

## CHURCH DIARY

5 May,	10.00am	Family Service
12 May,	8.30am	Holy Communion
19 May,	9.30am	Parish Communion
26 May,	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
2 June,	10.00am	Family Service

The village 100 club winners for April  
1st Mrs Lacaille, 2nd Colin Jeffrey, 3rd Amy Ayres.

### SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 26 May at 6.00 pm we shall be holding a Songs of Praise service in the village church. Do please feel free to come and lift your voices to sing well-known hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you want to see included please give me a call (8421278) or send me an email ([tjbg@martlets.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tjbg@martlets.wanadoo.co.uk)) - in time for us to warn the organist! If you feel like saying why you particularly like the hymn, so much the better. Timothy George

**Ascension Day** – Ascension Day this year is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a deanery service at St Mary's Marlborough at 7.30pm. The Bishop of Ramsbury, the Rt Revd Edward Condry will be the preacher. It would be good to have many of us from the benefice supporting this service and it will give you an opportunity to meet the bishop. Fr Roger

### Parish Plan Team Update

Some of you may remember our announcement that the final plan should have been available in March. Unfortunately, due to some delays in obtaining all the required information from the various contributors, it remains a work in progress. The good news is that there are now only a couple of steps left before we can sign it off. You will know when it's completed and available in its finished form because we will be carrying out a leaflet drop to every household, highlighting the key points and actions that have come out of this process. The full plan will be available on the village website, with printed versions available on request. This approach will keep our costs to a minimum and allow the funds to be spent on implementing the plan rather than producing multiple glossy copies. We thank you for your patience and look forward to receiving feedback on the final document with, hopefully, lots of interest from villagers prepared to help to use the findings in the plan to improve life in the village and its environs.



# The Dragon May 2013

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### VILLAGE CONSULTATION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOTTOM LANE

Following the production of the report for the Traffic in Villages Initiative members of the Parish Council met with Highways to discuss the main issues such as speeding through the village and parking. One of the problems raised was the concerns of residents in Bottom Lane who have for some time complained about the speed of traffic along the lane particularly from the direction of Aldbourne.

Highways suggested that it might be acceptable for Bottom Lane to become one way with entry only from the village alongside the Parklands and with no entry from the Aldbourne direction. There would continue to be contra flow for cyclists. This is clearly a significant change and it can only go ahead after consultation and with the approval of the village. The Parish Council want to hear from villagers whether, a one way system should be introduced or the current system should remain in place. Please can you let the Parish Council have your views either for or against by May 13<sup>th</sup>

by email to [parishclerk@ogbournestgeorge.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ogbournestgeorge.org.uk)  
or telephone 841270, or leave a message on the village website.

### Church Working Party

Thank you to the small group of helpers who turned up on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, it was a cold wet morning so we mostly stuck to inside tasks. We meet again on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 – 12.30 to tackle the outside jobs, eg weeding, ivy, pruning, clearing gutters and downpipes. If you can spare an hour or two please come along.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Starts on 12 May. The focus this year is on food security among the poorest societies. There will be a house-to-house collection in the village. Any money you feel able to put into the red envelopes will be put to excellent use. Thank you. Timothy George (841278).

## **BANK HOLIDAY BEER FESTIVAL**

### **The Inn With The Well**

Ogbourne St. George (01672) 841 445

**24th – 27th May 2013**

Friday 24th May @ 8.30pm – 'Bullseye' Darts Competition one player throws the darts, one player answers questions.

Saturday 25th May @ 8pm – 'Sing for your Supper' Open mic system, any music or singing participant will be given supper.

Monday 27th May – The Culinary Competition returns  
3 p.m. – Pasties      4 p.m. – Afternoon Tea

*Prizes on offer for the winning pasty and cake*

### **Marlborough Open Gardens 2013**

An opportunity to have a pleasant afternoon stroll around a dozen of Marlborough's most attractive gardens, several not open before, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 2-6pm.

Tickets available in advance £4.50 (children under 14 free) from The Merchant's House, 132 High Street or £5 on the day, only from The Merchant's House garden.

Teas 3-6pm £3.50 at Kingsbury Croft. Entrance in Ironmonger Lane.

Marlborough Open Gardens is sponsored by Brewin Dolphin, in aid of The Merchant's House Appeal.

### **PAWS FOR TEA      At Poppins, Ogbourne St George,** **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30 p.m.**

Tea party [tea and cakes] in aid of The Blue Cross who have been dedicated to the health and happiness of pets since 1897.

This is a nationwide event – we'll have our own here in our village. All donations will be forwarded to The Blue Cross. Come and enjoy!

***E-mail or telephone Lizzy Hawnt if you would like to come :***

***07821-396-430 / 01672-841553***

***e-mail : hawnted.house@btinternet.com***

*Contributions for the June Dragon by 20th May;*

*and/or to receive The Dragon by email*

*info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk or julia.wall@btconnect.com*

### **The Revd Roger Powell writes...**

Later this month we shall celebrate the great feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit – The Day of Pentecost (or Whitsunday) on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. It is at this time that we particularly remember and celebrate that great outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles and Mary.

In addition to the services on the 19<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Quiet Morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am-midday at Ogbourne St George Church. This will be an opportunity to reflect on the theme of Pentecost in a practical way. The morning will finish with lunch. Please let me know if you intend to come.

The Holy Spirit is a gift God offered to each of us and our hearts and minds need to be open to welcome the Spirit in and to allow ourselves to be transformed.

It is interesting to read of the effect the Holy Spirit had on the very first disciples, because we read of a group of people who were truly inspired and radiated the love and glory of God.

St Paul speaks eloquently of the fruits of the Holy Spirit he says:

*'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. Galatians 5:22*

God calls us each day of our lives to look at who we are and ask ourselves just how spirit-filled are we or have we been. We are a people who are called to show and radiate the Good News of Jesus by living lives which are full of the presence of God's Spirit.

I was very heartened by the 'Let us Talk' meeting that we had in March. This was a response to the Bishop asking us to reflect on the place of the local church in the community. Many ideas emerged from the meeting which will inspire us to continue to grow the church. There will be another meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.45pm in Chiseldon Church Hall when I hope you will come and have a say in what we do as a church and benefice.

So this is our challenge, to allow God's Holy Spirit to inspire us, guide us, and lead us to grow his church and show his love.      Fr Roger

### **Midsummer Dance - Saturday 22nd June 2013**

**7:30 p.m. – midnight**

**The Ogbourne Downs Golf Club**

To be held in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Tickets - £15:00

Dancing to "Locomotion" Swindon's number one band

Buffet Raffle A cracking good night is guaranteed

***Please e-mail or telephone Lizzy Hawnt to book tickets***

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