

WELCOME TO EAST HAGBOURNE!

We hope that you will be very happy here. It is a friendly Parish with a wealth of regular activities taking place. New members are always welcome. We hope that one or more of these activities will appeal to you and you are invited to come along, join in and make new friends.

The Parish Council meets on a regular basis in the Village Hall: members of the public are always welcome to attend as observers. There is an Annual Parish Meeting for the benefit of the village as a whole, where you can make your views known if you wish. Relevant reports on local matters are given and guest speakers are invited to keep us up to date on aspects of village life. See the Parish Council page in the Parish Magazine or contact the Parish Clerk: Robin Parsley 814687 if you would like any more information or would like to raise any issues

St Andrew's Church has a strong and lively congregation who meet in our lovely historic church, parts of which date back to the twelfth century. The Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings in the Primary School. The choir is always happy to have new members to swell the singing. The bell tower has a ring of eight bells and once again beginners and old hands are welcome to join them for practice on a Tuesday evening.
The Rector is the Rev. Jason St John Nicolle (850267)

The Parish Magazine is published and delivered monthly at a very modest cost. Whilst giving all the information on church matters, it offers a lot more besides. It is the main source of information about local clubs, organizations and forthcoming local events. Many local businesses advertise in the magazine and this alone makes it an invaluable tool to have on hand.

(Contact: Janet Corderoy 813367 or Joy Napper 816004)

The **Village web-site** www.easthagbourne.net also has extensive information on events, activities and history of the village

Hagbourne Village Hall is located in East Hagbourne but serves both the Hagbournes. There are three rooms, a large hall, a small hall and a meeting room, each of which is available to hire by individuals or groups either separately or together. There is a kitchen area that can be used to serve food and drink, and a licence to serve alcoholic drinks can be obtained if desired.

Look at the village website www.easthagbourne.net for details of how to book the facilities

Hagbourne C of E School is situated opposite the Village Hall. This is an excellent school that is often held up by the county as an example of good Primary practice. The limited places are usually over subscribed.

(Head teacher: Annette Crewe 813367)

Hagbourne Pre- School meets daily during term time in the Village Hall. It caters for children from two and a half to school age. Visits from parents and children are welcome.

(Contact: Nicky Brown 07719 400729)

Neighbourhood Watch is active in the village, which is officially classed as a low- crime area and we need your support to keep it that way.

(Contact: Myra Hardiman 816013 or Di Duff 813349)

We are very fortunate to have a **Village Shop and Post Office**. This is situated next to the garage on New Road and is open every weekday, as well as on Saturday mornings. The shop is run entirely as a community shop by a team of volunteers. It stocks a wide range of items at competitive prices and often sells a range of local produce from the Parish. It is a great place to meet people and new volunteers are always welcome. Just pop in. **The Post Office** is open every morning and Monday and Thursday afternoons. It offers a wide range of services, including foreign currency and pensions.

(Postmaster: Terry Clark 811815)

There is a **Recreation Ground** in Great Mead, where there is also a children's play area. Plans for a new Pavilion are in the pipeline.
Some events take place annually and are enthusiastically supported by young and old alike. These are the main annual events.

The Annual Fun Run (approx 4.5 miles - virtually all off road) takes place on the first Monday in May. It has become a popular event and usually raises a substantial amount for Cancer Research. Trophies are awarded to winners in the various categories. Tea, coffee and cakes are on sale in the Village Hall to sustain the runners and supporters. Look out for details in the Parish Magazine!

The Scarecrow Trail is a fun event that takes place in the early summer. Villagers are encouraged to make a scarecrow based on the theme for the year. For a small fee local people are asked to judge the scarecrows and the winner is awarded a cup. The proceeds go to Friends of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania.
(Contact: Mary Harrison 813826)

There is a thriving amateur dramatics group in the village, known as **HAMS**, which has performed four very successful and diverse productions over the last four years (one a year). It is an all inclusive group who welcome all those interested in putting on a production, whether as an actor or a member of the production team. No experience necessary.
(For contact details please see village website)

The Annual Church Fete is a popular event that usually takes place in June. It is well supported by the village as a whole and from neighbouring Didcot. New helpers are always most welcome. Look out for details in the Parish Magazine!

The Hagbourne Produce Show takes place in September in the Village Hall. Gardens, orchards, and allotments are scoured for prime exhibits. Cakes, bread and jams are also entered. There are various children's categories giving them a chance to show off their inventive and artistic skills.
Throughout the year the **Gardening Club** meets once a month.
(Contact: Jenny Smith 815897)

The Christmas Tree decorating event takes place in the church in December. Local groups are invited to decorate a tree with some wonderfully artistic results.

The following is just a selection of the many things on offer in the village.

A thriving **Bowls Club** with a range of players from beginners to county.
The football team plays on the **recreation ground** in Great Mead, where there is also a children's play area.

The school's swimming pool is available for booking to villagers at certain times between May and October.

There are also Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides, as well as pilates, yoga and ballet meeting in the Village Hall.

This is just a sample of what goes on in the village. For more detailed information just go to our village website at:-
www.easthagbourne.net