

### The Revd Roger Powell ...

This month many celebrations will be happening up and down the country and across the Commonwealth to mark the diamond anniversary of The Queen's reign. Here in the benefice our churches will be joining in by holding special services on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June (details can be found in the list of services).

Anniversaries are important because they not only help us to celebrate particular events but give us the opportunity to reflect and to learn as we continue on into the future. The Church does this through the church's year which starts on Advent Sunday (at the end of November/beginning of December each year). It allows us through repetition and observance to celebrate the great festivals of Christmas and Easter but also to look at the unfolding story of the Gospels and how that impacts on us and our relationships with each other and as a community. The story of Jesus and God's relationship with us, his people, really needs to be engaged with through the church's year if it is ultimately to make sense to us. The pattern not only builds on itself but encourages us to find out more, to discover the truth of the Gospel in our lives.

As we celebrate the jubilee let us also celebrate the church and its place in communities up and down our country. This prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it for use throughout the Church of England and I commend it to you.

God of time and eternity,  
whose Son reigns as servant, not master; we  
give you thanks and praise that you have  
blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories  
with Elizabeth our beloved and glorious Queen.

In this year of Jubilee, grant her your gifts of  
love and joy and peace as she continues in  
faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God  
and in devoted service to her lands and  
peoples, and those of the Commonwealth;

now and all the days of her life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Can you help?

The Ridgeway Benefice will be holding a sales of home baking/comfort food at Barbury International Horse trials again this year - 28th June- 1st July (Barbury International give us the space for free - we convert it into much needed cash for the churches in the Benefice).

We need volunteers from the 3 parishes to man the stall (2 hour time slots and free entry to the event - although we do need to share the small number of passes we get) and/or to donate baking/comfort food.

Can you help with the stall - from setting up on Thursday 28th June 10am, through 2 hour timeslots on 28th, 29th,30th and 1st July and clearing up at the end of the day on the 1st July about 5pm?

Could you donate any of the following?

On the sweet side from glorious cream cakes, and superlative sponges, through filling fruit cakes and fanciful fairy cakes, to creative cupcakes, mouthfuls of muffins and not forgetting sweetmeats - fudges and toffees (not to be confused with sweet breads). Savoury snacks are popular too, quiches, sausage rolls, home made bread to name but a few.

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If you can offer any help with any element of the above please call or mail:  
Nicky Irwin - nicky@dunvegan.biz; Tel 01793741216



## The Dragon June 2012



### THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE Celebrations in Ogbourne St George



#### THE TIMETABLE

##### Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**10am - Family Service** at the Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Children to bring a decorated crown for a Royal Parade.

**2 - 5 pm. Visit the Open Gardens.** Tickets (£3) and maps available at the Village Hall and Tea with home made cakes

**2 - 5 pm. Scarecrow Competition.** Entry Forms are still available from the School Reception or by e-mailing [colin.corfemullen97@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.corfemullen97@btinternet.com). The independent judge will be travelling around over the course of the afternoon and you too can look at the many entries as you walk around the village and Hallam.

##### Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>

##### 1 - 6 pm The Big Jubilee Party at the School

Bar opens at 1pm. Food - Burgers, Hot Dogs and Ice Cream served from 3pm

Music; Treasure Hunt on foot - clues available at the School

3 pm Mini Sports Day for the children; 4 pm Tug of War

5.30 pm Prize giving and presentation of Jubilee medals and bands

##### 10 pm Village Beacon and Fireworks Display

Transport from the Parklands from 9pm; Limited parking; Take your own drinks.

#### OFFERS OF HELP

Donations of Home made cakes for Open Garden teas gratefully accepted. Please deliver to the Village Hall on Saturday June 2nd from 11-12 am or from 1 pm on Sunday June 3rd.

**STRONG ARMS NEEDED** - to help put up bunting. Any volunteers please come to the Village Hall at 11 am on Saturday June 2nd.

#### JUBILEE MEDALS AND BANDS

There are Jubilee Medals for all village children of Primary School age and Jubilee bands for babies and teenagers. Please contact Helen Fisher on 841144 if your child is eligible.

#### SPONSORS

We would like to thank and acknowledge our great appreciation for all our sponsors.

Wiltshire County Council - £500

Ogbourne St George Parish Council - £250

Earthline - Transport

Richard and Sue Iliffe - Public Liability Insurance

Mike and Megan Shaw, the Inn with the Well - Jubilee Bands

Smiths of Axford - Sacks

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** White Horse Opera performing **The Beggar's Opera** in the walled garden at Sheppard's Farm. As with previous years' performances, bring a picnic and enjoy the gardens from 6:00pm. The performance will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets £10 from, Ogbourne St George School office (mornings only) - Nicky Irwin: nicky@dunvegan.biz; 01793 741216 or from the Ridgeway Benefice website: [www.ridgewaybenfice.org](http://www.ridgewaybenfice.org).

**GARAGE SALE** at Samsara, Marlborough Road, Ogbourne St George, on Sunday 10th June from 10.30am

We are moving and need new homes for all sorts of things!! Fridge/freezer, beds of all sizes, kitchen equipment, ski boots..... all sorts!! Please come along for a rummage!!

You are invited to an entertainment of prose poetry and music in the garden of Glebe House, MInal on 24th June, 2.30-4.30. Teas and cakes on sale in aid of Willows Counselling Service, Swindon.

### Parish Council—Notes from a Parishioner

The Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meetings provided the opportunity to hear several reports on what has been going on in Ogbourne St George over the past year. Full minutes will be posted on the Web but in the meantime here are some highlights:

**Council Vacancy** - Michelle Cook, who has recently resigned, was thanked for her contribution to the PC. This means that there is an opportunity to elect a new member of the council if the electorate request an election. Details will be posted on the PC Notice board.

**Speeding** The local police (who attended the meeting) are aware of speeding concerns within the village, raised by parishioners in the Parish Plan questionnaire, and will be taking steps to monitor this. PC Dave Tibbetts is now formally back on the beat.

**Reclaim our Villages** - The Council is one of 16 rural Councils that have signed up to this project which will be reviewing and advising on traffic and parking issues in rural communities. The Traffic Consultants, Hamilton-Baillie Associates, and Highways Department will support villagers in preparing their own plans with the aim of producing a cohesive strategy for the area..

**Outstanding actions** - a list of outstanding actions has been compiled and the council is making every effort to ensure that they are closed and reported as soon as practicable.

**Parish Plan** - The work and success of the Parish Plan working group was acknowledged, and thanks extended to all involved.

**Mobile Library** - Although Wiltshire has not closed any libraries this year, usage of mobile libraries will be scrutinised. This is an important service for some people, if you would like to preserve our mobile library service, please use it as much as possible.

**Provision of allotments** - the PC is only obliged to consider the provision of allotments if there is firm interest from a minimum of six households within the Parish - applications should be made, in writing, to the Clerk. The Council is not required to provide running water to allotments.

**Complaints Committee**, Terms of Reference were unanimously agreed. If a parishioner wishes to question any aspect of PC business or conduct of councillors or officers of the council they should do so in writing to the Chair, Cllr Keith MacDonald, The Sanctuary, Ogbourne St George or by email to [keith@the-sanctuary.biz](mailto:keith@the-sanctuary.biz).

**New Bench for Coronation Gardens** - a grant has been received for the replacement of the bench that was destroyed by a drunk driver last year - a new bench will be ordered and installed within the next few weeks. It was agreed not to incur additional expense having the bench engraved.

### CHURCH DIARY

**3 June - 10.00am, Diamond Jubilee Family Service**

**10 June - 8.30am, Holy Communion**

**17 June - 9.30am, Parish Communion**

**24 June - 6.00pm, Songs of Praise**

### Update from the Parish Plan Team for the Dragon 20th May 2012

Having presented the results from the Parish Plan questionnaire at the two public meetings held in the village hall, all the data is now available to view on the Village website along with any extra information that was displayed or recorded at the meetings.

Some of the main issues identified were: village shop, renewable energy, building, village green, parking & speeding, clubs.

The next stage is to set up small teams of volunteers to look at each of the key areas and we will soon be contacting everyone that offered their time via the questionnaire. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups, please contact any of the Parish Plan team who will be present at the Jubilee events in Ogbourne St George on Monday 4th June.

The lucky winners of the draws for the M&S vouchers were Mr & Mrs Pike and Susanna Newman.

### Open Studies—all welcome July 2/3/9/10/16/17 10.30—5

The Clay and Glass Studio, Grey Gables, Ogbourne St. George,  
Tel: 01672 841 464 Mobile: 07977 053 363

### Glass and Ceramics Artist

Jeannette produces her distinctive and decorative glass and is also a celebrated teacher. She is inspired by the beautiful countryside which surrounds her, which lends depth and colour to her exciting work. Jeannette welcomes people to her studio to browse, to chat or to discuss commissions or classes.

### Stone Sculptor by Kim Pethybridge

Challenged by the sculptural concerns of form, space, light and shadow; Kim carves intuitively letting the characteristics of this ancient material dictate what will emerge. Sculpting stone is about what is underneath, what is hidden, what can be revealed.

### Ceramicist by Denise Roberts

Denise's ceramics instantly transport you to summer holidays spent at the coast. Within her ceramics she cleverly combines colour texture and mark-making to suggest bunting boats and buoys. Vibrant and joyous they make you smile. Denise graduated from Goldsmiths College University of London with a First Class Honours Degree

**June 23rd—30th .**

**Each night from 19.00 to 06.00 the A4 will be closed between Beckhampton and Bell Lane at West Overton for resurfacing work**