

THE DRAGON

October 2022



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

Thank you, Ma'am, for everything

The sad news of HM Queen Elizabeth's death on 8 September truly marked the end of an era. It's a mere three months since our Village and so many other communities came together to light Jubilee beacons, bake regal cakes, don red, white and blue, and share picnics and prosecco on the Village Green in celebration of her 70 years as our Queen. The Dragon recalls these words from The Dean of Westminster at her funeral:

'With gratitude we remember her unswerving commitment to a high calling over so many years as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. With admiration we recall her life-long sense of duty and dedication to her people. With thanksgiving we praise God for her constant example of Christian faith and devotion. With affection we recall her love for her family and her commitment to the causes she held dear.'

The September Parish Council meeting and Village Fête were both cancelled in the light of the news and as a mark of respect.

Harvest Fair

Instead of the Village Fete, there will be a Harvest Fair at Ogbourne St George Church on **Saturday 1 October** from 2-4pm. We'll have many fete favourites including Adopt-a-Teddy, Bottle Stall, Little Dragons Children's Stall, Plant Sales, Tombola, White Elephant, as well as tea, coffee and home-made cakes to nourish you, and your chance to vote for your Village Unsung Hero following receipt of your nominations. A reminder it's a cash only event.

Thank you to all of you who have already donated items, spent time collecting them and offered to help on the day. Final donations can be made as follows: Bottles to Colin at 8 Jubb's Lane, Tombola treats to Claire at Barn View, White Elephant to the Church on Wednesday all day or on Saturday morning before midday.

If you can help with running a stall and/or setting up on Saturday morning, then please contact Lesley on 07775 517138, laayres@talk21.com or Claire on 07493 110248 or osdragon22@gmail.com

Little Dragons

Did you know that Little Dragons has been in the Village now for 35 years? Long may that continue! Our Pre-school has provided a vital service for so many local families over generations, and the management team is passionate about keeping it sustainable for families and children to come. They are looking for volunteers, fundraising friends and a new Chair to lead the management team and shape its future. For more information, please contact Fay at f.tombs@gmail.com

Wear it Pink Coffee Morning

Turn our Village pink as Ogbourne St George takes part in this nationwide coffee morning organised by Breast Cancer Now, which funds life-changing research into breast cancer. Join Roz, Mike and Megan at The Inn with The Well on **Friday 21 October**, from 10am-1pm.

Drink coffee, eat cake and purchase handcrafted items and pre-loved goodies, but above all Wear It Pink. Cake bakers are welcome so please let Megan know if you can bake something. Similarly, if you prefer to donate craft items, good quality unwanted gifts or second-hand objects, please drop them off to the pub by the evening before. For more details see: <https://www.wearitpink.org/about>.

Parade Cinema, Marlborough

Don't miss a one-off opportunity to see a moving coming of age film at the Parade Cinema on **Wednesday 28 September** at 6.30pm. *'My Childhood, My Country: 20 Years in Afghanistan'* follows a seven-year-old boy growing up in one of the most dangerous countries in the world, and casts a powerful light into what has and has not been achieved in the last two decades.

The OSG 100 Club 2022/23

This Church Fundraiser is still open for members for 2022/23 from October. For an annual subscription of £12, members are allocated numbers and entered into 12 monthly draws. Membership is limited to 100, and two cash prizes of £25 and £15 are awarded each month.

To renew your subscription, or to join as a new member, please contact Lesley Ayres on 07775 517138, laayres@talk21.com or complete the subscription slip in September's Dragon. A few numbers are left so don't miss out!

Congratulations to September's winners: Donzil Cook (1st) & Sarah Smith (2nd).

Village Hall Autumn Quiz

Like so many organisations under pressure at the moment, our Village Hall is no exception. We are really hoping that the Village and friends will come out in force to support us with our fundraiser Quiz on **Saturday 8 October** at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm).

Organise a team of up to 6 people, or come along and team up with new friends. Only £12 per person, which includes your first drink and a tasty finger buffet. £6 table discount for booking a whole table of 6 people. There will be a bar and raffle on the night, which is cash only please. If you can support us then we'd love you to join us. Please let us know as soon as possible and by the extended deadline of 30 September.

Email: osgyhall@gmail.com & pay by BACS to: CAF Bank, Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account number: 00012238. Account Name: Ogbourne St George Village Hall or ring Colin Jeffery on 01672 841485 to pay over the phone. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Inn With The Well

The sun shone, the pizza popped and the fun flowed at Dr Ben's End of Summer Quiz at the pub. The cash rolled in, and over £450 was raised for The Prospect. Congratulations to Team Heppell who triumphed as Quiz winners. Thanks to everyone who took part on the day, devised quiz questions, to Ben for being the Host-with-the-Most, and to Malachy for his 'amazing midway entertainment', a royal rendition of Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth and truly fit for a Queen.

Congratulations also to these 2022 Orienteering Winners:

- The Ayres family, First Family
- Buckley Holden, Youngest Finisher
- Alex, Phil, Thea and Austin, First Family of Cyclists
- Anita and Jason, Fastest on Bikes

And last but by no means least:

- Andy Crozier 'Longest, Grumpiest, Oldest' Finisher

The pub will be closed as follows:

- Sundays and Mondays from 25 October
- Sunday 30 October until Tuesday 8 November incl.
- Saturdays and Sundays from November to April 2023

Looking ahead the pub will be hosting:

- Saturday 17 December: Locarno Beat in concert
- Sunday 25 December: Christmas lunch. 14 already booked

Ogbourne St George Church News

Ogbourne St George Church has a new heating system, thanks to Earthline Ltd. Earthline has been associated with our Village for over 30 years, and Managing Director, Rod Coplestone was keen to give something back to the local community for its support over this time. St George's Church dates back to the 12th Century, and has been without a working heating system for some time, due to problems obtaining parts for the old, direct fired boiler. Earthline decided to donate a new £14,000 indirect LPG heating system, which was installed on 12 August. The new system will not only improve fuel consumption by up to 50%, it will also reduce emissions and will be better for the fabric of the building, thanks to the significantly improved air quality entering the church. Father Roger said, "we are very thankful to Earthline for funding a replacement unit, which will not only be more effective but also greener".

October Church Services

2 October, Harvest Festival, 10.00am

9 October (Trinity 17), 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)

16 October (Trinity 18), 10.30am, Zoom Service

23 October (Last Sunday after Trinity), 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

30 October (All Saints' Sunday), 10.30am, Benefice Communion at Chiseldon

The **Autumn Tidy Up** at the Church will take place on **Saturday 8 October** from 9.30am - 12.30pm. We will be tackling the usual maintenance jobs inside and out; please bring your own tools for outside work. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome, not just members of the congregation.

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 19 October** in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Linda Sloan will talk on "Henry VIII and Jane Seymour". This has a local connection as Henry and Jane are believed to have done much of their courting at Littlecote House, then owned by Jane's grandmother. Jane died giving birth to the future Edward VI.

The Annual General Meeting will be held before the presentation and will include election of the Committee and plans for the coming year. New members are welcome. Details for members' subscription for 2022-23 will be confirmed, and a schedule of meetings for 2022-23 will be available and will be published on the website. Chiseldon Museum is now closed for 2022 and will re-open in Spring 2023.

Contact The Dragon

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