



CHURCH DIARY FOR June 2008

Sunday, 1st June - Trinity 2

10.00 am All-age service

Sunday, 8th June - Trinity 3

8.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 15th June - Trinity 4

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 22nd June - Trinity 5

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 29th June - Trinity 6

10.00 am Parish Communion
Team Service at Ogbourne St Andrew

There will be a midweek service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10.00 am at Holy Cross

A Big Thank You to our Church Organist. Romaine and Charlie Daw are leaving Bytham Farm Bungalow after 40 years and moving to Burbage. Romaine has been playing the organ at Ogbourne St George Church for 33 of those years. To mark the appreciation of her unstinting service to church and community, the PCC and the Music Committee have set up a "retirement fund" for Romaine to which they invite members of the congregation to contribute if they wish. For further information please contact Charlotte Frost on 841361

From the Register

3 April R. I.P. John Carwithen

12 April The Wedding of Richard Barratt & Abigail Waller

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Contributions for the next issue by 20th June please



The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

June 2008

WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH

June

3 & 17 Ogbourne Little Fishes 1.45-3.00pm at the Church

16 Ogbourne School "Re-Use" fund raising project (*more details inside*)

Crib Glory

Yet another example of the athletic prowess of our village! The Inn with the Well Crib Team - the Old Crown Superstars - has been successful in winning the Beer Leg of the Ridgeway Crib League. The Beer Leg is played at the end of each match to determine who will buy the drinks. The result was tense until the very end with another team scoring the same number of points but by a devilishly complicated formula our team came out on top.

Many congratulations to the members of the team who were all presented with "silver" salvers although I have to ask is it truly talent or a determination not to buy the drinks?

And then there are the real athletes

David Hall, Nicola Hickford, Chris Allen, Will Sandison all successfully completed the Tewkesbury half marathon in the blazing heat! Dave is trying to run one a month for the rest of the year! He is also running the London Half Marathon in October for the 'Action for Kids' charity - any sponsorship (to Dave 841194 or at 4 Hallam Cottages) will be greatly appreciated.

And More - Sadly our Golf Teams did not progress further when they played the second round of The Publican Pub Golf Challenge at Salisbury. They were beaten by better teams on the day although there was good news for the Inn With the Well B Team of Donald Cook, Dave Hall, Amit Patel and Tim Jones who took great delight in soundly beating Ron Elsey, Richard Thomas, Tom Heppell and Barrie Reardon Smith who had been placed third in the first round.

And Finally - Richard Thomas has become Pub Athlete of the Year seeing off all the opposition by winning at carpet bowls, darts, shove halfpenny, crib and the Pub Quiz . Many congratulations on this great achievement!!

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

This month the church celebrates the Saints Peter and Paul. You will no doubt have heard of them but I thought I would share with you something about these important characters in the early church.

Simon was introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew, who was also a fisherman. It was later that Jesus changed Simon's name to 'Peter', from the Greek word, 'Petros', meaning 'Rock'. Peter and his faith would be the rock on which Jesus would build his church, even though, as we know, Peter would run away and deny all knowledge of Jesus in those hours before his death. Peter served as the leader of the first group of Christians. He travelled to the centre of the Roman Empire, and there became the first bishop of the city of Rome.

Paul used to be called 'Saul' and had been a Jewish official who hunted down Christians. He was one of those responsible for their deaths, but then has a vision that changed his life, and he became a Christian. Being given a new name, 'Paul', was a sign of being called to live a new kind of life.

Peter and Paul seemed to be unlikely choices to help continue the life and work of Jesus – Peter denied knowing Jesus, and Paul had persecuted Christians. Because they are both unlikely characters, and because neither of them was perfect, far from it, we are reminded that God accepts us as we are, with our limitations.

Peter and Paul are linked together because, in their different ways, they did so much to inspire and build up the church. This is what we are called to do to be the people of God in this place whatever are limitations. We shall celebrate Saints Peter & Paul at the Team Eucharist on Sunday 29 June at 10.00am at Ogbourne St Andrew. Fr Roger

Thank you very much for the very generous donation I received through the post from an anonymous donor for the work of the church in our benefice. It is lovely to have such support. Thank you so much. Fr Roger.

Nature notes

This spring has been great fun with huge numbers of birds visiting the garden - bribed by large quantities of food costing a fortune!! There has been a wonderful variety topped by a visit from a Greater Spotted Woodpecker. But, is it my imagination or are there fewer buzzards than usual in the valley? Last year there seemed to be at least 3 pairs nesting locally but this year only one pair has been seen so far. Does anyone know different?

And

A rare sighting. Spotted on a recent Sunday morning at 8.30am - a very pretty fallow deer walking up the drive of the Manor.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Ogbourne St George on May 8 2008

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting a number of tasks have been completed including the repair and replacement of railings, installation of bus timetables in the Bus Shelters and significant progress has been made on developing the village website. The Chairman reported that the Council has had an expensive year with the maintenance of the lighting in particular costing more than the grant received. The PC will monitor the lighting costs and consider whether to transfer responsibility to the District or County Council. The result of the expenditure exceeding the precept was that the Council has had to raise the precept from £3500 to £5000 for 2008/9.

Reports were presented on the Village Hall and Ogbourne St George Poor's Gorse. A new village hall lease has been negotiated ensuring the future of the village Hall for the foreseeable future. The temporary speed warning signs installed in the village were considered to be a success and the Parish Council will now look at other villages with models for dealing with speeding issues and methods of funding. At the Annual General meeting which followed, Keith Wallace was re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council. Amongst matters arising it was reported that the bus shelter had been cleaned, the ash trees in the Bell Field have been felled and pruned and a new climbing net is ready for installation in the playground.

An application is in progress to remove the "hump" outside the school to make access easier and WCC has allocated funds to build a new school hall. "Parking" letters have been distributed in the village where road side parking is causing traffic problems. Planning was discussed with confirmation of approval from KDC for an extension at Amberley and tree work at 1 Church Lane. Applications for repainting a wall at Elm Tree Cottage and a subterranean garage at Cotswold House have been approved by the Parish Council.

9 residents attended the two meetings. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday July 10th.

Don't forget "Re-Use" Day

Ogbourne St. George & St. Andrew Primary School "Re-Use" fund raising project is on Monday 16 June at 9.00am. You can bring your Bag2School bag (or a black bin liner) filled with any of the following quality second hand items: ladies', men's and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items are for Re-Use. No Bric-a-Brac please. Bags will be available at the school from Friday 6 June 2008, People unable to drop off their bags on the Monday will be able to leave them on Friday 13th June between 5.30 pm and 8.00pm. The school will receive £0.30 per kg for the used items so do take this opportunity to clear out your cupboards, join in a recycling project and help the school. For details contact Rebecca Macdonald (rebecca.macdonald@core-support.co.uk)

Village Hall 100 Club May winners drawn at the All-age service on May 4:
1st 43 Oliver Frost 2nd 25 Robert Pierce 3rd 55 Wendy Reardon Smith