

St Andrew's Hagbourne

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MAY 2026



MAY EVENTS IN THE HAGBOURNES

Hagbourne Bowls Club Open Day - Saturday 2nd May

Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk - Monday 4th May

Hagbourne Garden Club Plant Sale, Pavilion – Saturday 16th May

Scarecrow Trail - Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 7th June

Afternoon Teas in Church on Sundays 24th & 31st May, 7th June

Charity Quiz Night, Village Hall – Saturday 30th May

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 MAY 2026

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and North and South Moreton.

PRAYER FOCUS:

1 Friday
2 Saturday 11am to 3pm Hagbourne Bowls Club Open Day

8pm online Compline

3 + Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9am Parish Eucharist: All Saint's AU
9.15am Lay-led Service: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club: St Andrew's H
followed by APCM



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

10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
~~10.30am~~ NO Service at All Saints' NM due to Artweeks
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
12.45pm Baptism: St Andrew's H
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

4 Monday 11am Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk
5 Tuesday
6 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
7 Thursday 7pm Time for quiet reflection: St Michael's B
8 Friday
9 Saturday

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

10 + Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
followed by APCM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
~~4pm~~ NO Service at All Saints' NM due to Artweeks
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Churchwardens
our church
fabric and
churchyards.
Church
cleaners.*

11 Monday Christian Aid Week: 10th to 16th May
10am Coffee and Kids: Vale Room Blewbury Village Hall
12 Tuesday
13 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
7.30pm Fellowship Group: Charity School House, Blewbury

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

14 Thursday Ascension Day

8pm Benefice Ascension Day Service with Blewbury Choir: St Mary's Upton
8pm online Compline
8pm online Compline

15 Friday
16 Saturday 11.30am Visiting Bell Ringers at St Andrew's

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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.



St Joseph the Worker
Icon by Theophillia on DeviantArt

Rector's Reflections

A Different Perspective on the 1st of May

I wonder if you have anything planned for the 1st of May? May Day is rich in customs, many of which go back centuries. Indeed, back in the days of Ancient Rome, there was a custom that on this day the priest of Vulcan would sacrifice a pregnant sow to the goddess Maia. The custom of sacrificing pigs has, fortunately, fallen out of favour, but there are lots of other customs celebrated at this time of year. We might choose to dance around a Maypole, or to hold a procession, led by a young girl or woman specially chosen to be the Queen of the May. In Oxford, there is still the tradition of May Morning – this involves standing at the bottom of the base of Magdalen tower at 6am in the morning in order to hear the choir sing a Latin hymn. I have not attended this event myself, but perhaps you have done so.

In more recent years, the 1st of May has been an occasion to celebrate the importance of workers in our society, and all the improvements in working conditions which have been won over the last hundred years or so. Indeed, in the UK, the May Day Bank Holiday was first instituted, back in 1978, in order to allow time for trade unionists to hold their celebrations. Some years before, in 1955, Pope Pius XII declared that the 1st of May would from now on be celebrated as the feast of Joseph the Worker. It would be a public reminder that workers mattered, and that as a society we should ensure that all workers have safe conditions of work and fair remuneration for their labour.

The world of work has changed almost beyond recognition since the days of 1950s, but the need for appropriate regulation and protection remains the same as ever. Employees have the right to expect a safe place of work and fair treatment. There will be disagreements as to what this means in practice, but the general principle remains. We need to treat workers fairly.

For Christians, this is about respecting the value of every human being, and the Christian belief that we should treat one another fairly and with justice. I wonder what this might mean for us? How might we improve the lives of the men and women on whose labour we depend? There are lots of things we might do, but perhaps a good starting point is to appreciate the workers we meet in our everyday lives – the workers who make our own lives possible. I wonder: when was the last time we bothered to thank the delivery driver who dropped off the package we ordered on the Internet? Or the customer service agent who dealt with our query? Everyone deserves to be appreciated, perhaps especially those we can so easily ignore. Father Jason.

Benefice Ascension Day Service 8pm Thursday, 14th May at St Mary's Upton with the Blewbury Choir. Everyone welcome to this special Service in Upton.



Free organ recitals at St Andrew's Hagbourne

Next recital: Sunday 3rd May at 5pm

Featuring Fr Jason's new work:

"They that go down to the sea in ships"

A symphonic poem for organ.

17 +Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



PCC's, all in leadership and our Benefice Operations Manager.

18 Monday

8pm online Compline

19 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

20 Weds Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

21 Thursday

8pm online Compline

22 Friday

8pm online Compline

23 Saturday Scarecrow Trail begins EH

24 +Sunday PENTECOST

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
Followed by APCM
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



Clergy and all who preach or lead.

25 Monday

8pm online Compline

26 Tuesday

8pm online Compline

27 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm online Compline

6.30pm South Moreton APCM-details to be confirmed in The Churn

7.30pm Fellowship Group: Charity School House: Blewbury

28 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Mary's U

8pm online Compline

29 Friday

8pm online Compline

30 Saturday 7pm for 7.30 Charity Quiz Night: Village Hall EH

31 +Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am BCP Mattins: 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



Treasurers and church finances.

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.

HAGBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 20th June 2026 at St Andrew's Church

1pm – 4pm



Teas • Cakes
Books • Tombola
Discarded Treasures
Plant Stall • Raffle



We need volunteers to man the stalls and help in any way or to donate items.

Please get in touch if you are able to help. Thank 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



MAKE MAY MATTER has become a catchphrase for MU members across the Oxford Diocese to encourage each of us to make a difference in our villages and communities. MU is a "grassroots" organisation which means that every member has a contribution to make in their local neighbourhood or indeed world-wide.

Locally, we organise the weekly **Blewbury Drop In**, providing a supportive meeting place and monthly, a baby and toddler group, "**Coffee & Kids**" in **Blewbury Village Hall, at 10am on 11th May this month**. We keep our ears open to respond to any need in other villages.

Our Diocese sets up projects which members can support. One of these is to support parents of very sick children at the JR. For several years now we have been collecting toiletry items which are distributed at **Ronald MacDonald House**. Welcome packs of these goods are made up for parents who suddenly find they need to stay overnight, or often for prolonged periods.

Can you help us to **MAKE MAY MATTER**? Items required are:

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste; Shaving foam/gel; razors; Deodorant; Small bars of soap; Packets of tissues; Combs; Body lotion; Body wash; Shampoo. There will be collection boxes in our Churches. Thank you for supporting this.

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 28th May. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in. - *Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU*



Sunday Afternoon Teas at St Andrew's on 23rd, 25th May and 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.

Coffee & Kids! Our next monthly session is one week later than usual after the May Bank Holiday, on **Monday 11th May from 10am to 11.30am 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**



Concert 4th May, 7.30pm at St Michael's Blewbury.

Moonrakers folk band's material is a combination of traditional Irish, Scottish, Welsh and English music and their contemporary songs and tunes. There is a tapestry of multi-instrumental acoustic sounds and harmonies around each song and tune.

Becki Luff's luscious Celtic harp is complemented by Jacqui Johnson's superb cello, backed by Jon's bouzouki, guitar, whistles and bodhran. The warm vocals of Sarah Fell combine with Jon's rich baritone . . . not to be missed!!

Tickets are £15 and available at Blewbury Post Office. Profits to St Michael's Church

Lent Lunches at St Andrew's A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches at St Andrew's Church. Thanks go to those who organised a lunch, those who made the amazing variety of soups and or cakes, and to all of you who came to support the lunches. This was a lovely fellowship enjoyed by friends old and new, family, villagers and visitors to the village. All of the lunches were well attended this year and thank you all for your generosity. We raised just over **£1,400.00** on the six lunches this year, the money going towards St Andrew's Church, a Mother's Union Charity, AFIA and Sobell House. The big lunch for Sobell House raised just over **£640.00**. Many thanks, Shirley Goss.

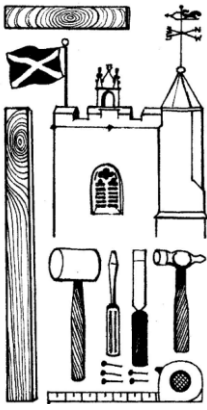
Home Communion Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis.

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.

Churchwardens Chatter Although this year does not seem to be rushing by at such a rate as last year, I still seem to be incredibly busy! What I have really appreciated this year is the most beautiful display of spring flowers from snowdrops to tulips - it's been really great.

Jane has been doing really Stirling work in the Cemetery, and I hope lots of volunteers will help to keep it looking so good. We have also acquired a portable ramp to be used for the disabled attendees to Church. I am hoping that the Sides People will put this in place at the start of each Service and replace it by the pulpit at the end of the Service. No doubt all will fall into place eventually. I am looking forward to the Fete in June. Please let me know if you can help in anyway – the more the better.

On a final note, will you please let me know if you have any comments regarding the different Services that we have in Church. I welcome all comments and will take on board any fresh ideas that you might have. Jill and Jane.



...caring for the fabric of the Hagbourne church.

A Progress Report St Andrew's Church has stood at the heart of East Hagbourne for nearly a thousand years. Its ancient walls have witnessed the village through plague and plenty, through the Great Fire of 1659 and the hop-picking boom of the 1870s. Whether you worship there regularly or simply pass it on your walk through the village, it belongs to all of us and it is the job of the Friends of St Andrew's to help keep it that way.

It has been a busy and rewarding year, and we are grateful to everyone who has supported our work.

Our major project in 2025 was funding the rebuilding of the perimeter wall on the east side of the churchyard, a substantial piece of work, completed to a high standard. The Friends also contributed over £6,000 in 2025 towards pointing and stonework repairs on the church itself. Maintaining a Grade I listed building from the eleventh century is no small undertaking, and every contribution makes a real difference.



None of this would be possible without our community events. The Pub Quiz at the Fleur, led by the ever-reliable Darren, raised over £700 in 2025. Peter Hands' generous sponsorship brought the Jamie Castell Quartet to St Andrew's twice during 2025 in February and again in September featuring vocalist Airlie Scott raising over £1,100 between them. Linda Benton's Arts and Craft Fair in November 2025 raised a further £400, and we were thrilled to receive £1,500 from the Hagbourne Action Group's Safari Supper in May 2025. A packed concert by Papagena, arranged by Jeff Powell, featuring the acclaimed soloist Sarah Tennant-Flowers, took place in February, and Peter Hands has just hosted another successful Jazz in the Church this April.

Looking ahead, we are exploring further events and quiz nights and would welcome ideas from the community. We are also working with the PCC to identify our next major project. Possibilities include restoring stonework hidden beneath roughcast render, improving the entrance porch, and upgrading the kitchen. Research by Historic England confirms what many feel instinctively: historic churches carry a "heritage premium" valued by the whole community. They are landmarks, gathering places, and quiet refuges that give a village its identity.

The Friends welcomes new supporters. If you value St Andrew's for its history, its beauty, or simply as the building that makes East Hagbourne look like East Hagbourne, please consider joining us at **friendsofandrewshagbourne1@gmail.com** or speak to any of our trustees.

Paul Gover, Chairman — Friends of St Andrew's, East and West Hagbourne. Registered Charity No. 1157566.

CHURCH ROTAS	3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	17th May 7th Sunday of Easter	7th June 2nd Sunday of Trinity	General Notes:
Readers	Acts 7 vv 55-end Jeff Powell 1 Peter 2 vv 2-10 Justine Shepperson	Acts 1 vv 6-14 Margaret Antcliff 1 Peter 4 vv 12-14, 5 vv 6-11 Sally Duncan	Genesis 12 vv 1-9 Jenny Smith Romans 4 vv 13-end Daniel Dawson	Thank you to all our lovely rota volunteers. Your continued support does not go unnoticed. If you know of anyone else who would like to help us out sometimes, please let me know. Jill Garlick. Thanks again to you all
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Chris Price Wendy Price	Jane Blond Jacqui MacKenzie	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	
Coffee	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	Jill Garlick Sally Duncan	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Sally Duncan	Marian Powell	Jacqui MacKenzie	
Flowers High Altar	Shirley Goss	Myra Hardiman	Felicity Topping	

Edna Stella Mary Jones **5th August 1928 – 16th January 2026**

Edna passed away peacefully on 16th January 2026 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, aged 97, surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Wheatley, Edna was lovingly raised by her adoptive parents, Charlie and Lizzy Pointer, in East Hagbourne, where she enjoyed a simple childhood and formed lifelong friendships, including with her dear friend Evelyn.

At 17, she met Vic at a local dance, and they married two years later at St Andrew's Church. They raised their two children, Terry and Lesley, and eventually settled in Lake Road, East Hagbourne, where Edna remained for the rest of her life.

Edna worked hard throughout her life, including her time as a Punch Card Operator, and later gave back to her community by volunteering. In her retirement, she found great happiness in travelling with Vic, as well as in knitting, sewing, and spending time with family. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and took immense pride in her family, who brought her endless joy.

After Vic's passing in 2010, Edna showed quiet strength and resilience. Despite the challenges of later life, her declining health and the deep loss of her daughter Lesley in 2023, she remained surrounded by the love of her family.

She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her son Terry, her grandchildren Rachel, Anna, Sarah, Alex, Jessica and Felicity, her great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter.
May she rest in peace.

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.

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>



Funeral in the Benefice

20th April at All Saints', North Moreton: **Keith Charles Hutchence**, aged 72
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Baptisms in the Benefice

29th March **James Harvey Walton** was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne
25th April **Alma Peggy Ladd** 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.

Blessing of a Marriage

11th April **Paul and Suzie Knox** at All Saints' Aston Upthorpe.



Tower Talk There was no ringing on Tuesday 31st March as it was Holy Week. We all enjoyed a quarterly meeting hosted by Jeff Powell followed by the usual hot cross buns. Many thanks Jeff.

On Saturday 11th April Jill ran a training course on Plain Bob Triples. The training session was just an hour from 11:00 – 12:00 with over eight ringers turning up for the session which was followed by lunch at The Fleur. A good session enjoyed by all. The next training day is on Saturday 13th June we hope to ring touches of Single Oxford Bob Triples. These training sessions have now been running for a year and are very helpful.

A few of the team were away on the Sally Forth ringing trip during April to the Eastbourne area. The bells were rung on Saturday 25th April at 12:00 for the Baptism of Alma Ladd. On Saturday 16th May at 11:30 there will be a band of ringers visiting our tower from Standlake. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: Friday 8th May – Helen Clayson, Thursday 15th May – Janet Corderoy
Monday 18th May – Daniel Dawson

Date for your diary: – Saturday 16th May – Visiting Ringers 11:30am



Christian Aid Week 2026

10th to 16th May

Please donate this Christian Aid week

How your support makes a difference

Your donation will help push back against the inhumanity of poverty this Christian Aid Week. With your support, we can fund vital training, so communities can fight the effects of the climate crisis and injustice around the world.

Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities.

We act where there is great need, regardless of religion, supporting people to live a full life, free from poverty.

LOCAL EVENT: Chilton Village will be holding a Produce Market and Plant Sale in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 9th May 2026 from 10.00 until midday

For more about Christian Aid's work and how to give, please visit: www.christianaid.org.uk.

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.

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



4 1/2 MILES

Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK

START

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/hagbourefunrun
jkapennington@gmail.com

Runners: Adults £10, U16s £3

Walkers: Adults £5, U16s £2

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



SOLAR
SOLUTIONS OXFORD



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



Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday 16th May at 2.30pm
 at the East Hagbourne Pavilion.



Plant donations welcome, please bring plant donations, clearly labelled to the Pavilion from 1-2pm on the Saturday. Cake donations also very welcome.

As usual there will refreshments, a cake stall and raffle.

ALL WELCOME – AMPLE PARKING AT THE PAVILION

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.**

**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.**

**To enter your scarecrow – full details are on the entry forms which are available
from the Community Shop or you can print your own from the East Hagbourne
website: www.easthagbourne.net**

**Please return your entry form by Monday, 4th May so that
the maps can be prepared**

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Measuring No Mow May

This year, the RHS National Gardens Scheme are working with the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (in Crowmarsh) on the Big British Garden Survey (link below). The scheme will collect information from gardeners about the insects they see in their garden from now until the end of September.



Picture by Vicky Hunt

By taking part in No Mow May, it's much, much more likely that you'll see insect life visiting your garden. Letting grass grow longer provides much needed nectar and shelter for our insect life. Just simple dandelions, daisies and clovers can be a lifeline for pollinating insects at this time of year.

The Plantlife campaign is now 7 years old and has been adopted by thousands of gardeners as well as parish, town and city councils, housing associations, wildlife trusts, churches and even more surprising institutions, such as the RAF, which has taken part and discovered rare orchids.

If you want to learn more about the plants in your garden, as well as the insects, then there's a new programme just for you. Have a look at the 100 Plants in 2026 Challenge (link below). It will support you in identifying and reporting the plants in your garden.

Enjoy the life in your garden this May! <https://www.hugsustainability.org/>

And for everything you need to know about No Mow May, the Big British Garden Survey and the 100 Plants in 2026 Challenge see these links - <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everything-you-need-to-know-about-no-mow-may-and-the-no-mow-movement/>
<https://ngs.org.uk/the-big-british-garden-survey/> <https://bsbi.org/take-part/activities/100-plants-challenge>

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 - OPEN DAY 2nd May 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.

We are holding an **OPEN DAY on the 2nd of May 11am to 3pm** – so come along and see if you would like to learn a new sport or are thinking of returning to the game. Refreshments and Bar available. 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>

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



East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 23 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/

MAY OPERATING HOURS

PO Hours: CLOSED; branch evaluation & parliamentary petition in progress – see below.

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

Closed May Bank Holiday Mondays 4th and 25th May

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

Featuring local products such as handmade marmalade, Dark Horse roast coffee (whole or ground, caff or decaf), fresh-pressed King's pear juice, Calnan's sausages, free-range eggs, honey, bright cards by local artists and more.

We also offer hot or cold drinks, ice cream, crisps, snacks or pick n' mix sweets enliven daily adventures or your commute; or just pick up a few household essentials and avoid the drive into town.

Scarecrow Trail Maps for £1 available from Sat 23 May – be sure to vote for your favourite!

HERITAGE BAKERY available each Saturday Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. See available products and allergen details in Shop or at easthagbourne.net. Pre-order to avoid disappointment!

THURSDAY CAKE DAY! Mid-week pick-me-up or a weekend treat, stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes every Thursday. Selections change weekly, and come by early - they don't last long!

EXTRA VEG? Consider donating excess produce to the Shop to be sold for a modest sum, reducing waste and funding ongoing operating expenses. Many thanks for your generosity!



POST OFFICE UPDATE Due diligence regarding the Local model offered to EH clarified that earnings calculated by the PO team under the Local model based on like-for-like types & quantities of transactions sold by EH PO previously, don't cover legal minimum wages for paid PO staff, rendering it unworkable for volunteer-run not-for-profit organisations such as EH Community Shop. However: Local MP Olly Glover and his team are drafting a parliamentary petition calling for reinstatement of the EH Community branch model to be delivered mid-May, when Olly will present the **over 1000 signatures gathered from our community** online, on paper and door-to-door by our dedicated and indefatigable volunteers. More to come!

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



Charity Quiz Night

Through the Decades

Calendar icon Saturday 30th May | Clock icon 7 for 7:30 start | Location pin icon East Hagbourne Village Hall



Prizes



Raffle



Bar



Teams of up to 6, come as a team or make friends on the night!



Tickets £7.50

including a grazing board for your table.



All proceeds to CoppaFeel! the UK's only youth focused breast cancer awareness charity



For tickets, text Natalie on 07769 976967



This September I will trekking The Great wall of China to raise funds for CoppaFeel!

If you can't make it but would like to donate, please scan here



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 3rd of May and Sunday 7th of June



Oxfordshire Artweeks – 2nd to 25th May

You can visit artists' homes and studios, galleries and gardens, Oxford colleges, churches and a wealth of other art spaces.

Artists and makers in the South Oxfordshire area will be throwing open their doors in the area from 2nd to 10th May. You will find everything from paintings and pottery to installation and intrigue.

Locally artists at North Moreton will be displaying their work at All Saints' Church where refreshments will also be on offer. Blewbury will have work on show at The Clubhouse, Boham's Road and there will be various homes and studios open in the Astons. Please refer to a special leaflet available at Savages in Blewbury and the Library for times and details.

Free festival guide and artist directory for the whole of Oxfordshire is available from the Library, the Cornerstone in Didcot or visit www.artweeks.org for a colourful full list of venues with local maps and illustrations to help you decide where to visit and be inspired!

Dorchester Festival 1st to 10th May There is a wealth of activities planned at Dorchester on Thames from concerts to comedy, food and drink to art, walks, demonstrations and exhibitions and even abseiling down the Abbey Tower! All to support the charity **Be Free Young Carers**. Visit <https://www.dorchesterfestival.com> to discover what will be available.

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.

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: 15th May.**

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.

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



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>.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Artificial Intelligence in Action

My last month's article was put through the Microsoft Copilot AI system by Councillor Robin Jaboor resulting in quite a different structure. Unfortunately, there was not room in the magazine to include my preamble explaining this. The layout, however, proved problematic for the editor, Joy Napper, so I am reverting now to my old style.

Annual Village Meeting

By the time you read this, the Annual Village Meeting will have just taken place. Thanks to Councillor Natalie Milner for designing an attractive poster and to all councillors for making a strong effort to engage with the public emphasizing the social and inclusive aspects of this new-look Annual Parish Meeting.

Parish Council Facebook Page

Councillor Natalie Milner is also responsible for designing and installing design on a new Facebook Page specifically for the Parish Council. This proactively provides information about council plans and activities and complements the Village Facebook page where the posts from our clerk and others are excellent but more reactive. Just follow East Hagbourne Parish Council on Facebook.

Footpaths and Potholes

Two of the most major concerns in the village are potholes and footpaths. Happily, while perhaps not fully pothole free, the situation is now far better than for some time. This can partly be attributed both to us all diligently reporting their existence on Fix My Street and EHPC's determination to get them done by pressurizing the County Council. Of course, it is not all pretty and let's hope that they will not appear again so badly in the frosty and rainy season. On the footpaths, the Parish Council has just placed a contract for work on Footpath 9 (Shoe Lane) and Footpath 30 (Harwood Road to Main Road by the Village Hall). It is hoped that the work on these will be done in the school midterm week in May.

Speed

It frustrates me and also many residents how long it takes for an action to be accomplished. This is because we are a public body constrained by regulations imposed by governmental or legal decree. These regulations when imposed on the County Council, particularly for Highways, can lead to lengthy discussions for items such as speed signs and footway maintenance. Although the slurry seal on the footway in Main Road was great, it is worth noting that it was put on their to do list over a year ago and future actions such as signage to prevent parked cars blocking bus traffic on Main Road are only now on the list. Another example concerns flood remediation at the cemetery. After several months examining technical options, agreeing funding from both East and West Hagbourne, and identifying a suitable contractor we are getting closer to implementing a drainage system for the Cemetery. It seems we may need planning permission but remain confident that the work can be completed before the autumn rains.

Parish Surgeries The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 15th May from 5.00 to 6.30pm. 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 14th May. 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.



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GREAT MEAD PLAYGROUND

As the weather improves, so does the popularity of the playground at Great Mead. The playground is inspected regularly, but not on a daily basis. Please do report to the clerk if you do notice anything so appropriate action can be taken if needed - we want to make sure every visit is an enjoyable one. Thank you!



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 15th MAY

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 15th May 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 and Fridays, for information see [contact form](#)

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 & other venues nearby.

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group
- easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



DEFIBRILLATORS: The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:
Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to 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/S0709/LDP East Hagbourne Pavilion, Great Mead, East Hagbourne - Resurfacing of the existing car park with new tarmac surface with land drains.

OCC Planning application: R3.0125/24 6 Great Mead, East Hagbourne - Change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 Specialist Autistic and Spectrum disorders (ASD) Children's home together with associated external works - Additional Information submitted

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th May 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



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*

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 21st May**.

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 Sc on school days only.

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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow			0905							1725					
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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0646	0739	0752	0931	1028	↓	1228	↓	1428	1603		1749	1838	↓	
Upton Village Hall	0648	0741	0754	0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1605		1751	1840	1943	
Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759	0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610		1756	1845	1948	
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	↓	0755	0808	↓	1044	↓	1244	↓	1444	1619		↓	1854	↓	
South Moreton The Crown	↓	0801	0814	↓	1050	↓	1250	↓	1450	1625		↓	1900	↓	
North Moreton Bus Shelter	↓	0805	0818	↓	1054	↓	1254	↓	1454	1629		↓	1904	↓	
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0700	↓	↓	0945	↓	1145	↓	1345	↓	↓		1803	↓	1955	
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	0704	↓	↓	0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	↓		1806	↓	1958	
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Didcot Girls' School		0820													
Didcot St Birinus School		0828													

This journey operates during school holidays only.

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

Saturdays

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Didcot 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	
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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	↓	
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Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	↓	0848	0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	1548	↓	1748	↓	1948
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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.** Alternatively, you can make a financial donation which can be on a one-off or regular basis. This can be done by visiting: <https://didcotbaptist.churchsuite.com/donate/> and "Foodbank" as your option adding gift aid if you are able to. 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



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