

# THE DRAGON

April 2022



Welcome to your April 2022 edition of The Dragon, keeping friends and residents of Ogbourne St George informed about local events.

## Parish Council News

Our Parish Council will be holding their inaugural 'Meet your Parish Councillors' evening at the Inn with the Well on 6 April from 7.30-9pm. They would love to see as many of you as they can, to hear your ideas and how you might like to get involved in village life, so feel free to pop in and meet them. In particular, they are keen to listen to your suggestions on how our village can mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this June, as well as find out if you'd like to volunteer to take part in this unique event.

If you can't make 6 April, but have comments & suggestions, then email [parishclerk@ogbournestgeorge.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ogbournestgeorge.org.uk) or call 07730 594658.

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on 12 May from 7.30pm.

The new MyWilts App is a simple, quick and easy way to book services and report issues to Wiltshire Council. You can use it to report road and street issues, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti and faulty streetlights and many more issues. You can attach photographs and videos to provide additional information and pinpoint exact locations. Wiltshire Council will then provide you with updates on your case.

## Church News

Ogbourne St George Parish Church is part of the Ridgeway Benefice which also includes the parishes of Holy Cross Chiseldon with Draycot Foliat and Ogbourne St Andrew with Rockley, led by the Reverend Roger Powell.

Your April Church services are:

- 3 April (Passion Sunday), 10.00am, Cafe Church
- 10 April (Palm Sunday), 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)
- 14 April (Maundy Thursday), 7.30pm, Benefice Communion in Chiseldon
- 15 April (Good Friday), 2.00pm, Good Friday Service
- 17 April (Easter Day), 9.30am, Parish Communion
- 24 April (Easter 2), 4.00pm, St George's Day Service

The Church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays & Sundays from 9am to 5pm. In addition a 24 hour 'Daily Hope' phone line provides access to worship, prayer and reflections. It is free to call and is on 0800 804 8044.

## Ogbourne Primary School News

The Parent Staff Association (PSA) is holding its next fundraising event, Race Night, at the school on Saturday 30 April. Doors open at 6.30pm and races start at 7pm, Entrance is £3 per person or 2 people for £5. There will be a bar with snacks and drinks to purchase on the night, plus a Tote for you to place your bets, from £1.

Secure your tickets in advance from [ogbournepsa@yahoo.com](mailto:ogbournepsa@yahoo.com) They will also be available on the door. Sponsors for each race are required, so please also contact the above email to see your name in lights.

The PSA is also delighted to announce that the Summer Fair will return this year. Dates and details to follow.

You can also support the school via the School Lottery for £1 per ticket, per week, with prizes up to £25,000. So if you're feeling lucky, then visit: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ogbourne-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ogbourne-primary-school)

## Village Hall News

By the time you read this, your Village Hall Committee will have held their first event of the year, the ever popular Coffee and Cake Morning, always a welcome opportunity for our talented local bakers to show off their culinary skills and for the rest of us to savour their goodies. Thank you to all who contributed behind the scenes and on the day. The team is looking forward to running more events during 2022 so watch this space for something to pique your interest.

If you are looking for a venue in which to hold your own event, then consider our Village Hall. It offers competitive rates and can be booked from as little as one hour. Children's parties are always on trend, and the Hall has capacity for 70 seated, 110 with their dancing shoes on, and 150 for a standing audience. It's local, convenient, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your money goes back into your community.

For more details on how to book the Hall, contact the Committee Chair, Colin Jeffery, on [colin.corfemullen97@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.corfemullen97@btinternet.com)

## The Inn with the Well News

From Friday 22 to Sunday 24 April our local Inn will make Ogbourne St George the first port of call for celebrating our patron saint with a variety of events to entertain and challenge us all, with all proceeds being donated to the Prospect Hospice, Wroughton.

First, a challenge to all cooks in our village to produce an Ogbourne Pie. Your criteria are: you must use local produce and it must be able to be served cold. Pies will be judged at 8:30pm on Friday, and then the pub will add it to their menu, name check the winning cook, and donate 50p for every pie sold to the Prospect.

Next the Ogbourne Orienteering Course will take place on 23 April from noon-6pm. Entrance is £3, all of which goes to the Prospect. The two fastest times will be presented with a prize at 7pm on Saturday.

For something more cerebral, how about the St. George Quiz? Pick up a form for £1, complete it over the weekend and return it to the pub by 6pm on Sunday. All correct forms will be entered into a draw, and one lucky winner will be drawn at 7pm on Sunday, who will receive a £15 Inn with the Well voucher. All proceeds will go to the Prospect.

Food and drink will be served from midday to 10pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Bass, Courage Directors and Wells Bombardier ales will be available direct from the cellar in cooled glasses. English wines will be served by the glass. And a sharing Picnic Ploughman's will feature English cheeses.

On Sunday at 1pm they hope to be joined by Morris Dancers. Then The Bee Skas, fronted by Hayley from Locomotion, will round off St George's Weekend from 6pm with their Good Jamaican and 2 Tone Ska set.

Megan, Mike, Natalie, Jenny & Hannah thank you for supporting our Inn.

## Spring Maintenance Morning

Can you spare an hour or two to help with some maintenance jobs inside and outside the Church? If so, please come along on Saturday 2 April from 9.30am to noon. Refreshments will be provided to welcome volunteers. In addition, watch this space for our Village Spring Clean likely to be held in May.

## Plant Sale Table

Carol and Helen would like to thank everyone who supported the Plant Sale Table in 2021 by bringing, buying and growing plants. Thanks to your generosity and green fingers, over £900 was raised, which has gone to support our Parish Church.

Carol and Helen hope you will continue to support this worthy cause in the coming year by growing more plants and sharing them with your neighbours. Any garden-related produce is welcome on the Table, but nothing that can be spoilt by rain. The Table can be found outside the Old Forge on the High Street and is expected to restart around Easter time.

## The 100 Club

The 100 Club is a church fundraiser and tickets are sold each August / September for the new year to start in October. Congratulations to our February winners who are: Louise McIntyre & Emma Ormond.

## Mobile Library

For all you avid readers, the Mobile Library dates for 2022 are as follows:

21 Apr	19 May	16 Jun	14 Jul	11 Aug
8 Sep	6 Oct	3 Nov	1 Dec	29 Dec

The Library can be found on Liddiards Green from 10:00-10.30am. If you miss it, then you can follow it to its next stop in Baydon, where it will be on Ermin Street outside the school from 10.50-11.40am.

## Further Afield

The Chiseldon Local History Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 20 April in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Martin Collison will talk on The Battle of Agincourt. Tickets are £1. A schedule of meetings with confirmed speakers for 2022 is in place, and it will be published on [www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk](http://www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk) once the website revamp is completed. The Museum will open on 23 April for the season.

## Contact The Dragon

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