

## THE REVD ROGER POWEL WRITES .....

Easter is very late this year, almost the latest it can be, and so therefore is Lent. Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent) is on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and you can find more details about the service on that day elsewhere in the newsletter. During the days of Lent we are given the opportunity to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God; to commit ourselves afresh to proclaiming God's presence and love, as we go about our daily lives. Lent challenges us to look at how we might develop our personal prayer life, to read the Bible more, even to come to church more! It is important for us to do this. That is why the Parochial Church Councils of our three churches are always looking with me at ways in which we can make our worship and the work of the church accessible to everyone. So that it is a place where people can feel a sense of peace and be given support through the difficulties they may face. The church is not here just for those who come to worship regularly or irregularly but for all of us regardless of whom we are. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and at Easter. To help us in our preparations, we are again running a Lent course. This year we will be using one of the York Courses (which we successfully used a couple of years ago). The theme is 'Rich Inheritance' and looks at Jesus' legacy to his disciples and therefore to us. I hope that you will take the opportunity to use this Lent to reassess *your* spiritual life; 'What is it that God is asking *me* to do?' Details of the Lent groups can be found in each of the churches, on our website or by asking me or one of the churchwardens. I wish you all a 'good' Lent.



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

.... if you want to get fit, de-stress or build strength – Yoga can do all this and more. Regular classes can increase muscle tone, strength and stamina. Your balance and co-ordination can improve as well as your flexibility and posture. Yoga is proven to lift our mood and energy levels as well as boosting confidence. Ryan Giggs attributes his longevity in football to his Yoga practice – so why not give it a go!

New classes start in March.

Please contact Lizzy Hawnt, for details of classes in the new School Hall on Thursday evenings.

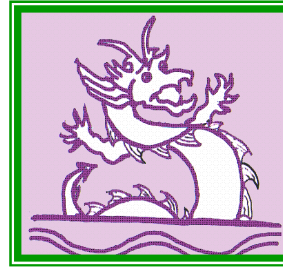
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## OGBOURNE ST GEORGE 100 CLUB FEB WINNERS

1st prize Jenny Hall

2nd prize Lesley Harvey

3rd prize Rosie Scott



## The Dragon MARCH 2011 27th—clocks go back

### BUS SERVICE CHANGES

As you may know Wilts & Dorset has announced that the 95/96 route is to be replaced by a new express service between Salisbury & Swindon designated X5. At present it will not run through the village but along the main road going north so can be accessed from the main road bus stop above the bridge. On its return it will come along the Old Marlborough Road where it will stop. Representations have been made to try to get at least some of this service through the village. At present the Stagecoach 70 service will continue through the village but there will be a new timetable from April 4th. As the X5 service is being run on a commercial basis Wiltshire Council is not permitted to subsidise the 70 service any more so it will also be commercial from April. The Parish Council will continue its discussions to try to ensure the best service is maintained. Combined service Timetables have been put up in the village bus shelters. Individual copies are available from the Clerk of the Parish Council, Cliff Freeman, on 840011.

### CHURCH DIARY

6 March	10.00 am	Family Service
9 March	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
13 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion
20 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion
27 March	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
3 April	10.00 am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday

Little Dragons 1st, 15th & 29th March

### THIEVES OPERATING IN THE VILLAGE

Warning to lock up –  
The Inn With The Well has had a burglary

## BUY LOCAL, STAY LOCAL, SAVE LOCAL

A number of residents in Aldbourne have banded together to form 'Village Green'. We support local food producers, craft makers and other very small businesses by holding three fairs on the green each year. This is definitely not the high street! A stroll around the stalls means an opportunity to buy local cheeses, meats, jams, ciders, and fruit juices not to mention eggs straight from nest boxes on the outskirts of the village, bread, cakes and hand made chocolates. Barbecue smoke drifting from one corner of the green might tempt you to sample a beef burger or sausage from a nearby farm. You might even stock up on freshly made bread or buy locally milled bread flours and test your own baking skills.

If you are looking for that special gift, other stallholders will delight with hand made crafts ranging from jewellery to patchwork quilting. There are plants for the garden too.

Our stallholders are all very expert and friendly as well. All are very happy to spend a while talking to passers by about what makes their products so very special.

After mooching about you might like to have a tea or coffee at the Village Green stall or move on to one of Aldbourne's pubs for something stronger!

Taken altogether, the Aldbourne Village Green fair offers a very pleasant way to spend Sunday morning.

Join us for our next fair on 17 April. Stalls open for business around 11am and run through until around 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there

### CHICKENS FOR SALE

4 Good layers with coop and run.

Contact Rachel Thackery [rachandjake@googlemail.com](mailto:rachandjake@googlemail.com)

*Contributions for the April Dragon by 20th March please to [info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk](mailto:info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk) Or [julia.wall@btconnect.com](mailto:julia.wall@btconnect.com)*

## PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The Parish Plan Group has looked at your comments to see where your concerns lie. To help with the next stage we have combined issues into four groups that will inform the questionnaire:

**Our Society** – covering The Church, health, government, business/employment Led by Sally and Brian Utton – 841163

**Our Environment** – covering green issues, the look of the village and housing Led by Cecily Hora and Ineke Scott – 841276, 842476

**Our Leisure** – covering use of the halls both village and school, sports/recreation Led by Wendy Reardon-Smith and Colin Stribling – 841270, 841155

**Our Safety** – covering policing and traffic Led by Linda Crawshaw and Kevin Howard – 841397, 841032

We will be contacting all those that expressed an interest in working with us in the next few weeks to form focus groups to consider the issues in more details. If you would like to join any of the groups, do contact one of the leads and we will be delighted to see you.

We realise this may feel like a long drawn out process but this is necessary for the Plan to have the desired impact; we had a presentation from Tony Prior of Baydon at our last meeting: it took them almost 2 years to get their plan together. Thank you all for your continued support.

We will also be working with the Parish Council to make greater use of the Village Web pages.

*The Parish Plan Group*

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every year the Church's Electoral Roll is updated in time for the annual parochial church meeting, which this year is on Thursday, April 28 at 6pm in the church. If you are not on the Roll but would like to be, or are on it but would like to take your name off, please contact the Electoral Roll officer, Charlotte Frost 01672 841361, before April 14.

### THE INN WITH THE WELL DATES

10 March Senior Lunches £4.50 for 2 courses—Phone Megan on 841445 for transport to & from the Inn

18 March—Red Nose Day—on the Big Screen

Easter Weekend—St George's Day Beer Festival—contact Mike to request specific beers

3 April—bookings now being taken for Mothering Sunday