St John the Baptist South Moreton

10.30am Online service

5pm Organ recital: St Andrew's Hagbourne

6pm Service of the word: St Andrew's Hagbourne



A significant objective for Mothers' Union members is to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service. One very meaningful way that we do this is by linking up with members in different parts of the world.

Each Diocese is connected to others. Here in Oxford, we are linked with members in **Kinshasa** in the Democratic Republic of Congo, **Victoria Nyanza** in Tanzania, **Ahoda & Warri** in Nigeria and **Port Moresby** in Papua New Guinea. Sometimes communications are difficult, but we try to keep regular contact with MU in these areas so we can understand their issues, celebrate their joys and pray for their needs. We send MU Oxford news to these places too.

For 3 days every year Mothers' Union worldwide hold each group of Dioceses in prayer. It is called **The Wave of Prayer** and our Oxford group is **20th – 22th April**. This year, Oxford are holding their Spring Meeting in Reading Minster on **21st April** and Bishop Mary will lead our Wave of Prayer; 1pm if you are interested in joining this event. These prayers are compiled by one of our members, Maranda St John Nicolle, who has some personal contacts with these overseas members. It is likely our branch will meet for prayer one evening during this period, but the prayers are also published in our Spring Magazine, FOCUS, so can be used privately in our homes. Our branch continues to meet monthly for a Holy Communion service followed by refreshments. In the Summer months we return to Blewbury, so the service is at 10am at St Michael's Church, Blewbury on Thursday 16th April. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in.

Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch

Thank You to Church and Community The Churn MU Branch would like to thank all those who supported them by helping set up, giving useful advice and most importantly attending, when they hosted the Lent Lunch on Saturday 7th March. Over £200 was raised for AFIA holidays (Away From It All) - an MU fund which gives local families in need a holiday or break, with a small contribution going to St Andrew's as well.

ST ANDREW'S HAGBOURNE FAMILY BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 9 MAY, 6PM-10PM

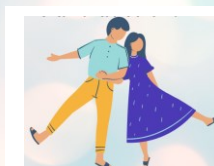
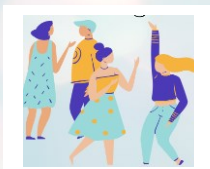
EAST HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Tickets are £20 for adults (16 and over)
and £5 for children 2-15

Including a hot jacket potato supper.

Tickets <https://bit.ly/4ch9RgK> or via QR code

For enquiries and arrangements for cash payments contact
StAndrewshagbournetickets@gmail.com



Please bring cash for bar, raffle and auction!

For cash payments or queries, phone 07803 293759.

In aid of St Andrew's Church Funds



Easter Flowers

Flower arrangers please do come along to help decorate St Andrew's with flowers for Easter. We will be there on

**Saturday morning
4th April**

from 10am onwards

to make it all fittingly beautiful but if a later time that day is more suitable for you, that will be fine

Very many thanks - as ever - for all your help and wonderful arrangements.
Best wishes, Helen Clayson.



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: Easter Sunday 5th April and Sunday 3rd of May

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.

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

Churchwardens Chatter Thankfully Spring has decided to join us - and don't the flowers look great? So far this year we have been quite busy with the "new" style All Age Parish Eucharist on the 3rd Sunday of the month and, of course, the Lent Lunches. Please let me know your thoughts on the third Sunday Services but I am sure we can all agree that the Lent Lunches have been absolutely fantastic.

The Church Spring clean-up was very successful, and we are so lucky to have such great volunteers to help us out.

The tower roof leaks have been increasing as a result, I expect, of the continuous rain that we have been experiencing... We called the contractor in to have a look, and he pointed out at least two quite bad cracks in the lead roofing as well as several other potential areas needing to be replaced. Also, the work on the outside parapet is now, hopefully, going to be resolved soon. Thanks to the donation of the official St David's Day flag, we now have a flag for all the countries in the United Kingdom.

Finally, I must mention the great performance of Stainers' Crucifixion! Thank you so much to Mo for organising this wonderful occasion and thank you to all that worked to make it such a successful performance. **Happy Easter to you all**, Jane and Jill.



Tower Talk

The bells will be rung on Easter Sunday, 5th April at 10:00, for Morning Service. Jill hopes to run another of her training days for the team on Saturday 11th April at 11.00 just for an hour followed by lunch in the Fleur. Method this time is Plain Bob Triples.

On Friday 17th April a few of the team will be away in Eastbourne for a ringing weekend. The team will be ringing for a baptism on Saturday 25th April at 12:30.

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

Dates for the Diary: 5th April Easter Sunday, 11th April Training Day, 25th April Ringing for Baptism. Shirley Goss.

Thank You The fundraising Lent Lunch in support of Sobell House on the 28th of March at St Andrew's was a warm and uplifting event as always. With a wide variety of soups and cakes on offer, supporters enjoyed a delicious lunch and good conversation. Raising £642 is a fabulous achievement and is a testament to the kindness and commitment of everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by providing or enjoying the lunch. See you all again in 2027!

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.



Funerals and Burials in the Benefice

10th March at Hagbourne Cemetery: **Jean Mary Squires**, aged 95

12th March at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium: **Fleur Hope**, aged 85

19th March at St Michael's, Aston Tirrold: **Errol Simon Owen Bishop**, aged 87

20th March at All Saints', North Moreton: **Barry Edward Lawson**, aged 81

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Baptisms in the Benefice

1st March **Cleo Louisa Florence Saunders** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury

22nd March **Ellie Jay Few** 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.

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>

If you would like to join the **Weekday evening Compline** at 8pm for 10 minutes then, 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> You can also sign up for the **Rector's Reflections** which are sent out most weekdays. The Rector's Reflections sign up link is <http://eepurl.com/iEix4A>

Coffee & Kids! Our next monthly session is one week later than usual after the Easter holidays, on **Monday 13th April** from **10am to 11.30am in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall**. We welcome all bumps! babies & 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 look forward to welcoming you.**
Any queries, contact Louise on 07837 009730

North Moreton Book Sale The next Book Sale in All Saints' Church North Moreton will be on Saturday, 11th April from 10am to 3pm. If you have any books to give away the organisers will be happy to collect: email: northmoretonbooksale@gmail.com or call 01235 818900.

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: 17th April.**

St George's Dragon Display in West Hagbourne Dragons will be in place for viewing from **12th to 26th April** with a **Dragon Walk and Dragon teas and a plant sale** at Broomsticks, Main Street on **26th April**. Please see full details on page 11.

Events coming up at St Andrew's in 2026

JAZZ IN THE CHURCH on **19th April**, tickets from the Village Shop. Then Justine is organising a **BARN DANCE** on **Saturday 9th May**, see page 6 for poster and ticket information.

June 20th of course, brings the **FETE**. If you can volunteer in any way, please let us know, details will follow. Then the **CAR BOOT SALE** is back!! We are hoping that this will be on the **13th September**. And before you know it - the **Christmas Tree Festival**.

CHURCH ROTAS	5th April EASTER DAY	19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	General Notes:
Readers	Acts 10 vv 34-43 Trevor Goss Colossians 3 vv 1-4 Shirley Goss	Acts 2 14a vv 36-41 Myra Hardiman 1 Peter 1 vv 17-23 Helen Clayson	Acts 7 vv 55-end Jeff Powell 1 Peter 2 vv 2-10 Justine Shepperson	St Andrew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 3rd May Please let Justine have your reports by 12th April. Thank you
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Jane Blond Robin Harries	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Chris Price Wendy Price	
Coffee	Marian Powell Gillian Harries	Myra Hardiman Jenny Smith	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Joy Napper	Jane Blond	Sally Duncan	
Flowers High Altar	Lynne Carter	Lynne Carter	Shirley Goss	

Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK

Monday May 4th 11am

Collect numbers from Hagbourne Village Hall 9 to 10.15

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY SATURDAY 2nd MAY

Runners visit - <https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2026-runner-entries>

Walkers visit - <https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2026-walker-entries>

A range of prizes including best fancy dress!

PROCEEDS TO CANCER RESEARCH & THE VILLAGE FUND

Information from:
www.facebook.com/hagboumefunrun
jkapennington@gmail.com
 Runners: Adults £10, U16s £3
 Walkers: Adults £5, U16s £2

**Dogs on leads only with walkers
 – sorry no dogs with runners.**

Runners 

Walkers 



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



Please find **Fun Run 2026** on the **East Hagbourne website** if the connections do not work on this page. www.easthagbourne.net

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Spring has sprung

As the clocks change, we're outside for longer and more connected with the living world. We notice nature around us more – whether that's queen bumble bees out in the sun looking for a nest site or birds flying with twigs in their beaks on their way to build their nests.

But how much do we value nature? Are you concerned for the queen bees and the birds and whether their chosen nest site will be safe? Or do you pay it little thought? We've seen more and more removal of beautiful mature trees and hedging around Didcot in recent months as new housing developments and roads start to go ahead. How much space is left for nature around here?

Our local councils seem to care little for biodiversity as their choices are laid clear in more and more development without any consideration for the natural world. Not yet on their agenda, is the fact that we need nature. When we live in harmony with it, we are healthier and happier, and so are our children.

In this setting, what we do at home and in our gardens becomes increasingly important for biodiversity and therefore for us too. Have a look at our wildlife gardening [page](#) for some ideas on what you can do to have a healthier garden, bringing nature in.

And for the queen bees:

Welcome them in by leaving a corner untouched in your garden.

Have flowers across a long growing season.

Let your grass grow longer so dandelions can grow to provide nectar.

Avoid using chemicals.



Queen Bee by S.Rae

For the birds:

Have more nesting material by less cutting back growth in the garden.

Leave space for insects with some longer grass and other wilder areas.

Plant native hedging and trees for more shelter and nesting opportunities.

And enjoy sharing your garden too.

www.hugsustainability.org



Hagbourne Garden Club will be meeting on **Thursday, 23rd April** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The speaker this month is Ray Broughton who will give a talk on **Summer Pruning of soft fruits and ornamental shrubs** *The principles and practices of pruning, supported with a practical demonstration.* Visitors most welcome at £5 per person. Plenty of parking at the Pavilion. For information call Sally on 01235

Jazz in the Church The third of our series of **Jazz in the Church** fundraisers for the Friends of St Andrew's will take place on **Sunday, 19th April at 3pm**. I am delighted to say that we have been able to get the Jamie Castell Quartet again, featuring the wonderful vocalist Airlie Scott, who has proved so popular with our village audience for the first two events. Tickets available in the village shop.



Jazz Festival at The Fleur A date for your diary is **Sunday, 21st June**, when there is the third mini-festival at The Fleur. This is expected to start at 1.00pm and end around 6.00pm. The Fleur will offer their normal magnificent BBQ, of course.

As last year, the **Oxfordshire Youth Jazz Collective** will start things off. They received a standing ovation for a truly remarkable performance, reflecting the highest standards of musicianship in our young people.

The next **Jazz Jam Session** at The Fleur will be on **Wednesday, 8th April at 8pm**. There is no entry cost, just turn up and join in!

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 the village.

We are holding an **OPEN DAY on the 2nd of May** – so come along and see if you would like to learn a new sport or are thinking of returning to the game.

Club nights are Monday evenings, and the new season is about to start 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>

Hagbourne United FC

Hagbourne Football Club 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



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.

Can you write a poem for The Poets' Trail?

Don't be shy! The Poets' Trail is an ongoing project, started in East Hagbourne, encouraging local people to put pen to paper, and then have a chance to see their poems in print in one of our illustrated books. The first Poets' Trail books were based around East Hagbourne, but the latest one, Didcot's Oaks, spread out to a wider area. Following the success of this we are now collecting poems for the next theme, which is:

ROUTES – From Pathways to Railways in Didcot and Villages.

You could write about your favourite dog walk, what you have discovered in the hedgerows, travelling on the top deck of a bus, speeding along in a train or cycling to a village pub..... We want as much contrast as possible, and your personal take on the theme.

Poems should be no more than 36 lines, including title and spaces. Entries due in by 30th June 2026. Send to Linda.benton@live.co.uk

Any questions, please call on 01235 817891

East Hagbourne 21st Annual Scarecrow Competition

Entry Form 2026

Profits will be shared between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid

Theme: “Historical Figures”

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 23rd May
to stay in place until Sunday evening 7th 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: 28948365 Sort Code: 80-22-60. ***Please note this is a change of bank details from 2025.*** Please use your surname as a reference. Entries can be emailed to EHScarecrows@gmail.com with all above information if you prefer.

**Entries to be in by Monday 4th 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

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 the Community Shop
and The Fleur
from Friday 22nd May
in order to follow
and vote for your
favourite scarecrow.**

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

Entry forms to be returned by Monday 4th 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, 24th May, Sunday 31st May and
Sunday 7th June when maps will also be on sale.**

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 16th April**.

East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 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 in 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/



April operating hours:

PO Hours: CLOSED Pending consultation in progress; see updates below.

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

EASTER HOURS: Closed for bank holidays Good Friday, 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April (Normal hours Saturday 4th 9am to 12:30pm)

Follow the East Hagbourne Community Shop Facebook page for details and updates of events and new stock.

Post Office Update As this goes to press, we are still battling to reinstate our Community PO Branch, the model which has served East Hagbourne PO for over 20 years by not only offering postal services, but essential banking services needed by local businesses, charities and residents to replace the closed Didcot bank branches, overseen by a dedicated postmaster.

The PO originally notified the Oxon County Council clerk of their intent to close EH PO on 3rd March due to a decline in economic viability. After strongly objecting to the PO using the unfortunate reduction in operating hours due to the ill-health of our recent postmaster as reason for the closure, the PO then posted a job opening for a "Local" branch candidate 16th March.

In this "Local" model, the PO charges £3-4K in franchise fees, then outsources service operations, security, equipment, network, accounting and management to the community BUT removes or restricts access to banking services critical to businesses, charities and residents of our community, all in return for a salary of £7-9K, well under minimum wage, and less than half of our Community sub Postmaster. Originally proposed when Steve Smith retired, PO Area Change Manager Zoe Hall has frustratingly re-proposed this model now, despite agreeing in early 2025 that the "local" model is not viable in an entirely volunteer-run not-for-profit establishment such as East Hagbourne Community Shop.

What Now? Community consultation is ongoing, possibly extending to April 16th, and we are still actively campaigning and in need of the support of our entire community whether in East or West Hagbourne, Upton or Chilton, Didcot or beyond!

Our Chair, Sally Barksfield, has already laid out our case on BBC Radio Oxford. She and the shop directors have been meeting with EH Parish Council, local councillors Crispin Topping and Johnny Hope-Smith, and local MP, Olly Glover – all of whom strongly support our campaign to reinstate the Community branch model and return essential services to our community.

30th March Meeting with PO, chaired by Olly Glover, MP Olly's office has arranged to meet with the PO, joined by the Shop directors and EH Parish Council representatives, to address our outstanding issues. Remember – it ain't over til it's over! We need to keep up the pressure if we hope to overcome the default PO activity to reinstate our Community PO.

Please go to next page to see what you can do . . .

East Hagbourne Community Shop – continued . . .

What Can You Do? Your energetic and vocal activism makes an enormous difference in gaining the attention of our representatives, and in providing clear feedback to the PO .

- **Keep the letters coming!** If you wrote before the new PO proposal, write again to tell them to reinstate our “Community” model, because the proposed “local” model does not meet the essential banking needs of our community and is not viable with our traditional volunteer-run community shop. If you haven’t written yet, no time like the present! Scan the QR code on the left to open an email to the PO, add “Attention Zoe Hall” and tell her the same thing. Then scan the QR code on the right and tell Olly Glover the same thing.



- **Sign our petition!** Not an either-or, please both write your letter and sign the petition. The petition may be presented to the Minister overseeing the PO, and potentially to the PO CEO. You can sign our petition either on paper in the Shop or in the Fleur, or sign online here: <https://forms.office.com/e/SvJrB7Fsak>

Enjoy a Relaxing Easter Break

Find tasty, healthy and fuss-free dinner options from our freezer: **Calnan’s** mince or award-winning sausage, variety of **fresh-frozen fish** fingers or fillets and chips, or grab a pizza. Take a bag of **pick-and-mix sweets** along on your walk or settle in with a **new or pre-loved book** for a different kind of escape.

Pick up local **fresh-roasted coffee**, **handmade marmalade** and **Heritage Bakery artisan breads, savouries and pastries** for relaxed family weekends – you can pre-order by **4pm on Wednesday** in shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com; or just pick up fresh-baked on Saturdays.



**The Shop Committee extend
our heartfelt thanks
for your support!**



Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Speeding in the village

I recently met with Councillor Robin Jaboor and the Oxfordshire County Council officer responsible for vehicle-activated signs. Following a productive discussion, OCC will be sending us proposals for five poles around the village—two replacing existing poles and three new ones. Subject to final agreement from OCC and EHPC, the suggested locations are:

- **Blewbury Road** three poles, two mid-stretch near numbers 30-40, and one by the village entry sign.
- **Main Road** opposite Manor Farm Lane.
- **New Road** approaching the village just before Great Mead.

This would allow us to install a mix of speed-reminder signs at the village entrances and smiley-face speed indicator displays elsewhere. Before anything is finalised, we would welcome your thoughts.

Improving public engagement

Our March meeting had one of the longest agendas in recent memory, and we were pleased to see six residents join us along with our two district councillors. Many attended because of the Post Office closure, which the Parish Council, the Community Shop, our councillors, our MP, and many residents are working hard to challenge. If you haven't yet added your support, please check with the village shop—even though the official deadline has passed.

Annual Village Meeting

This year's Annual Village Meeting will look very different. It's designed to be *your* space to share ideas, raise concerns, and shape the future of East Hagbourne—without the formality of a council meeting.

It will be held on Thursday 30th April Hagbourne Village Hall. Refreshments from 7.00pm, meeting at 7.30pm, and a social gathering afterwards.

The agenda will be flexible, with displays on topics such as:

- Priorities for spending funds from recent developments.
- Updates on art projects.
- Recreation ground plans.

We hope you will come along, take part, and help make this a lively and memorable event.

Parish Council Elections

The next parish council elections will be held in **May 2027**. I hope that our renewed focus on engagement—and the fresh format of the Annual Village Meeting — will inspire many of you to consider standing. We have eight council positions, and it would be wonderful to see strong interest from across the community.

Footway works on Blewbury Road

Thank you for your patience during the recent two-week works on Blewbury Road. The improvements have not only helped calm traffic but have also created a much smoother, safer footway. Interestingly, this project was largely initiated and funded by the County Council rather than through our own lobbying. Residents near the village end of Blewbury Road will also soon benefit from a slurry seal similar to the one recently applied on Main Road.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will take place at **The Fleur de Lys on Friday 10th April**, from **5.00–6.30pm**. As always, you can contact me at iain.duff@easthagbourne.net, or speak to the clerk or any councillor if you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council Meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held at the **Pavilion, Recreation Ground**, at **7.30pm on Thursday 16th April**. Everyone is welcome—and encouraged—to attend. Agendas are posted on the noticeboard outside the Community Shop and on the village website at least three clear days beforehand <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/>

Annual Village Meeting A final reminder that the Annual Village Meeting will be held on **Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm and drinks and nibbles afterwards.**

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
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ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Annual Village Meeting (formally the Annual Parish Meeting) will be held at **Hagbourne Village Hall on 30th April**. Residents are warmly invited to attend to discuss village matters. This year, a revised meeting format is being trialled. Refreshments will be served from 7pm ahead of the meeting at 7.30pm, followed by an informal gathering. Further information can be found in the Comments from the Parish Council Chairman on page 16.



SPRINGTIME REMINDER – PLEASE KEEP PATHS CLEAR

As things start to grow again, please keep hedges, plants and weeds on your boundaries trimmed back – especially along footways where space is limited. Clear paths help everyone move safely and prevent damage to surfaces. Thank you for your support.

Report issues: Footways (tarmac surfaces) <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

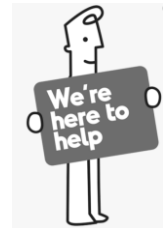
Public Rights of Way: Oxfordshire Countryside Access Map

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 10th APRIL

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 10th April 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 see [here](#) for information

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays & Fridays, see [here](#)

First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#)

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](#)

Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, see further info [here](#) for opening times and other 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.



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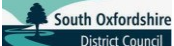
<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

<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: NONE.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th April 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

HAMS... FINALE

March was a very busy month for HAMS, with a theatre trip to the Watermill to see *'Larkrise to Candleford,'* a series of masterclasses, and the final preparations for our Social Evening. On 27th March we brought our season to a splendid close, sharing semi-rehearsed bits and pieces in a relaxed programme that showcased the results of our weeks of ***Process and Play***. It was wonderful to do this in the company of friends, family and supporters.

Afterwards, over a glass of wine, members and guests reflected on the past season and looked ahead, exchanging ideas and aspirations for the future.

Our AGM will be held around mid-May, and we'd love everyone with an interest in the future of HAMS to join us. Look out for further details in April.

To express an interest in HAMS and join the mailing list, drop us a line at info@thehams.co.uk.

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

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

Didcot and District University of the Third Age Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Centre. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. **The next talk on 21st April** by Hayley Scott with the title: **Forensic Science Experience** – an opportunity to hear about the life of a 'crime scene investigator'. For more information: <https://didcot.u3asite.uk/>

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.

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	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
Didcot Orchard Centre	0724	0739		0844		1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1549	1704	1824
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	▼	▼		0848		1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1553	1708	1828
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0730	0745		0851		1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1556	1711	1831
Blewbury The Blueberry	↓	↓		0858		1128		1328				1718	1938
Upton Village Hall				0903								1723	
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow				0905								1725	
Hanwell 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
Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610	1756	1845
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
Didcot Parkway Railway Station R4	0715	▼	0831		0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1642	1817	1917
Didcot Girls' School													2009
Didcot St Birinus School													

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

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.

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 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 and I have a few spaces spare. For further details please contact Sue Lay on 07900010367 – text or WhatsApp.

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BLEWBURY BRASS BAND Available for bookings for local fetes & events.

Band Room available for Hire £8 per hour (min 2hrs). Large practice room. Toilet, but no kitchen or storage facilities. Suitable for pop groups, theatrical rehearsals, group meetings etc. **New band members of all ages and abilities welcome.** Instruments available.

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Band Hut, Bohams Rd, Blewbury OX11 9HF

Enquiries: secretary@blewburybrassband.org

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Pilates Classes and 1-1s

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We are open: Tuesday 3pm – 11pm. Wednesday & Thursday 11.30am – 2.30pm and 6pm – 9pm, Friday & Saturday 11.30pm – 11pm, Sunday 12noon – 10pm. Monday closed.

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