

St Andrew's Hagbourne

PARISH MAGAZINE

SEPTEMBER 2026



SEPTEMBER 2026 EVENTS

Sunday 6th - HAGBOURNE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 12th - RIDE AND STRIDE DAY

Sunday 20th - ST ANDREW'S PET SERVICE

Monday 21st - FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Saturday 26th - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 27th - ST ANDREW'S CAR BOOT SALE

Full details of the events in the magazine

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

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www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The Prayer Intentions for September are for all who live in East Hagbourne.

CREATIONTIDE

Prayer Focus:

- 1 Tuesday
- 2 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
- 3 Thursday 7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B
- 4 Friday *St Birinus*
- 5 Saturday 12noon Upton Village Fete

8pm online Compline
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8pm online Compline

6 + Sunday **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's Upton
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Children, our
village schools
and Sunday club*

- 7 Monday
- 8 Tuesday
- 9 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
7.30pm Fellowship Group: Charity School House, Blewbury
- 10 Thursday
- 11 Friday
- 12 Saturday Wedding: St Andrew's H

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

13 + Sunday **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word with a talk on the environmental costs of AI: St Andrew's H



*Treasurers and
church finances*

- 14 Monday *Holy Cross Day*
- 15 Tuesday
- 16 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
- 17 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B
- 18 Friday
- 19 Saturday 10.30-11.30 Bellringers Training Day: St Andrew's H

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 Our Choices Matter

I wonder if you have ever thought about what it is that makes a human being a human being? What is it that distinguishes a human being from a robot or a computer? What is lost when we replace a human being with a piece of clever AI?

Some philosophers and theologians would argue that the distinctive thing about a human being is that human beings have the ability to think. However, with the rise of ever-more intelligent computers, it seems hard to maintain the position that human beings have the monopoly on thought.

Others have suggested that human beings are unique because only human beings have a "soul" – but this is also problematic, because there is no universal definition of what a "soul" is, if indeed such a thing actually exists at all. Others have suggested that human beings are unique because they have the ability to reflect, and that only human beings are "conscious" and "self-aware"; again, this is disputed, and some would argue that other organisms have the ability to reflect on themselves and their environment.

At this point, you may be thinking to yourself: what about feelings? Are humans unique because only humans have feelings? Again, this claim would be disputed. Many other life forms demonstrate responses which might be considered to be "emotional".

But there is a further aspect to being human, which I think has often been downplayed. Human beings aren't simply machines which think. We are also ethical beings, capable of making conscious choices: choosing what seems to be good, and rejecting what seems to be bad. At a philosophical level, it is possible to debate the extent to which the choices human beings make are genuinely free choices, or whether they have been pre-determined in some sort of way. But at the end of the day, human beings make choices, and these are influenced or directed by an ethical code.

Our society as a whole is the result of the sum of the choices we all make together, and the choices which have been made in previous generations.

Having experienced such an unusually hot and dry spell of weather over recent weeks, I'm sure many if not all of us will be thinking hard about the choices we make about the way we live our lives and care for the environment. Man-made climate change is a painful reality, but each one of us still has the ability to make choices which show we care for our world. We can still make a difference, if we act decisively and if we act now.

There are lots of ways we can explore further what this might mean for us in our own lives, but you might well find two upcoming events both interesting and helpful.

Both will take place at **St Andrew's Hagbourne**: the first is a talk about "*The environmental costs of AI*", at **6pm on Sunday 13th September**; and the second is a *Climate Q & A* at **5pm on Sunday 11th October**. There is no charge for either event, and you would be most welcome.

Father Jason

Home Communion Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

20 +Sunday SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9am Harvest Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Pet Service: York Farm, West Hagbourne
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm Harvest Festival: St Mary's U
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



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

21 Monday	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	8pm online Compline
	Fairtrade Fortnight begins	
22 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
23 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship Group, Charity School House, Blewbury	
24 Thursday		8pm online Compline
25 Friday		8pm online Compline
26 Saturday	10.30-12.30 Macmillan Coffee Morning: York Farm WH	

27 +Sunday SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Harvest Eucharist
followed by lunch: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H
10am – 2pm St Andrew's Car Boot Sale: York Farm WH



*Pastoral care
and visiting.*

28 Monday		8pm online Compline
29 Tuesday	<i>Michael and All Angels</i>	8pm online Compline
30 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline



*Free Organ Recital
at St Andrew's, 5pm
Sunday, 6th September*

Come along and enjoy some great music – we look forward to seeing 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

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Creationtide, also known as the Season of Creation, is a period in the church calendar dedicated to celebrating God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. In the Church of England, it runs from **1st of September to 4th of October**



The Church of England celebrates Creationtide and during this time we...

- **Focus on God as Creator:** It's a time to acknowledge and give thanks for God's creation and to reflect on the relationship between God, humanity, and the natural world.
- **Focus on our environmental responsibility:** It's an opportunity to consider the impact of human actions on the environment and to renew commitments to caring for the planet. Many churches incorporate Creationtide into their Harvest celebrations, giving thanks for the food and resources provided by God's creation.
- **Focus on a deepening connection with our faith:** It encourages churches and individuals to connect their faith with environmental concerns, prompting reflection and action.



The culmination of Creationtide will be a **Q&A on Climate on Sunday afternoon 11th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne**. Our MP, Olly Glover, will be on our panel. We are very happy that the Climate Q&A will be preceded a few days earlier by the showing of *The People's Emergency Briefing*, hosted by **Sustainable Blewbury** in Blewbury Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October.

More details to follow in next month's magazine.



Harvest Festival at St Andrew's



Harvest Festival is on Sunday 4th October this year. It will be lovely to see the glorious colours of autumn in the Church after the very hot summer of this year.

Details regarding the Harvest Festival and decorating the Church will be in the October parish magazine, but please come along and help to decorate the Church on Saturday morning, 3rd October. The Church Rotas for 4th October appear on page 13 in this magazine, including the flower rotas.

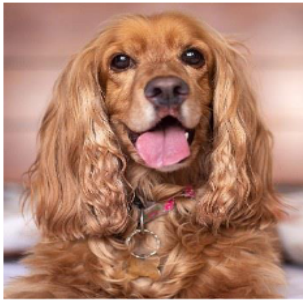
Baptisms in the Benefice

12th July **Freya Elizabeth Royle** was baptised at St Michael's, Blewbury.
12th July **Olive Jemma Renton** was baptised at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.
26th July **Charlotte Rene Andrews-Voller** was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.
26th July **Albert Jamie Martin** was baptised at St John the Baptist, South Moreton.
9th August **Elsie Pippa Price** was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne.
9th August **Poppy Katherine Cassar** was baptised at All Saints' North Moreton.
22nd August **Persephone Jane Barwick** was baptised at All Saints' Aston Upthorpe.
23rd August **Eleanor May Batten** 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.



Weddings and Blessings in the Benefice

7th August **Ned Bartholomew and Lucy Saunders** (Blessing of their Marriage) at St Michael's, Blewbury.
15th August **Philip Rees and Amanda Taylor** were married at St Michael's Blewbury.
We pray for God's blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together.



St Andrew's Pet Service

**Sunday 20th September
10.30am at York Farm
West Hagbourne**



**Bring your pet along or a picture of your pet for a blessing.
Everyone welcome!**



August was a very special month for this organisation as our founder member, Mary Sumner, was celebrated on 9th August. The BBC Morning Service came from Old Alresford, Hampshire, where Mary Sumner had gathered village women together for the first meeting in 1876. (Listen on BBC Sounds!)

Since then, the charity has expanded to a membership of 4 million across 84 countries. On that day Mary Sumner was also celebrated at Choral Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Many members from Oxford Diocese joined the congregation for an uplifting service. MU banners were displayed and prayers for MU were given. How fitting that visitors from many different nations were present.

There is much that goes on overseas:

- A worldwide parenting programme
- Literacy circles and savings groups in developing countries
- Community resilience training in places where disasters are likely to occur
- Encouragement for members to speak out against gender-based violence

Members across UK and Ireland raise funds for these projects to continue and new ones to develop.

Our branch meets monthly for a Holy Communion service followed by refreshments. This will be on Thursday 17th September, 10am at St Michael's Church, Blewbury. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in. *Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch*



Please help spread the word about our regular online Benefice Sunday Service! This Service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship. The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up.

Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link: Computer, tablet, smartphone

<https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice> **New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. <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>.

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.



Tower Talk Paul Batho organised a very successful tower ringing outing on the afternoon of Saturday 18th July starting in Thame. We rang at four towers during the afternoon with a nice tea break at Benson. We concluded the outing in Warborough followed by a meal at The George in Dorchester. Many thanks to Paul for organising this fun afternoon. We all enjoyed the outing and are looking forward to the next one!

On 1st August a couple of the team rang for a wedding at Long Wittenham. Some of the team ring regularly at Long Wittenham to help out the local band. On Saturday 8th August we rang for the Choral Evensong at St Andrew's to celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. This consisted of a wonderful choir with choral and organ music and was followed by tea and cake.

On 9th August the bell ringers ran the Church afternoon Summer Teas. This was to raise some money for the tower as we are hoping to get some new bell ropes and the cost per rope is over £100 each! We had a good afternoon and a big thank you to Jenny, the granddaughter of one of our ringers who was very helpful serving cake to our visitors. Hopefully she might think of having a go at ringing when she is a bit older. Thank you to all our visitors for their support.

On Saturday 12th September the team will be ringing the bells for the wedding of one of our own ringers, Matthew Addison. Jill's next training day is Saturday 19th September from 10:30-11:30 and we hope to ring Single Oxford again.

Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: 20th September – Matthew Addison

Anniversaries: 6th September – Trevor and Shirley Goss

Dates for your diary: Sunday 20th September – Pet Service Sunday 4th October – Harvest Festival

**Macmillan
coffee
morning**

26th September 2026

**York Farm, York Road
West Hagbourne
10.30-12.30pm**

Parking available on site

**Donations gratefully received
cakes - on the day
raffle prizes - to 9 York Road by
24th September**

**Thank you for supporting this
important charity**

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SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026
Hagbourne Village Hall **FREE ENTRY**

ENTRY DROP OFF 9:00-11:00
SHOW OPEN 2:00-4:00

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bring Along Your:
Veggies | Fruit | Flowers
Plants | Herbs
Arts | Crafts
Baked Goods
Children's Arts & Crafts
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Please see page 17 for list of categories and how to enter the Show



Saturday 12th September 2026

The annual Ride and Stride 2026 takes place on Saturday, 12th September.

This annual sponsored event for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust allows participants to walk, cycle, or ride to historic churches and chapels across England to raise money for local county historic churches trusts and a specific place of worship of their choice. **For lots of details advice and routes to take please see <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>**

Tribute to Mary Myrtle Rhoda Jones

30th January 1933 – 24th June 2026

Mary was born at home in an area of East Hagbourne known as Tadley on Monday 30th January 1933, close to the Spread Eagle pub which her grandparents ran. Her dad was known as Farmer and her mum as Edie. She did not have any siblings but grew up in close friendship with her cousins Joan and Brian. Sadly, Joan has already passed away. The three children enjoyed quite a lot of freedom, yet also had to help out in the pub. During the War they sometimes played in a tin bath, paddling it up and down the nearby Tadley Brook. They used to cover it with some material, but they still got told off by the Air Raid Warden that a torch light was showing. Back at the pub, Mary recalls that she would sometimes lay under a beer barrel to catch drops to drink.

Mary attended Hagbourne Primary School, whose head was Mr Parsons, after which she went on to St Frideswide Secondary School in Didcot. In her childhood, Mary loved to draw and her artistic talents re-emerged later in life to great success. At the age of about twelve, Mary achieved the great distinction of competing in the long jump event at the All-England athletics championships which took place at Eton College.

She was certainly a bright pupil, and her teachers could see that she had potential to go to university, most especially in the subjects of History and English Literature. She was particularly fond of the writings of Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy. Sadly, Mary's family did not approve of her going to university. When Mary left school, she secured employment as a machinist in the Boulton Glove Factory in Lydalls Road where many local women worked. She made leather gloves and was very proud of the quality of her work.

Mary met Ron at the village youth club, which was quite fortunate because Mary was not allowed out very much as her grandparents, running the Spread Eagle pub in East Hagbourne required her to help out a lot. But nevertheless, romance was ignited between Ron and Mary, leading first to them courting and then to their wedding on Saturday 3rd April 1954 at St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Southsea before initially settling back in the village at Bakers Lane with Mary's parents, so they could help her Mum who was deaf. Often in later life, Mary would ensure the family made repeat visits to Southsea, because the honeymoon there meant so much to her. Mary's Mum Edie was a strict matriarch. Robert's birth took place in October 1955 and in due course the whole family moved to their present home in New Road, where Marilyn was born in 1958. For a time, Mary's parents also lived in the home at New Road.

Robert and Marilyn recall one Christmas where they were upstairs and heard their parents having a go on a pogo stick which was to be a present. They also recall pre-motorway family holidays to Looe in Cornwall where they would set off very early in the morning to beat the traffic and get onto the beach by 10.00am. The family also took a caravan to the New Forest for some years, Ron would take Mary and the children down there in the car and leave them for a week while he was at work.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s Mary proudly became one of the first lady coach drivers in Didcot. The company for whom she worked went through a series of takeovers, starting as Reliable, with its pink and white coaches, then it became Happy Wanderers. After that, the coach firm became Tappins Happy Wanderers, and then finally, simply Tappins. Mary worked part-time doing school runs and then bringing workers home from Culham.

It was when Mary was 60 years old that she learnt to swim, having previously been too scared to try. She progressed well and eventually swam every week, initially at Berinsfield and then at Didcot Wave. When she retired, Mary rekindled her artistic interest and became skilled at very intricate water colour paintings, most especially of flowers and wildlife. She was assisted in this through attending art classes in the village, led by Peter Dewar. She really loved those classes and the confidence they gave her. In turn, this hobby led to a special friendship developing with Ron and Mags, which Mary much appreciated. On occasions, Mary painted birthday cards for her grandchildren, and she even had one painting published in a local calendar.

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Tribute to Mary Jones continued . . .

Mary leaves grandchildren Chris, Nick, Adam, Ben, and Rebecca as well as great-grandchildren Phoebe, Fleur, Rosie, and Richie. Mary loved to watch them play in the garden. Ron and Mary worked together in the garden where Mary's particular interest was the flowers in the front garden, most especially the red tulips. Mary helped out with delivering the parish magazine along New Road for many years and enjoyed keeping up with the news in the magazine in her later years.

In the 1990s Ron and Mary enjoyed lovely holidays to Lake Garda in Italy, but also to Austria, Spain, Ireland, and Wales. In addition, Ron, and Mary organised coach trip holidays to Scotland and to see the Blackpool Illuminations.

Ron and Mary enjoyed a delightful 60th wedding anniversary celebration at the Fleur de Lys in the village and were blessed to receive a card from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

After Ron passed away in February 2022, Mary coped very well with the loss. She soldiered on, but over time, Mary spent much more time at home because of problems with her knees. She became increasingly dependent on Robert, Marilyn, her very good friend Judy and her cousin Brian, until she sadly passed away in June.

Mary's Service to Celebrate her Life took place at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 29th July, she will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbours.

Coffee & Kids! - a monthly baby and toddler group based in Blewbury.

We welcome families from Didcot and surrounding villages. The next session will be on **Monday, 7th September** in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall, from 10am to 11.30am 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

Upton Village Fete Saturday 5th September, 12noon to 4pm Station Road, Upton. Dog Show, Barbeque and spuds, classic cars, teas, tombola, donkeys, games and stalls and lots more!! Entry £1 with dog show entries on the day. Proceeds to village facilities, St Mary's Church and the local Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary.



Hagbourne Garden Club will be opening the new season of talks on **Thursday, 24th September** at the East Hagbourne Pavilion, Great Mead. The talk will start at 7.30pm with refreshments, including home-made cake from 7pm.

We welcome back **Andrew Mikolajski** who will give a talk on **Right Plant, Right Place** – *choosing plants that are suited to the conditions in your garden, with practical advice on soil, light, moisture and other factors that can make the difference between plants that thrive and plants that struggle.*

Andrew is the author of over forty gardening books and gives lively, informative talks throughout the UK. His presentations combine expert horticultural knowledge with humour, audience participation and plenty of practical ideas to take home.

For further information contact Sally Barksfield sally.barksfield@gmail.com 01235 352275
Plenty of parking at the Pavilion. Visitors welcome £5, first visit free.



What happens after this summer?

This will no doubt be another record-breaking summer for heat. We saw extreme flooding in the winter, deaths from excess heat in summer, and more wildfires than possibly ever before. Also, significant impacts again on UK harvests.

An Ipsos poll says that 3 out of 4 of us are now concerned about climate change. But we're clearly not prepared for what's already happening. UK Government action needs to address both getting to net zero, as well as working fast on adaptation for future climate extremes.

It's becoming clearer that local level action will be key. Rural areas have the advantage of space for both production of food and energy and also resource storage - water management being key.

Former NFU leader Baroness Minette Batters talked about the need for work on drought resistant crops, storing winter water in farm reservoirs, using roof top solar and individual wind turbines on farms as well as green gas production from anaerobic digestion (Radio 4, The World This Weekend, 16.8.26). Farms can also play a key role in nature recovery, wildlife-friendly management of trees, hedges, margins and less productive areas.

Water can be key in our landscapes - the restoration of so many lost rural ponds and wetlands. For firebreaks and as habitat, we need a mosaic of environments - woodlands, wetlands and grasslands. There are many potential actions to be taken at parish / community level too. Both in combatting biodiversity loss and mitigating and coping with the impacts of climate change. Actions include:

- Increasing tree and hedge cover - for shade, biodiversity, reduced flooding and carbon storage.
- Managing green spaces for biodiversity enhancement - including recreation grounds, allotments and burial grounds.
- Supporting pollinators by stopping the use of pesticides on kerbs and paths.
- Installing heat pumps and solar panels on community buildings.
- Designating cool spaces now as well as warm spaces for communities - this is happening in urban areas, especially the use of churches as cool spaces.

For information about what we can do at an individual level, see our website hugsustainability.org

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

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

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

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB Hagbourne Bowls Club is a friendly inclusive club and welcomes members old and new to the Club House in the heart of East Hagbourne village. We are open from April to September. Club nights are Monday evenings, why not come along – a warm welcome awaits 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 keithdavies4@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/

THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR AGM! What a pleasure to see so many of you at our Annual Meeting to review the past rather dramatic year, and to share your thoughts on important principles and values you'd like to see the Shop embrace and embody in our coming refresh. By the time of publication, the AGM minutes and reports will be posted on our page at easthagbourne.net alongside a file documenting suggestions presented by either by us or offered by you, which will be updated as we progress investigation and advancements to address Shop redesign and spatial improvements, replacement or expansion of services offered, and new locally crafted products – all designed to increase community value and engagement.

At this writing, the PO fortress has been removed through the kind efforts of volunteers and final proper disposition of the remaining elements has been scheduled. New layouts for the Shop which incorporate Plunkett's best practices for community shops and facilitate suggested or envisioned improvements are in the works, and applications to help fund these improvements have been submitted.

There are plenty of opportunities to assist us in our transformation and growth – the loan of your media or marketing savvy, keen design eye, redecorating skills or connoisseur expertise as part of smaller projects would go a long way in helping us maintain the Shop as a welcoming and useful amenity to our village and friendly neighbourhood hub. Please let us know if you have talent or a bit of time to share at easthagbourneshop@gmail.com and we'll include you in our project teams.

Thank you for your support!

SEPTEMBER SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

Mon to Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 12:30pm



Introducing NATURAL BREADS, now available each Saturday

Pre-order sourdough or other breads and delicious pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Family-run artisanal Oxford bakery Natural Breads now available, you can browse their range either in the Shop or download here: <https://drive.google.com/.../1hpdJL4s64-qr.../view...> Then, simply place your order in the Shop on the signup sheet, or email us at: easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. They even offer sliced bread for a mere 20p extra! It's the greatest thing since...well - you get the picture...

SAVE THE DATE: Hagbourne Village Produce Show, Sunday 6th September Looking forward to seeing you at the annual Village Produce Show, where we hope to offer taste-tests of possible new products, along with the best of our local makers including Monica's popular crafts and home goods plus a prize basket for the raffle. See page 17 for Show details.



Join our friendly team at Citizens Advice!
Are you seeking a new challenge, and want to contribute something positive to your community?
 Citizens Advice Oxfordshire is looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteer advisers to work in our offices.

Citizens Advice gives people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are and whatever their problem. Our volunteers play a vital role, ensuring that people receive the advice and support they need. A Citizens Advice volunteer recently commented on the way many clients are transformed after benefitting from the close attention and help of an adviser. Lewis told the Henley Standard: "There are problems that seem insurmountable to those experiencing them, but we break down those seemingly impenetrable problems into manageable steps, providing a route out of despair. This process has a profound impact on the resilience and happiness of our clients."

What kind of basic skills will you need to volunteer with us? You will need to be confident with computers and have both a willingness to learn and a positive desire to help people. In the course of your volunteering, you'll learn new skills and meet new people, helping clients with problems in the areas of debt management, benefits, employment, housing and relationships (no prior knowledge necessary). After extensive training you will be giving confidential advice to clients, mainly on the telephone at first, and then later by emails, in person or by using webchat.

We would like you to be available for two sessions per week, either mornings or afternoons or for a whole day. We offer a rewarding, flexible and supportive working environment.

If you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email: volunteer-recruitment@caox.org.uk and one of our staff will contact you.

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.

CHURCH ROTAS	6th September 14th Sunday after Trinity	20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity	4th October HARVEST FESTIVAL	General Notes:
Readers	Ezekiel 33 vv 7-11 Daniel Dawson Romans 13 vv 8-end Sally Duncan	Pet Service York Farm, West Hagbourne	Isaiah 5 vv 1-7 Jenny Smith Philippians 3 vv 4b-14 Margaret Antcliff	<i>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</i> Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand. If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know. The more the merrier! Come along and help to decorate St Andrew's for the Harvest Festival on Saturday morning 3rd October.
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Jenny Smith	
Sidesmen	Myra Hardiman Jacqui Mackenzie	_____	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
Coffee	Jill Garlick Sally Duncan	_____	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Sally Duncan	Jacqui Mackenzie	Marian Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Helen Clayson	Gillian Harries	Felicity Topping	

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Local Government News It is nice to be back after the summer break. We had no Parish Council meeting in August and there was also far less activity from the District and County Councils. However, the big news of the summer is that the Government has made its decision concerning which of the three alternatives they have chosen for our future Unitary Council. They chose the three-council option so that Oxford City becomes a Unitary Council expanding its current size to include land that used to be in some of the district councils including noticeable chunks from SODC. This means that we do get the Ridgeway Council comprising West Berks, SODC, and VWHDC albeit without the nice rectangular boundary spoiled by the bites taken by the city out of our northern boundary. This change of council structure will first be reflected in the elections for the new Ridgeway Unitary Council in 2027 but will not be fully operational until 1st April 2028.

You might ask what this means for you. Happily, there is no change at the Parish (or Town) Council level but now all other council issues from planning to roads, education and social service are handled by a single council with hopefully more clarity and efficiency as intended by this change. At least I will no longer have to explain to people who is responsible for what, which has not always been easy to do.

Parish Council Elections Given that parish councils are not affected by these changes for unitary councils, there is still some excitement at our level. There will be an election for all eight councillors for the parish council next May, an event that only happens once every four years, and we have not had a contested election since 2011. So, when you are thinking how to allocate your non-work time, here is a chance to help make the village a better place and to have fun doing so. If you want to know more, come to a parish council meeting or talk with myself, the clerk, or any current councillor whose names (and photos) are in the noticeboard by the Community Shop.

Pavilion Car Park and Art Projects The major work on the Pavilion car park in the recreation ground should be completed in the first week of September giving a much better surface and better access to the Pavilion hopefully even when the rains start again. Shortly thereafter the new gates designed and built by Julie Grose will be installed. This was part of the Art Project with ear-marked funding from the 2017 S106 agreement with developers for Saint Andrew's Crescent. Of course, you may already have seen another part of the Art Project, namely the excellent artwork of Linda Benton which adorns the bus shelter at Lower Cross. The final part of the Art Project will be a stone sculpture or sculptures on the Main Road side of the Saint Andrew's Crescent estate which are currently being designed by the artist Alex Wenham.

Speed Signage There has been a lot of progress with vehicle activated speed signs since the last magazine with the order now in for their installation. Hopefully, we will be announcing their presence in the next month or so. There will be signs on all three major roads in the village.

Cemetery drainage We are all ready to go with constructing better drainage for the Cemetery and are only being held up by bizarre demands from the District Council with respect to planning. Hopefully this will be resolved soon and work will commence. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience during the works, but hopefully this will greatly alleviate the awful flooding we have had in past years.

Parish Surgeries I am restarting my monthly surgeries after the summer break. The next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 11th September from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

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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CONSIDERATE PARKING IN THE PARISH

With the new school term approaching, this is a timely reminder about considerate parking. The Parish Council is aware of ongoing issues at school drop-off and pick-up times as cars park in St Andrews Crescent and other roads near the school, as well as the difficulties with parking and maintaining appropriate access for larger vehicles along Main Road and Church Close in particular.

We recognise that the village car park cannot accommodate everyone at busy times. Where parking on roads is necessary, please take extra care to avoid blocking driveways or access points and leave enough room for buses, emergency and refuse vehicles, and other larger vehicles to pass safely.

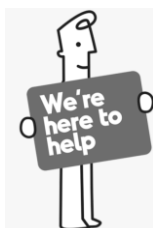
The Parish Council is in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council to establish what measures might be possible to help address parking and vehicle access, particularly along Main Road and in the central village.

Please park considerately and safely, so that everyone can get where they need to go.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 11th September from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

[SOFEA Didcot Community Larder](#) is open on Thursdays

[Didcot Emergency Foodbank](#) is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays

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

[Cost Of Living Crisis](#) An SODC page with a range of advice and support

[The Community Hub](#) can assist with isolation and financial help

[Warm Welcome Space](#) at Didcot Library, click the link for opening times and other nearby venues

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

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

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



DEFIBRILLATORS:

The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:

Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)
Hagbourne Bowls Club on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)

In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.



USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:

[Fix My Street](#) for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.

The [Countryside Access Map](#) can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

[SODC Waste Services](#) for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

You can also use SODC's new [Bin Days web app](#)

[One Network](#) for checking roadworks in the area.

[SEN Powertrack](#) for information on planned/unplanned power cuts.

[Thames Water Reporting](#) to report issues to Thames Water.

Please see next page for planning applications and next Parish Council Meeting . . .

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Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P26/S2128/FUL The Pavilion, Great Mead, East Hagbourne - Resurfacing of the Pavilion car park

P26/S1821/S73 12 New Road, East Hagbourne - Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved plans) and 3 (Surface water drainage works) on planning application P22/S0969/FUL

P26/S2544/LDP East & West Hagbourne Cemetery - Drainage Scheme (Lawful development application)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th September 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

Fairtrade Fortnight – 21st September to 4th October

DO IT FAIR – the theme for 2026 is focusing on action for People, for Planet, and for Fair Pay.



Around the world, the people who grow, pick, stitch and make the things we buy are facing the same challenges: unfair pay, unsafe working conditions, and a climate crisis threatening their livelihoods. Fairtrade exists to change this, and to push for the rules that make fairness the norm, not the exception.

Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are almost 5,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and bananas, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.



St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival 2026

Meetings will soon be taking place to plan for this year's Christmas Tree Festival – so – watch this space!!!
Hopefully we will have some news in the next magazine . . .



St Andrew's Church Fete 20th June 2026 - Funds raised.

The Funds raised at the Fete in June after expenses, etc, totalled £3,237.00

Money taken on the stalls was as follow:

Bottle Bank £202.50	Books £180	Buzzer £27.50	Cakes £350.70
Discarded Treasures (in Church) £121.90	Discarded Treasures (outside) £212.29		
Hoopla £65	Hook A Duck/Lucky Toy Draw £90	Nerve Shoot Out £59	
Pimms Tent £153.80	Plants £349.00	Raffle £564.10	
Ladder Game £49.10	Splat-the-Rat £37.00	Teas £340.00	
Tower visits £80	Tombola £106.00	Woodlice £85.35	

Many thanks to all who helped to prepare and helped to clear up afterwards and to all who worked on the stalls and all who came to support the Fete. A great result!

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. 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 <https://firststepsbabybank.co.uk>

HAGBOURNE PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW 2026

SHOW CATEGORIES & HOW TO ENTER

Sunday 6th September 2026

Entry drop off 9:00-11:00am | Show from 2:00-4:00pm | Hagbourne Village Hall

THE CATEGORIES

All home grown or homemade

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

VEGETABLES

- ★ Beans, potatoes: 4 of one variety
- ★ Beetroot, carrots, tomatoes (any variety - with calyx): 3 of one variety
- ★ Cucumbers, courgettes, chillies or peppers: 2 of one variety
- ★ Squash: 1 of any variety
- ★ Longest runner bean

~ ~ ~ **New Category** ~ ~ ~

Wonkiest Vegetable - any variety
the wonkier the better!

FRUIT

- ★ Apples, pears, or plums: 3 of one variety
- ★ Bunch of grapes
- ★ Nuts: 4 of one variety
- ★ Berries: 8 of one variety

FLOWERS & POT PLANTS

FLOWERS

- ★ Flower arrangements in vases:
Combined or single varieties
- ★ Specimen blooms (eg roses):
single bloom
- ★ Flower arrangement in an unusual
container
- ★ Miniature vase arrangement

POT PLANTS

- ★ Foliage indoor plant

- ★ Flowering indoor plant

- ★ Succulent or cactus

MIXED HERBS

- ★ Up to 6 varieties in a container

BAKING & PRESERVES

BAKING

- ★ Traybake (brownies, tiffin etc)
- ★ Layer cake
- ★ 5 scones (sweet or savoury)
- ★ 5 cupcakes
- ★ 5 decorated biscuits

PRESERVES

- ★ Jar of homemade jam, honey,
marmalade or chutney

EGGS

- ★ Nest of 4 home laid chicken eggs

ARTS/CRAFTS

- ★ Anything (portable!) paintings,
models, photos, craft items,
knitting, crochet, pottery etc

CHILDREN (UNDER 11)

- ★ Animal vegetable (any
vegetables/fruits constructed to
make an animal)
- ★ Celebrity vegetable (any
vegetables/fruits constructed to
look like a celebrity)
- ★ Garden on a plate
- ★ Any arts and crafts

HOW TO ENTER

Entry is free!

All entries must be home grown or
homemade

Bring entries to the Hagbourne Village
Hall between 9-11am. If you have lots
of entries, please come earlier at
8.30am.

No Entry Forms needed!

PRIZES & CUPS AWARDED!

DONATIONS

If a profit is made, a donation will be
made to a local community group or
charity

COMMUNITY CUP

Awarded to a person who has made a
major contribution to the community

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

Learn, Laugh, Live! if you are retired or semi-retired why not consider meeting up with like-minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the Didcot & District U3A with over 30 Interest Groups there must be something for You! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The next talk will be on Tuesday 15th September 2.30pm, called: Wild Homes by popular photographer David Bailey. For more information: <https://www.didcot.u3asite.uk/>

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: 18th September.**

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 17th September.**

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! There are also **Tea Dances** on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month at 2pm. Please visit our website: <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for more details.

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

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

You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital.

The website for the 15 is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

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

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

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

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

		Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)														This journey starts at St Birinus School on school days only.	
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		No service on Sundays or Public Holidays															

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

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

Didcot Emergency Foodbank – food donations urgently needed.

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

All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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



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Sunday 20th September to magtemp5@gmail.com

Thank you, the magazine committee.

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