

CHURCH DIARY FOR April 2009

Sunday, 5th April — Palm Sunday

10.00 am All-age service

Tuesday, 7th April

7.30 pm Evening Service

Friday, 10th April - Good Friday

2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday, 12th April - EASTER DAY

9.30 am Holy communion

Sunday, 19th April— Easter 2

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 26th April— ST GEORGE'S DAY

3.00 pm All age service—followed by tea & buns for all

Church Working Party

Can anybody help? Our church needs a bit of care and maintenance from time to time. This year if weather permits we hope to tackle some outside jobs as well as the usual window cleaning inside.

If you can spare a Saturday morning on the 18th April 2009 starting at 9.30am it would be very much appreciated. The added bonus is lovely refreshments! Further details can be obtained from:

Decoration of church for Easter

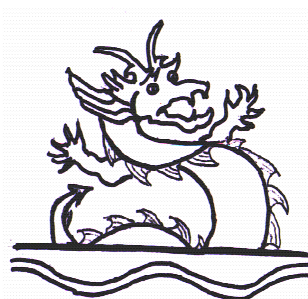
- Saturday April 11th 10.00 - 11.30 am. All helpers welcome, also donations of flowers or greenery. Children invited to help with the Easter Garden. Contact Rosemary Wallace 841405, email raw_orestonehse@btinternet.com or Richenda George 841278

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Contributions for the next issue by 20th April please



The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

April 2009

- 10 Poker night in The Inn with the Well
11 Decoration of Church for Easter Sunday 10.00—11.30—see back page
18 Quiz night in The Inn with the Well
19 Church working party—am—see back page
23—26 Beer & Sausage Festival at The Inn with the Well
26 ST GEORGE'S DAY
From April 20th—Mon-Thurs until 5.15—after school club .

Support for the Prospect Hospice

Since 1980 Prospect Hospice has provided specialist end of life care for patients in the community of Swindon, Marlborough & North East Wiltshire

Villager Stuart Harvey ran the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday 15th March, raising funds for the Prospect Hospice. Over 11,000 people took part and Stuart completed the run in just over 2 hours.—thanks to all for their generous support..

Here Come the Girls!

This Years Prospect Hospice Starlight Walk is taking place on Saturday 27 June. The 10k ladies night walk will start and finish from New College, Queens Drive, taking a circular route on cycle paths and walkways.

Don't miss out on what will be the Prospect Hospice's biggest fundraiser of the year and register now by contacting the fundraising team on 01793 815142 or via our website www.prospect-hospice.net

Early Bird registration fee £12.00 per person before 29 April. Thereafter £15.00 per person - closing date for registrations 29 May.

Parish Council Meeting - notes of general interest

A full copy of the Parish Council meeting minutes is available on the village notice board.

Street Lighting— No cost reductions available so no change of supplier.

Village Gateways— 1st 3 houses to be advised of work schedule for installation

Eucalyptus Tree—Has been cut free from power lines

School Hall planning permission—conditions— hours of use to 9pm; management of a bat roost; agreement on materials to be used and hours during which building work can take place.

Wooldridge & Thomegay charity—Chairman to propose candidates from the village for trustees at the next meeting

Sustrans cycle path clean up—details being published on village notice board

Speeding—Clerk making contact to be included in a project to put 30mph signs on wheelie bins.

Greatwood

I will be trekking the Inca Trail, Peru, 14 -24 May 2009, with Rachel King, in aid of Greatwood, a place that provides fulfilling futures for former racehorses and special needs children through their interaction in unique programmes of rehabilitation and education in a secure and caring environment. Greatwood is a recognised racehorse welfare charity that has influence the lives of hundreds of ex-racehorses. We have both seen and experience the work that they do and it's a very worthwhile charity to support. We are self-funding, so every penny we raise goes to Greatwood. Please sponsor us at www.justgiving.com/tinawest1 Thank

Free to Good Home

3 baby rabbits— contact Dave, Jenny or Hannah on 01672 841194

(We think this is a great use of the Dragon —anyone got any more 'free to good home' items? - m&j)

Football 4 all at Clench Common—coaching sessions from 21st April for yrs 3-6—first session free of charge—contact tbathe77@aol.com

Not to be taken for granted

“The work of governing bodies goes largely unnoticed” according to the University of Bath’s excellent school governance study published in October 2008. It recommends that “The status of governing bodies should be enhanced, their contribution more widely recognised, and greater publicity given to school governing in all sectors of society especially the business community”.

School governors are one of the country's largest voluntary groups with around 345,000 school governors contributing to strategic development and raising standards of achievement at over 30,000 schools. They are drawn from different parts of the community, such as parents, the Staff, the Local Authority, the Community and other groups. This helps to ensure that the governing body has sufficient diversity of views. At Ogbourne Primary School we are fortunate to have a strong, committed governing body made up of the following volunteers:

Mrs Debbie Sandison, Chair (Parents’ Representative)

Mrs Rebecca MacDonald, Vice-chair (Parents’ Representative)

Mr Timothy George (Diocesan Foundation)

Mr Max Gater (Community)

Ms Deborah Carter (Local Education Authority)

Mrs Linda Crawshaw (Parents’ Representative)

Mr Marcus Allen (Parents’ Representative)

Mrs Celia Hicks (Head Teacher)

Miss Amy Brasier (Staff)

Mrs Lesley Harvey (Staff)

Rev. Roger Powell (Diocesan Foundation)

Mrs Gilly Beer (Parents’ Representative)

Mrs Rosemary Wallace (Local Education Authority)

Mr David Grey (Community)

Clerk to Governors - Ms. Nicola Hickford

The governing body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement including setting targets for pupil achievement, managing the school's finances, making sure the curriculum is balanced and broadly based, appointing staff and reviewing staff performance and pay and many more.

Congratulations to Benjy from Ogbourne School who won the Beginners section of the Wiltshire & West of England Chess Championships

Anyone have spare Sainsbury or Tesco Vouchers?

The school would be grateful for any spare vouchers. They can be delivered during school hours or put through the letterbox in an envelope at any time