

THE JUBILEE DRAGON

June 2022



Welcome to your Jubilee 2022 edition of The Dragon

Ogbourne St George is delighted to have the opportunity to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year.

We begin with thoughts from Reverend Roger Powell on this milestone

'As we prepare to celebrate the great milestone that HM The Queen has reached, we give thanks for her seventy years of service, not just to this country but to the Commonwealth and many countries around the world.

The Queen's reign has been underpinned by her faith. This is something that she has spoken about and is readily seen in the way she has led her life. The message of Jesus is about love for neighbour and how we serve. The Queen has given us the example of this over and over again these past seventy years.

At church services on 5 June we shall say special prayers and give thanks for Her Majesty.'

There are lots of exciting things planned in our village to mark this occasion. Read on for details:

- Saturday 28 May – Village Late Spring Clean (9am-12pm)
- Thursday 2 June – Jubilee Beacon Light Up (8pm-10pm)
- Sunday 5 June – Big Jubilee Picnic on the Green (12pm-4pm)

Village Late Spring Clean – Saturday 28 May from 9am

So that Ogbourne St George looks as good as it can for the Jubilee celebrations, we're calling on as many friends and residents as possible to help with our Village Spring Clean. We'll meet at Pooles Meadow at 8.45am to start at 9.00am and expect to finish around 12:00/12:30pm. Please volunteer your time for a few hours, then we can prepare the village before the Jubilee weekend commences.

- Split into working teams (number dependent) and work through a priority list of areas of the village to clear away overgrowth, prune back, litter pick etc.
- An A3 map with areas marked will be provided for each team.
- Please bring any of the following should you have them:

Gloves	Loppers and pruners	Brooms	Weeding tools
Shovels	Garden waste bags	High-vis vests	Strimmers

Areas to focus on:

1. The bus stop on the Marlborough Rd toward the BT exchange,
2. The bus stop on the old railway line path and
3. The bus stop on the slip road pedestrian access to the Golf Club.

Tasks to carry out:

- Clear all litter en route and in and around these areas
- Strim around the village signs
- Weed the flower boxes on the Marlborough/Aldbourne Road village entrances
- Strim footpath areas e.g. by Meadow Cottage.
- Other jobs are listed and will be people and time dependent.

Please come and help for a few hours or whatever time you can spare.

Children also welcome to come and help clear up. The more hands on deck, the more we can get done and ensure our village looks fit for a Queen!

Thank you.

Jubilee Beacon Light Up – Thursday 2 June from 8pm

Ogbourne St George will kick off the Jubilee celebrations from 8pm on the evening of Thursday 2 June, by joining communities across the UK and Commonwealth in the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon as well as a firework display.

Located at the top of the hill on the road to Aldbourne, near Chase Woods Farm, the beacon will be lit in line with the rest of the Commonwealth nations at 9.45pm, followed by fireworks, finishing at 10pm.

“The Nosebag” will be selling delicious burgers, baked goods, and hot and cold soft drinks from 8pm, and there will be games to pass the time until light up. There is parking available on site.

The Ogbourne St George Parish Council thanks the Iliffe family for making this event possible.



Big Jubilee Picnic on the Green – Sunday 5 June from 12pm

On Sunday 5th June our village will become part of The Big Jubilee Lunch by holding a village picnic on the green at Pooles Meadow. The bells will ring at the church from 11.30am for half an hour, and then starting from 12pm, residents are invited to bring their own picnic-filled hampers to tuck into and blankets to relax onto on the grass and join in.

Events and entertainment include a **Children’s Design a Crown Competition** and a **Jubilee Bake Off for Children and Adults**. Please bring along your home-made crowns and bakes. The deadline for entries is 1.30pm with judging at 2pm. Prizes for the best Crown, best Children’s Jubilee cake and best Adults’ Jubilee Cake will be awarded, so let your creative jubilee juices flow!

Light games and activities including skittles and beanbags will take place on the lawn until 3pm. In addition there will be complimentary ice creams to cool us all down, and a special Platinum jubilee souvenir for all children attending. Mike and Megan Shaw from The Inn with the Well have kindly donated beer to wash down your picnics, and the Ogbourne St George Parish Council thanks them for this.

Why not join forces with friends and neighbours and bring a picnic to share? Respectfully BBQs are not permitted. We expect the picnic to finish at 4pm, after which the Inn with the Well will be open for further celebrating to round off this unique weekend.

The Ogbourne St George Parish Council thanks the Pooles Meadow residents for their part in making this event happen.

The 100 Club Winners

April Winner	April Runner up	May Winner	May Runner up
Bob Tanner	Rebecca MacDonald	Nick Burnet	Mandy Haley

Stone Painting Workshop

An enjoyable time was had by all at the April Stone Painting event at the Village Hall. Debbie Clark brought plenty of books and stones to inspire participants, and there were several unique designs created, with a sunset stone standing out in particular. Thanks to Debbie for hosting and all those who attended.

Ogbourne St George Church Services

5 June	Pentecost	11.00am	Parish Communion (Ogbourne St Andrew)
12 June	Trinity Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion
19 June	Trinity 1	10.30am	Zoom Service
26 June	Trinity2	6.00pm	Evensong(BCP)

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15 June in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Peter Knight will talk on "The Wonders of Stonehenge and Avebury".

Village School Summer Fair

This will take place on Saturday 25 June from 12-3pm, hosted by the PSA. Please see May's Dragon for further details.

Little Dragons Jubilee Tea Party

Little Dragons Pre-School is a non-profit volunteer-run charity, relying on fundraising to buy resources for the children. Sadly during the pandemic they were unable to fundraise and so are excited to be able to do so once again. They will celebrate the Jubilee on Friday 27 May by holding a tea party for the children & parents in the Village Hall Garden and by making bunting. Families are welcome.

Messages from the Village

Unfortunately there has been an increase in dog walkers letting dogs foul directly on paths and byways as well as within view of them. Owners are respectfully reminded that leaving dog faeces on paths and in clear view of other path and byway users is not acceptable. So please pick up the poo and dispose of it in the village bins provided for this purpose.

Contact The Dragon

To share your village news, please write to Claire Heald: osgdragon22@gmail.com.