

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday, 5th July— Trinity 5

10.00 am Pets service

In the churchyard unless very wet when it will be in the church. All animals are welcome – two-legged, four-legged, no-legged, winged or webbed, furred or feathered or scaly!

Sunday, 12th July- Trinity 6

8.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 19th July — Trinity 7

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 26th July — Trinity 8

6.00 pm Evensong

From the Registers

Holy Baptism	14 June	Elena Marie Emms
Holy Matrimony	13 June	Robert Child and Karen Trevascus
Funeral	12 June	John Hicks at St Thomas More RC Church, Marlborough
Burial of Ashes	23 June	Irene Parkins

Christian Aid Week

We raised just over £480 in our house-to-house collection which was a splendid result. When you add on the Gift Aid declarations it was even splendor - well over £500. Many thanks to those who contributed, and to those who helped. Timothy George

Mustard Seed Open evening

You are invited to a cheese and wine evening (incorporating our brief AGM) when you will be able to hear what really goes on behind the scenes from our staff (!) and see and listen to some of our latest CD and DVD resources.

Also special on the night - 15% off any purchases made.

6.30pm Wednesday 22nd July at Mustard Seed

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Contributions for the next issue by 20th July please



The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for Ogbourne St George—July 2009

- 4/5 Exhibition at Clay/Glass Studios
- 6 Fish & Chips to take away from the Inn with the Well moves to Mondays
- 8 School choir sings at St Johns Music for Summer evening
- 10 Pre-school sports day & quiz night
- 11/12 Exhibition at Clay/Glass Studios
- 13 Marlborough Area Board
- 15/16 School play—the Keymaster
- 17 School Sports Day—Draycot Foliat
- 18/19 Exhibition at Clay/Glass Studios
- 19 Summer Lunch
- 20 DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AUGUST DRAGON
- 22 Mustard Seed Open Evening—6.30pm

BACK WITH A BANG ! By Captain Terry Bathe

The stage was set for Ogbourne to make their long awaited comeback to the cricket field, to face a Ramsbury dad's team who looked like they played every weekend. The match would be 35 overs per team, 7 per bowler and if a batsman scores 50 he must retire. We won the toss and decided to bat first; the first partnership of 87 was breathtaking. Both Tom and Sam looked right back at home. Unfortunately when Tom got 50 he had to retire and Sam went on to score 39 before getting LBW. The other batsmen continued the good scoring with a massive 6 from Matthew. We finished our 35 overs on a very good score of 187 for 5. When we went out to bowl we felt that it might not have been enough, but after Matthew took the first wicket in only the second over it seemed all was well. After a tactical change of bowlers at both ends, on came Andy "the Scottish flinger" who took an amazing 6 wicket haul, including a couple of athletic catches by Tim and Trevor. Sam also combined with Terry twice during his 3 wicket haul, before Andy took a bang to the head taking a catch for his 4th wicket, after which he ripped through the tail order in his last 2 overs bowling the Ramsbury side all out for 65. We won the game by 122 runs. The game was played in an incredibly friendly manner and I would like to thank everyone who took part- the umpires (Barrie and Richard), the scorer (Dave Hall) The team listed below, the supporters, the other team and finally the Ramsbury Ladies who put on a lovely spread for tea. We are looking forward to the return leg! Team Ogbourne: Tom Hepple, Terry Bathe (captain), Matthew Town, Charlie Witts, Tim Jones, Trevor Bathe, Colin Stribling, Sam Smith, Danny Smith, Rob Ashby, Andy Crozier and Donzil Cook.

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

Many of us will now be thinking about our summer holidays and having some time away from the usual pattern of our lives to rest and recharge our batteries. The continuing global financial downturn will mean that many people will not be able to have the holiday they had been hoping for and for many it will be difficult to have anytime away at all.

This will inevitably put a lot of stress and strain on already struggling families who are seeing relationships and family life being torn apart by what is happening at the moment. The Church as well as many other Christian and secular organisations are doing all that they can to support those in need and to offer advice and pastoral care to those who request it.

Time away is important because the origin of the word 'holiday' is actually 'Holy Day'. This is because 'Holy Days' were the only time when workers were allowed to be free of their daily work to attend church and celebrate. As we move to an increasingly secular society we see that this sacred connection unfortunately has been lost.

Holidays are important because they do give us an opportunity to recharge our batteries. This is also an important part of our spiritual journey because we need to recharge spiritually as well as physically. Holidays may provide us with the opportunity to do this but we also need to make sure that every day is a 'holy day' (even if everyday cannot be a holiday!)

Field Fare

The summer lunch will now be held in the field next to Sonia Wright's Plants on Sunday, July 19 from noon onwards. As well as a delicious lunch, there will be hot dogs and ice creams, a bar, skittles, three or four stalls selling varied and excellent stuff, and some games for children. A separate flyer will be coming round soon with all the details, but meanwhile do make a note of the date.

Further bulletin from our correspondent beyond the wire

It was with much relief that the beginning of June saw the arrival of the steelwork on site, after what seemed like a long wait. As promised, by the contractors, once it arrived it went up very quickly! Almost overnight the building site transformed into a fledgling hall! The concrete floor has now been poured and you can actually get a feel for the finished product. It's very reassuring for parents to see the actual footprint and that although it looked like the hall would take over the playground it is in fact the builders work area that occupies this space and not the future hall. We are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the timber trusses, they might even be in place by the time you are reading this. Over the summer holidays it may well look as if nothing is happening because the contractors will be concentrating on the internal alterations and joining up the two buildings whilst the children are away.

More fun for Ogbourne?

Would you like to see more happening within the village? Past examples have included a fun run, a plant exchange, theatre visits, a day at the races., etc If you have time to spare or ideas of what you would like to see happen/do, whatever your age, please contact Megan who will pass your name onto two enthusiastic volunteers for an initial discussion

A sense of place

An exhibition at the Clay and Glass Studio, Grey Gables, OSG 4/5, 11/12 & 18/19 July 2009 . Tel: 07977 053 363 for further details

Four artists, each offering a personal interpretation of favourite places: Mavina Baker, Kim Pethybridge, Denise Roberts, and Jeannette Therrien, working with Ceramics, Glass, Stone and Printmaking,

Work will be for sale, and commissions are accepted. Entry is free

Thank you

to everyone who is buying plants from outside The Old Forge which has enabled Carol and Helen to give £40 to church funds – so far! keep looking to see what they have grown next!

From Councillor Jemima Milton

On June 4th I was elected as your Councillor on the new Wiltshire Council, thank you for your support, my contact details are Jemima Milton Lower Herdswick Farm Ogbourne St George Marlborough SN8 1SY jemima.milton@wiltshire.gov.uk 01672 841166

On the 13th July the Marlborough Area Board Meets at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockridge [at 7pm](#) , this is an open meeting where you can get involved in the workings of the council, Local people and key organisations [including](#) town and parish councils, the police and the local NHS will all play an active part in area boards. The agenda will be published five working days before the meeting on www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Not Such a Little Dragon Any More....."

On Friday 1st May our village pre-school celebrated its 25th birthday. Back in 1984 Ineke Scott had the idea to start a playgroup in village - and although it has grown and developed over the years, it has always had its home in the Village Hall. Ineke's legacy lives on in good health and now, as a registered charity, continues to provide a nurturing, supportive and educational environment for our local pre-schoolers. On our birthday last month, we at Little Dragons held a party to celebrate this important occasion. It was a wonderful day, with shared memories of the early days... and the children buried a 2009 Time Capsule with mementos which perhaps will be dug up in another 25 years. There will be a further celebration on 10th July, in the shape of a fundraising quiz night open to all. It's shaping up to be a chance to take a trip down memory lane and support our much loved pre-school right in the heart of our village.