

Village Association News

Summer Village Walk

On Sunday 23rd August a group of villagers left West Hagbourne along Moor Lane. We continued up the track before turning into the back of East Hagbourne and heading for St. Andrew's Church. There, we had a very delicious afternoon tea before taking School Lane back to West Hagbourne. A very enjoyable occasion – great weather, great cake and great company.

Garden Games Afternoon

What a wonderful afternoon! A Boules Competition was held on Saturday 12th September in the

gravel courtyard of Manor Farm. Twenty-two competitors and 10 spectators attended the occasion. Play was measured but well natured and the competition was won by Richard (4 Manor Close). The runner-up was Tom (Ivy Farm). We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon and we would like to thank Sue and Chris for hosting the occasion.

Let us know if you would prefer rounders or cricket next year (the4gardeners@btinternet.com).

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee morning was held on the 26th

September. As always, the West Hagbourne residents and East Hagbourne visitors showed incredible generosity and we raised a total of £1306.07.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event so successful – cooking cakes, donating raffle prizes and putting up marquees. Thanks also to everyone who attended and to Jane for allowing us to use York Farm as our venue.

Autumn Village Walk

The Autumn Village Walk will be held on Sunday 1st November. The plan is to meet at the bus shelter at 2.30pm. The route will be chosen nearer the time depending on the weather and underfoot conditions. We hope you will join us on the day.

Remembrance Sunday

A short service will be held at the war memorial (located in the bus shelter) on Sunday 8th November at 2pm. It is important to remember the residents of West Hagbourne who lost their lives during WWI and WWII. A two minute silence will be observed in their honour.

West Hagbourne Village Association AGM

Our annual general meeting will be held at Rowan, York Road on Wednesday 18th November.

The meeting will start at 7pm and we are hoping for a good turnout – it is important that residents keep us informed about the events that they would enjoy.

We are also looking for volunteers who would consider joining the committee – new members with new ideas are essential for continued success.

Future Events

Calling all children! The village Christmas tree will be decorated on Saturday 5th December, 11-12pm, under the Horse chestnut tree.

Carols in the Barn will be on Sunday 6th December, 3.30pm, at York Farm.

Full details will appear in the December issue of the WH Newsletter.

Plants

If you are splitting your border perennials this year, please contact Rosey (07542 923328 or the4gardeners@btinternet.com).

I will collect your unwanted cut offs and grow them over winter to sell at our spring plant sale. All proceeds will support future Village Association events. Thank you.

Rosey Gardiner (Chair)



Summer walk



Playing in the boules final



Macmillan Coffee Morning at the barn in York Farm



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Wine in the Vines

On a glorious afternoon in early September some West Hagbourne residents took the opportunity to join in the Party in

the Vines at the Local Yew Tree vineyard. In warm sunshine they enjoyed music, pizza and conversation, all washed down

with a glass of the locally produced wine. Harvest has just started – let's hope for a wonderful vintage.



Parish Council

Meetings

We had our latest regular bi-monthly PC meeting on 9 September. Our next regular PC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4 November (7.30pm at Hagbourne Village Hall). All Parish Council meetings are open to village residents to attend. As usual, please do contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor if you have a matter which you would like the PC to consider at our next meeting (with at least a week's notice if a decision needs to be taken) - even better, come and talk to us at the meeting if you can. Agenda and minutes of all PC meetings can be found on the village website.

Drainage

We will be undertaking some silt clearance work in the Moor Lane ditch. Robin's team of volunteers turns out on a regular basis to seek to address road and waterway drainage issues around the village. Please remember that we maintain a

stock of sandbags in the village for emergencies.

Moor Lane grass verge

We are planning to install some posts in the grass verge next to the ditch in Moor Lane (near the footbridge) to protect the verge and ditch bank.

Litter Pick

Julie has the next village litter pick scheduled for Saturday 24th October; meet at 10:30am at the bus shelter.



Bonfires

I circulated some information on the village WhatsApp group about garden bonfires; please see the SODC website and www.gov.uk/garden-bonfires-rules for further information. Essentially, garden bonfires are permitted subject to avoiding burning certain items (plastic etc.) and not causing danger or nuisance. A common sense approach is needed to warning affected neighbours and the timing of bonfires.

Bus shelter

The roof needs a fair bit of attention; we'll be organising a repair.

Electric blankets safety checks

Safety checks are now being offered free by OCC. See <https://service.oxfordshire.go.uk/blankettesting> for further details.

New Parish Councillor needed!

With Margaret stepping down we have an immediate vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. Are you 18+, a village resident and keen to help the village? Then we have an opportunity for you! Please contact the Clerk for information.

Village website

The village website contains lots of useful information - please take a look at westhagbourne.org, and let the Clerk know if you have anything to add to the site.

Dan Tozer (Chair)

William Tyrell Trust

Do you know of anyone in the village who would benefit from one-off financial help or services (eg garden clear up) due to ill health or other disadvantage? Or are there young people needing financial support to develop their skills? If so, please contact any of the trustees of the William Tyrell Trust:

june.little236@btinternet.com
val.brownsword@gmail.com
liz@wimshurst.org.uk or
rachel.tozer@gmail.com.



Planning

There are currently no outstanding planning applications for West Hagbourne.

HUGS Update

Make a metre matter

That's the name of the BBC Gardeners' World magazine campaign. It's aimed at everyone with a square metre to spare in their garden. In that space, you might be -

planting vegetables or herbs
building a pond
growing wildflowers
constructing a metre square bug hotel
starting to compost

It could be something you do now, or get planning for next year.

After the weather extremes of this year, you might want to get ahead in helping the wildlife in your garden for 2027.

The BBC are working with the non-profit 30x30UK on the



campaign, towards the goal of restoring 30% of their land and sea for nature by 2030. This ambitious target was set in 2022 within the UN framework.

For your garden, if you're interested in establishing wildflowers in your square metre, do get in touch as we might have a small supply of wildflower turf. It's a great way to support pollinators, create a micro habitat and beautify your garden too!

Send us an email for more info on Make your Metre Matter : hugsustainability@gmail.com

www.hugsustainability.org



Of local residents who responded to a survey from Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), 75% oppose the merger of Thames Valley Police into a larger, regional organisation.

The survey was launched in June following the publication of the Government's Police Reform White Paper to gauge local feeling on proposals to reduce the number of police forces in England and Wales.

More than 2,300 people across the Thames Valley took part in the consultation, which was launched to ensure that residents had the opportunity to have their say on reforms that could significantly change the future of policing across England and Wales.

Concerns included:

Less visibility of policing
Lack of local knowledge
Poorer response to local priorities
Worse allocation of police resources
Reduction in community engagement and trust

The Police and Crimes Commissioner, Matthew Barber, said 'Residents understand that effective policing depends on local knowledge, local accountability and strong connections between officers and the communities they serve. They are concerned that these proposals would take policing further away from the public and weaken those relationships.'

Matthew Barber, PCC

Parish Council

Clerk

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

Councillors

Chair:

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Planning updates

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

Parish email list

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

HGVs and Potholes

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

You can do this online at: fixmystreet.com

Or: highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 08453101111

Web site: www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes

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

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

District Councillors

Crispin Topping
Crispin.Topping@southoxon.gov.uk

Anne-Marie Simpson
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County Councillor

Johnny Hope-Smith
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Council Meetings

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

**Keep up to date at
www.westhagbourne.org**

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Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be on the last Friday in October (30th). As usual it will be at the George in Upton from 12.30.

November - no lunch

December 4th - Christmas Lunch

Anyone can join the group - get in touch with Sue for more details:

editor@westhagbourne.org.

Sue Totterdell,
Meadow's Edge



Future Meetings

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

October 20th Sing with Mandy who offers a brief history of folk music. But beware; you will be invited to sing along!

November 17th Jennifer Cowling: *The extraordinary things we say - a light-hearted look at figures of speech.*

December 15th Christmas Lunch and Entertainment 12:00pm to 3:00pm (ticket only event)

Didcot Farmers' Market

This is held in the Market Place on the second Saturday of each month from 8.30am - 1.30pm.

Advertising

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

editors@westhagbourne.org

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WhatsApp Group

The village group continues to support communication between residents. Local recycling is thriving and updates on bin collections are always useful. If you want to be added, contact Lillie Jamieson (07712 429811).

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

Hagbourne Garden Club

Meetings are held in East Hagbourne Pavilion. For further information email sally.barksfield@gmail.com

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Village Shop & PO

Shop:

Mon: 9.00 - 4.30

Tues/Wed: 9.00 - 4.00

Thurs: 9.00 - 4.30

Fri: 9.00 - 4.00

Sat: 9.00 - 12.30

PO:

The Post Office is closed while a new funding arrangement is being sought.

Please watch this space, and continue to support the shop.

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Village garden

Following on their success with the Madge Cup, Dave and Sue have decided it is time to give up tending the village gardens by the bus shelter and are looking for a volunteer/volunteers to take over at the end of this season. The Parish Council may contribute towards costs. Please get in touch if you can help:

editor@westhagbourne.org.

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

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

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

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

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