

## CHURCH DIARY

8 May	8.30 am	Holy Communion
22 May	6.30 pm	Evensong
29 May	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist at Chiseldon
5 June	10.00 am	Family Service

From the Register:

RIP 20th March at Swindon Crematorium Roy Hutchings

## CHURCH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday May 7th: Plant Sale and coffee morning -  
Ogbourne St George Village Hall

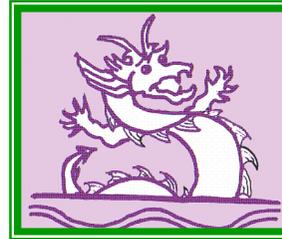
Saturday July 2nd Fete: Manor House Ogbourne St George

Saturday July 2nd: Operetta comes to  
Draycot - Pirates of Penzance -  
with picnics in the garden

Saturday Sept 10th: 100 mile walk - TBC

### 100 Club April Winners

1. Tiggy Grove
2. Julia Wall
3. Patty Kenneally



# The Dragon May 2011



## FREE Family Fun and Food

You and your family are invited to Ogbourne St George and St Andrew School hall from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> May. Join your children making pyramids, frogs and swords or practice your hieroglyphic writing on 'papyrus' paper as we explore the story of Moses. All followed by hot, glorious food and all completely free. If you would like to come along please let Lesley (841185) or Charlie (841140) know so we have an idea of numbers for food. Also if anyone (especially those without children) would like to volunteer to help we would love to hear from you.

## Well Done Alex!

Alex Crawshaw (aged 14) successfully completed the Marie Curie 2011 2.5km Swimathon held this month at Marlborough Leisure Centre in one hour eighteen minutes. Thank you to everyone in OSG who supported him in raising £100 for the cancer charity.

## Over 60's Lunch at The Inn with the Well

Thursday 6th May  
£4.50 for 2 courses  
Please contact Megan on 841445

## Request for help

I'm passing on a request from a women's refuge for donations of any clothes which your children have grown out of. Many of the women at the refuge have left home with nothing, have their children with them and can't access their own funds in banks for fear of being traced. Many thanks to the book club members who have already responded magnificently to this request. If anyone else can help, please ring me on 07814 970923 and I will collect the clothes—or drop them off at The Inn with the Well. Julia Wall



## Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 From 10.30 to 12.30



Come and join us for a cup of coffee, a chat and the chance to purchase some plants for your garden.

We need healthy and viable donations of plants of all kinds, Annuals, Perennials, Herbaceous, Vegetable and Salad seedlings etc.

Can be delivered to Tina West or Sarah Smith the week before.

Plants can be collected if you contact us.

Tina 01672 841 546 or Sarah 01672 841233

Thank you

Proceeds to Ogbourne St George Church.

Contributions for the June Dragon by 20th May/to receive The Dragon by email  
[info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk](mailto:info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk) Or [julia.wall@btconnect.com](mailto:julia.wall@btconnect.com)

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thurs 12th May—Village Hall**

## Ogbourne Book Group

Picture the scene.....a group of crusty old academics pontificating sagely over a weighty tome in a dimly lit room. Then, picture Ogbourne Book Group - a lively bunch of villagers with diverse opinions, forthright views - and the odd glass of wine or two! The group is thriving, has a regular core of members, a larger group of floating people who dip in and out, meets monthly at The Inn With The Well and even has its own Facebook page. Many imagine book clubs to be the domain of the dreary but these days they are a great way to meet people, and of re-igniting a love of reading that often gets lost under the everyday pressures of life. Ogbourne Book Group is a very relaxed club and welcomes new members. If anyone is interested, please check out our Facebook page by searching 'Ogbourne Book Group' or email [the\\_beers@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:the_beers@tiscali.co.uk)



### This month's read: **Lord Of The Flies, William Golding.**

Well, it had to be done - Golding *is* a local! His house is the distinctive pale green building on the Green in Marlborough, which backs onto the church and has a blue plaque on the outside.

His most famous book, Lord of The Flies won him international acclaim and has been exhaustively studied at A-Level, and above, by millions of students.

It made it a simple one to discuss, but didn't mean we all liked it!

There was criticism that his use of poetic, heavily descriptive imagery sometimes "got in the way" of the story and made it seem, at times, pedestrian.

A lot of us had read this somewhat dark tale of a group of boys stranded on an island who turn to murder to survive, but older, wiser (!) and now mostly parents, we all had a brand new perspective.

We wondered if the book was a product of its time - whether the boys behaved that way because of their mostly public school, pack mentality, or whether boys today would behave in the same way? One thing we concluded was that modern-day children wouldn't have been quite so practically resourceful without matches, microwaves and the internet!

The female members decided it would've been a completely different, less violent, story if there had also been girls on the island, but one male member disagreed, saying he thought the "catfighting" and name-calling would've started much earlier and the outcome the same!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the book - and drew parallels between the TV drama Lost and the classic Joseph Conrad tale Heart of Darkness - both in their own ways, similar tales of how people change dramatically when faced with adversity. We talked about the school playground 'rules' of today and how similar they are to the book on differing levels and today's war in Afghanistan and how killing for survival can be state sanctioned and therefore, almost "allowed" and yet we were revulsed by the killings in the book.

A great read.

## Marlborough Area Board

Area Boards support the Council's objective of developing stronger and more resilient communities across Wiltshire through:

- Efficient, transparent and accountable decision making;
- Effective collaboration with public, voluntary and private sector partners locally to meet the aspirations of local people;
- Shaping the delivery of local services;
- Addressing local issues; and  
Building community leadership and local engagement

### —next meetings

Tuesday 21 June 2011 – St Michael's School, Aldbourne.

Tuesday 6 September 2011 – Marlborough Town Hall.

Tuesday 1 November 2011 – Broad Hinton Village Hall.

Tuesday 7 February 2012– Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge

Link to minutes from the meeting on 12th April:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5343&x=1&>

You can sign up on this link to receive information on the Marlborough Community Area Network (CAN):

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardsgetinvolved.htm>

### The Revd Roger Powell writes...

Easter has just been and gone (almost the latest in the year that it can be) and for me is always a truly inspirational period in the church year. Having gone through the spiritual 'workshop' of Lent we give way to the joy and celebration of the resurrection. This month we celebrate St George the patron saint of one of our churches in the benefice. The actual feast day is the 23April and as you will know St George is the patron saint of England. There are many myths surrounding George and the dragon to find out more you will need to come to the Patronal All Age Service in Ogbourne St George on Sunday 1 May at 3pm. I can tell you that George has been known in England since the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> centuries and that over 160 ancient churches in England and a number of modern ones are dedicated to him. His patronage extends to soldiers, knights, archers, and armourers. In the early church, 'saint' was a name for a person whom today we would call a 'committed Christian'. In the Bible, after the four gospels, we can find the word 'saint' many times. Each reference concerns living people who seek to follow Jesus. For example, St Paul writes to the Christian in Rome,

"To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1<sup>7</sup>