

CHURCH DIARY

7 July,	10.00am,	Pet Service
14 July,	8.30am,	Holy Communion (BCP)
21 July,	9.30am,	Parish Communion
28 July,	6.00pm,	Evensong (BCP)
4 August,	10.00am,	Family Service
11 August,	8.30am,	Holy Communion (BCP)
18 August,	9.30am,	Parish Communion
25 August,	6.00pm,	Evensong (BCP)

White Horse Hill, Uffington to Wantage:

Walking the Ridgeway Path with the Ridgeway Churches!

On Saturday 28th September we are walking the six miles along The Ridgeway Path from White Horse Hill, Uffington to Wantage. This will be an opportunity for people from our three churches and the communities in which we live to walk together in fellowship.

In Wantage we have space at the youth hostel where we will have a short service, continue to share ideas on our three churches working together, have some down time and enjoy a BBQ. Those who do not want to or are unable to walk that distance can meet us in Wantage. Lifts will be arranged for those without transport.

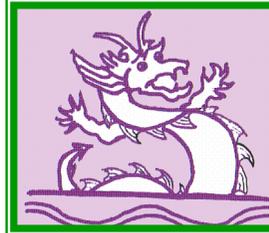
Please contact me for more information and also to let me know that you are coming. Please put the date in your diary now! Fr Roger

Yoga in the Garden at Poppins – Saturday 10th August
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 – weather permitting!

If you would like to come – please contact Lizzy on 841553 or e-mail hawnted.house@btinternet.com – we always have a good time – with a cup of tea and cake afterwards – donations on the day for this event will be sent to Kats 'n Kits at Devizes – who look after and re-home needy cats and kittens

Playground improvements, June 2013

Hopefully you already know that there have been some major improvements to the playground behind the Village Hall. Paul Leader and Mike Cook have removed and replaced the broken woodwork on the swing and slide. These are now repaired, and are back in full working order. The parish council is very grateful for Paul and Mike's kind and generous action. Both have freely donated their own weekend time and effort. Thanks also to Councillors Ineke Scott (for organising suppliers, materials etc) and Michelle Cook (for organising Mike). The result is an improvement for all our children to enjoy.



The Dragon July, August 2013

Editors:- M Shaw & J Wall

MIDSUMMER DANCE FOR HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

The dance which was held on Saturday 22 June at Ogbourne Downs Golf Club was a phenomenal night. I would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who came, to those who also gave so generously to the raffle and to those who donated even if they couldn't come. It was standing room only, the dance floor was packed and Dusky the Hearing Dog who came along was the star of the show. She stole our hearts. Hearing Dogs for Deaf People Charity will benefit greatly from this memorable night and I would like to let you know that a massive £2,341 was raised. So... thank you to you all – we all had a great time. If you would like to do it all again next year please let me know

Lizzy Hawnt - e-mail : hawnted.house@btinternet.com

The Merchant's House

If you enjoy needlework and are willing to do some volunteer work The Merchant's House would like to hear from you. We are looking for lace makers and Turkeyworkers. Intrigued? Please call 01672 511491 for more information.

Exhibition Of Glass, Paintings, Pots and Prints

Jeannette Therrien and Claire McKnight invite you for drinks, nibbles and a viewing of their recent works at Grey Gables, Ogbourne St George on 12th, 13th and 14th of July 11am to 5pm

See more of their work at:- www.theartonlinegallery.com and www.jeannettetherrien.com

Ogbourne Downs Golf Club Charity Golf Day

The event raised £2500 to be shared between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the Junior Section. The winners were '1 Farmer 3 Donkey's' consisting of Rich Thomas, Tom Heppell, Jim Bone and Bill Whatley.

A few months ago I decided I needed a challenge and came across something that appealed. **The Race to the Stones** is a fully supported 100km route along the iconic Ridgeway on the 13th July. You pass Iron Age forts, ancient burial chambers, cross the Thames and the downlands of Salisbury plain on the way to the finish line at the old stone circle at Avebury. You can choose to complete the 100km non-stop or break it into two days. In a moment of madness, I chose the non-stop option! You might have seen someone in a rather fetching pair of red checked swimming shorts, occasionally with an equally fetching pair of black tights like underneath these red shorts...well that me I'm sorry to say running (more like plodding) through the village either on my way to or back from the Ridgeway.

Many of you will know that over the years I've spent quite a bit of time at **Moorfields Eye Hospital** and I hope that that episode of my life has finally finished. There is no doubt I have benefited from the expertise that Moorfields is able to offer due to the hugely dedicated and skilful staff and I would like to give something back.

The desire to compete was my main motivator but-none-the less I would be thrilled to raise some money for such a good cause whilst putting myself through some pain. If you are able to give that would be great.

Below is a link to my Just Giving page, it's fairly straight forward but if you prefer please stop me if you see me running past I've be grateful for the rest! <http://www.justgiving.com/Will-Sandison>

Will Sandison The Old Police House

Barbury International Horse Trials & GB Endurance Cake and home baking stalls

Barbury International Horse Trials. 4th - 7th July

GB Endurance event 17th & 18th August.

No limit to what we can sell (as long as it is classified as home made).

Last year we raised almost £2,000 and could have raised more.

If you can help. Ogbourne St George - Debbie Sandison

01672841468 / debbie_sandison@yahoo.co.uk

Ogbourne St Andrew - Jenni Clarke - 01672-841345

General - Nicky Irwin - 01793 741216 / nicky@dunvegan.biz

Also volunteers to man the stalls - 2 hour slots (10 - 6pm) with FREE entry to the event, please let Nicky know if you would have any time!

Village Shop Proposal

There will be an exhibition in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July between 4.30 and 8.00 pm to view plans for the proposed Village Farm Shop/Store. Please come along and express your views and comments.

What should the village do with the two old telephone boxes?

Suggestions so far:

Greenhouses for Carol Manos' plant stall

Village information centres (mini Tourist Info Offices) for leaflets and maps etc

Village Book Exchange/Swapshop/Library

Please send all your suggestions to the Parish Council

parishclerk@ogbournestgeorge.org.uk

Ogbourne Downs Golf Club Summer Ball 2013

Sat. 6th July 7.15 pm for 7.45 pm

Live music from: 'Raindrops' Champagne on arrival

3 Course meal, followed by Cheese & Biscuits and Coffee & Mints

Suit or Dinner Jacket & Black Tie

For reservations, call 01672 840020 Tickets £28

RIDE AND STRIDE - 14th September

Why not enjoy a day out visiting churches in our local area and raise money at the same time!

'Ride & Stride' is your chance to do a sponsored cycle, walk, jog or horse-ride around Wiltshire's churches and chapels in aid of your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Half the money raised goes to the Trust and half to your local church. Last year the magnificent sum of forty-five thousand pounds was raised and the Trust gave Holy Cross Church a generous donation towards the cost of lead replacement and security system. This year's event will take place on Saturday, 14th September and there are cash prizes and cups to be won by those raising the most money or by visiting the most churches.

This is a fantastic opportunity to raise much needed maintenance funds for the three churches in our benefice: Holy Cross, Chiseldon, St George, Ogbourne St George and St Andrew, Ogbourne St Andrew. We are hoping that this can be a community event involving not just adults but accompanied children as well. We will meet at Chiseldon Church Hall on the morning of the 14th (time will be confirmed in the September edition) where we will have breakfast together. We will then cycle on the cycle path to Ogbourne St George, Ogbourne St Andrew, Mildenhall, and then finish at St George's Preshute, where we can enjoy our picnic lunch together before heading back. You can either do the whole trip or join us anywhere en route.

Further details and sponsorship forms are available from Fr Roger (01793 740369) or Colin Wilkins (01793 790756).