

THE DRAGON

October 2024



Welcome to your monthly round up of news/events in Ogbourne St George.

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

It was lovely to see everyone at the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on 21 September in the Village Hall. The plant stall was (as always) impressively full of a variety of flora and greenery, and there was a bottle stall plus various games to play. All this, together with a raffle and donations for tea, coffee and cakes raised £500 for our village church. Little Dragons also ran a toy stall that raised £40.

Thank you to everyone who helped as well as to the Village Hall Committee for their hospitality. We look forward to being able to run the full Fete and Dog Show at Ogbourne Manor next year. The date and details on how to help will be out early next year, so there will be plenty of time for you all to step forward and volunteer.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the dog poo bin has finally arrived and has been installed at the end of Jubb's Lane. It would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to pick up their dog poo and put in the bins around the village.

Autumn Quiz - 5 October 2024

A reminder that the next Quiz Night is in the Village Hall on Saturday 5 October from 7.30pm.

Doors open 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm. Quiz entry is £5 per person in advance, £6 on the night. Teams of six please. Drinks and nibbles will be available for donations on the night.

To reserve your places please ring Colin on 01672 841485 or email Claire on osgvhall@gmail.com We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

School Report

School Principal, Lucy Crump updates on the Primary School:

We hope you all had a wonderful summer with your families. It has been lovely to welcome back all our existing families for the new school year, and we are also delighted to welcome all the new Acorns children to Ogbourne Primary School. In addition, we are very pleased to have some new children join us in other classes.

We have been very impressed with how well all the children have settled back into school and adjusted to their new classes, even with several wet playtimes in this torrential rain! I have heard lots of positive things from all members of staff about what a brilliant start everyone has made to the new academic year.

Our value for this term is 'Respect'. We look forward to exploring this further in our collective worships and seeing this value lived out throughout school.

We now have Facebook and Instagram pages for Ogbourne to share updates on events at school. Please do follow these pages! Links below.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559942294205>

<https://www.instagram.com/ogbourneprimary/?hl=en>

Little Dragons Update

Maggie Tanner updates on the pre-school:

Our new academic year started with a 'stay and play' morning to help the children settle into the setting with their parents. Their first year in pre-school is an exciting time but is also tinged with uncertainty. However, the year has started well and thanks to our wonderful staff, the children have settled in well. The staff have asked me to extend a warm welcome to the families of the new children, and we all hope they will enjoy their time with Little Dragons.

We are delighted that our numbers are rising again, and the pre-school is flourishing. If you would like to join our team, or visit Little Dragons, please contact us for further details at helen@littledragons.org

Village Hall Committee Vacancy

- Would you like to get to know more people in the village?
- Do you have a little spare time to attend 3-4 meetings a year?
- Would you like to join in with some local social events?

If so, then please join our friendly Village Hall Committee. It's an ideal way to make friends locally and contribute to your community.

The Committee is also seeking someone to take over as Secretary. This is an interesting role involving drafting agendas, taking minutes and generally getting involved with the Hall. It is not onerous and will suit you if you have good communication and organisation skills.

If you would like further information and/or to join us, contact Chair Colin Jeffrey on 01672 841485 or email the current Secretary Claire on osgvhall@gmail.com

Ogbourne Motor Group (OMG)

Kevin Howard updates on the OMG:

The meeting of the OMG on 5 September was the last in the Inn with the Well. We discussed future meetings and determined that they should be held in alternative venues, such as homes, garages, etc. suggested by members, as notified on the WhatsApp group and in this wonderful organ. However, I have other commitments on Thursday evenings until Easter next year, so I propose to move the group to Wednesday evenings.

If you would like to join the OMG, please let me know so that I can add you to the group. I can be contacted on 07534 679944.

Bell Ringing

If anyone is interested in taking part in bell ringing at our local Church, then Mike Clarke would love to hear from you. Practice sessions take place on Thursday evenings. Mike can be contacted on 07879 236199.

October Church Services

6 October, Harvest Festival Service, 10.00am

13 October, Trinity 20, Holy Communion (BCP), 8.30am

20 October, Trinity 21, Zoom Service, 10.30am

27 October, Last after Trinity, Evensong (BCP), 6.00pm

100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the September winners: R Burrowbridge & J Haley

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on 16 October 2024 in the Church Hall, Butts Rd, SN4 0NN at 7.30pm on “Elmer’s flight and the re-enactments” presented by Bill Read. Elmer of Malmesbury was an 11th Century Benedictine monk best known for his early attempt at gliding flight using wings. He had read and believed the Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus and attempted to emulate them by fixing wings to his hands and feet and jumping off a tower at Malmesbury Abbey. His exact flightpath and distance are not known, but he was reputed to be in the air for c. 15 seconds and travelled more than 200m before crashlanding and breaking both legs. There have been several brave/foolhardy attempts to recreate the flight. Bill is one of our regular speakers and is sure to recount this thrilling tale with his usual aplomb.

The talk will be preceded by our Annual General Meeting.

Membership subscriptions are £20 per year, starting in October. Visitor fees for non-members are £5 per meeting. The schedule is published on www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk as well as general information on the History Group and local historical links.

Our 2025 calendar will be available shortly from local stockists, featuring photographs of hidden Chiseldon. An ideal Christmas present!

Chiseldon Museum is now closed for the 2024 season and will reopen in Spring 2025 with new exhibits.

Contact The Dragon

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