## CHURCH DIARY FOR June 2007

***Sunday, 3rd June - Trinity Sunday***

10.00 am All-age service and Baptism

***Sunday, 10th June - Trinity 1***

8.30 am Holy Communion BCP

***Sunday, 17th June - Trinity 2 (Father's Day)***

9.30 am Parish Communion

***Sunday 24th June - Trinity 3***

9.30 am Matins
6.30 pm Evensong

There will be a midweek service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10.00 am at Holy Cross

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE** The Revd Roger Powell (01793

**CHURCHWARDENS** Charlotte Frost (841361)
Gordon Mudge (841338)

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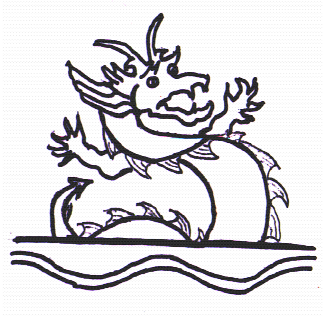


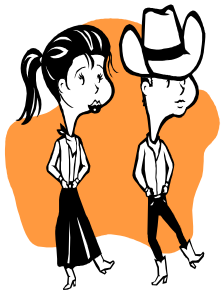
# *The Dragon*

The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

**June 2007**

## *WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH*

**June 5 and 19** The Ogbourne Little Fishes 1.45 - 3pm at the Church



## Hoe Down

There will be a Village Barn Dance at Park Farm on Saturday 7 July organised by Friends of Ogbourne School. Doors open at 5.30pm with dancing from 6 and supper from 6.30. The Butter Side up Band will be playing and there will also be a "bucking bronco"! Tickets are available from Debbie Sandison on 841468 and the prices vary depending on whether you buy early - savings to be made - and whether you want to enjoy the delicious home cooked food.

### Change of Parish Council Chairman

Tim Frost has retired as Chairman of the Parish Council after 10 years service. He announced his resignation at the Annual General Meeting and Richard Iliffe, who attended the meeting, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the village for all his hard work. Keith Wallace has been elected as the new Parish Council Chairman. (*for more details on the councillors see inside)*

## Please take your litter home

It's great to see that the Bell Field has been used in recent months by some of the older teenagers in our village, including some holiday time camping. However, rubbish has been left scattered across the field and the surrounding farmland, in particular discarded bottles, cans and cigarette lighters, which can cause serious injury to farm animals and younger children. Will all users of the field please remember to take their litter home and show greater respect for our village and environment.

*On behalf of the Ogbourne St. George Parish Council*

## Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

The Parish Council held its AGM on May 8th. 9 members of the public attended. Tim Frost retired as Chairman and Keith Wallace was elected the new Chairman. Martin Groves was re-elected as vice chairman and all the councillors, including two new ones, signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Under matters arising the Clerk has asked the Rights of Way department at WCC to resolve the issue of the bridleway that is blocked at Meadow Cottage. This is still pending. Councillor Willis reported that installation of goal posts in the Bell Field will be delayed until after harvest because of access. The Clerk has arranged for the Parish Council notice board to be repaired and it will soon be re-installed. He has also has been in touch with Thames Water regarding the fallen tree in the river bed close to the pumping station. This is not their responsibility so he will now contact the Environment Agency.

Other matters raised included an investigation into whether the light output of the suggested replacement street lights will be comparable to the existing luminaires. Councillor Smith will investigate. There was also a detailed discussion as to whether the Parish Council is responsible for implementing the forthcoming smoking ban in the bus shelters. It was agreed to investigate further and if necessary place no smoking notices in the bus shelters prior to July 1st. The Clerk will request guidance from Kennet DC. **Next meeting Thursday July 12th.**

## Annual Parish Meeting of Ogbourne St George

The Annual Parish Meeting followed the Parish Council AGM. The Chairman's report was given by Tim Frost. He reported that the precept had remained the same and that the Parish Council had looked at 24 planning applications during the year none of which were controversial. He thanked the councillors for their work in helping him and on behalf of the village. The Clerk presented the Financial report showing that a total of £5170 was brought forward from 2005/6 which together with the precept of £3500 and a VAT refund gave a total available for the year of £9415.

Charlotte Frost presented the Village Hall report. She reported that It is used by the School, the Little Dragons Pre School and the toddlers group. It has also been used by the school for other activities and for fund raising by the Friends of Ogbourne School. Kick boxing classes continue and there were 13 hirings for private events. New wash hand basins have been installed and the toilets have been tiled. This work was financed by the Little Dragons.

There was a report on the Poor's Gorse Charity fund. The committee is due to have a meeting in the summer with the Charity Commission to determine whether the use of the funds can be varied.

Other Matters. Sid Bolt was thanked for generously giving up his time to mow the Coronation Garden. It was reported that the railings along Church Lane and on the path to the bus stop on the main road need repair. These are items on the Highways list for action. A villager asked for bus timetables to be shown on the bus shelters. Councillor Rouse said he would look into it.

There was discussion on the possible introduction of a parish website as a source of information to villagers. The former Chairman, Tim Frost, agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss this in more detail.

# Your Parish Councillors .....

**Keith Wallace (Chairman)** I have been a resident in the village since 1985, though having lived in the Swindon area for 25 years prior to our move to Ogbourne, the village was well known to my wife and me. In the last few years I have reduced my business commitments and charitable activities. I have just retired as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Prospect Hospice in Wroughton and as a member of the ProHelp Group in Swindon. This will give me more time to serve the community in my own village, which has given me so much pleasure over the last twenty years. Having accepted the role of Chairman, I hope I can maintain the high standard and dedication given by my predecessor Tim Frost. 841405 kg_wallace@btinternet.com

**Martin Grove. (Vice Chairman)** I have lived at Bytham Farm all my life and have been on the Parish Council for around 12 years. Living where I do I consider that my contribution is twofold - I feel involved because I live in the Parish but since I live right on the boundary I can also be slightly more impartial than if I was in the heart of the village. I like to think too that my knowledge of rural affairs is important in the role of the Council. 841256 grovebros@aol.com

**Paul Rouse** I've been resident in the village for 10 happy years. We are exceptionally lucky to live, work or go to school in such a special village and the Parish Council plays an important role in protecting much of the environment we are privileged to enjoy. It seemed appropriate to me to offer to join the council given my particular professional and personal interests in environmental issues and it is in these areas that I hope to be able to contribute to the work of the Council. 841296 Paul.rouse@epsic.ac.uk

**Roger Smith:** I've lived in the village at Thornelea since 1994. I wanted to be involved in village activities and contribute to the well being of the environment we live in, so stood for election in 2003. I continue for another term on the basis of continued interest and further valid input. I can be contacted on 841233.

**Christine Mudge** I have lived in Ogbourne St George for almost nine years and served on the Parish Council for four years. I am particularly interested in protecting our village from unnecessary change, whilst enabling it to continue to support a varied and vibrant community. 841338 christine_mudge@btinternet.com

Carol Manos. 841245

**Paul Willis** I've lived in the village with Laura, Oliver and Tabby for 11 years and we love living here! Ours is a friendly and safe village that is a fantastic home for a young family and we are lucky to benefit from a thriving play group, and primary school, as well as a regular bus service and of course The Inn with the Well and Parklands. This is a small rural village in an area of outstanding natural beauty and it's important to keep it that way; it's equally important to protect access across the beautiful surrounding countryside, something that is easily taken for granted. The Parish Council has an important role to play in protecting and preserving the village and village life which is why I'm pleased to serve a second term on the Council. 841498 paul.willis@uk.bp.com