

CHURCH DIARY

6 Oct,	10.00am,	Harvest Festival
13 Oct,	8.30am,	Holy Communion (BCP)
20 Oct,	9.30am,	Parish Communion
27 Oct,	9.30am,	Morning Prayer (BCP)
3 Nov,	10.00am,	Family Service
10 Nov,	10.45am,	Remembrance Service
17 Nov,	9.30am,	Parish Communion
24 Nov,	9.30am,	Morning Prayer (BCP)

Harvest Festival – 6 October

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 6 October at 10.00 am. It will be a Family Service to which all are welcome. Please bring your harvest gifts. They will as usual be divided between Swindon Women's Refuge and the Swindon Food Bank. While fruit and veg are always welcome, what both organisations need are groceries to share with those they help. So please think of including these in your gifts.

Christmas Cards

We have some fantastic Christmas Cards from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust using the image of the nativity hanging in our Church. Please contact Nicky Irwin if you would like some.

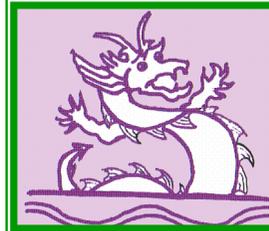
Thank You

Cakes, and more cakes - the 2 stalls at Barbury this summer raised a total of £899.35 plus an additional £440 for the stewards teas at Barbury International, Thank you to all who helped with these events.

THE 2014 DANCE FOR HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2014

Arrangements are well underway for the next Dance in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People at Ogbourne Downs Golf Club. This year's event was a sell-out so get your name down fast! Numbers will be limited. e-mail hawnted.house@btinternet.com or 01672841553/07821396430
Lizzy Hawnt



The Dragon October 2013

Editors:- M Shaw & J Wall

Village produce Stall – Old Forge House

Always a place to stop and look at what's on offer, Carol's table of delights has been particularly well received by us this summer. A constant supply of sweet peas kept our house smelling lovely as our own attempts to cultivate a good crop never materialised this year.

The fruit and vegetables started to arrive! Carol added her own rather unusual looking cooking apples which turned out to be extremely delicious. Not satisfied with that we then started to discover a constant supply of blackberries, again delicious.

These blackberries did lead on one occasion to our kitchen looking like a crime scene after an accidental spillage! It's amazing how far blackberry juice travels! Anyway we have enjoyed delving into "Carol's delights"! All for a good cause, what fun!
Hilary and Colin Jeffery

Ogbourne St George Village Fete 2013

The Fete raised a fantastic total of £1943.04 the good weather was a definite influence, but without your support we could not have managed to do so well - thank you to everyone who supported the fete this year.

Tins 'n Jars (for Swindon Food Bank)

The PCC has decided to establish a running collection for the Swindon Food Bank, and we will be launching this at Harvest Festival. The idea is to collect tins and jars of food items for the Food Bank. There will be a box for your contributions in the church porch and another at Martlets (by the garage door). We hope that when you are doing your weekly shop you will think of adding something for the Swindon Food Bank. We say tins and jars to keep it simple, and because we don't want to tempt the mice by having to store perishables. (Queries Timothy George – 841278)

The Forth Bridge effect.....

Fund raising to keep our Church open has some similarities to maintaining the Forth bridge the main one being that whenever you think you are close to the end, you realise that you need to start over again. Collections and regular donations meet around 50% of what we need to generate to keep the church open - fundraising generates the remaining 50% around £8,000 a year.

Much of what we do, we do really well..... but, do you have any new ideas, energy or enthusiasm to help us generate the next £5,000? Sometimes the simplest ideas generate amazing results - for example the plant stall outside The Forge generates a significant percentage of the fund raising total each year - could you organise a few coffee mornings, would you attend a whist drive or a barn dance, or do you have other ideas that you would be happy to share?

Please contact Nicky Irwin (01793 741216)

Lesley Ayres (841185) or Father Roger (01793 740369)

Church Working Party.

Saturday 19th October 9.30 to 12.30 We hope to tackle indoor and outdoor jobs. Come along if you have a spare hour or 3!

THE INN WITH THE WELL

Apple press will be here in October if you fancy pressing your apples . The date will be put up in the pub .

TIME TO GET FORAGING

Alcoholic beverage made from foraged things. Judging will be Christmas week.

WINTER HOURS

Monday – Thursday 4-10.30pm, Friday 12-2.30 and 4-11pm
Saturday 12-11pm Sunday 12-4.30pm .

A big thank you to everyone who came to Yoga at Poppins on Saturday 10th August. The sun shone and we had a lovely time and raised £200 for Kats 'n Kits of Devizes who provide help to needy Cats and Kittens. Thank you! Lizzy Hawnt

*Contributions for the November Dragon by **20th** October;*

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Historic Churches Ride & Stride

Twenty-two cyclists of varying ages and ability and one horse rider set off from Chiseldon Church Hall on Saturday 14th September to raise money for our churches in the Ridgeway Benefice. After breakfast of bacon rolls in the hall we visited Ogbourne St George and Ogbourne St Andrew churches and then went on to St George's Preshute for a picnic lunch.

Thank you to those who kept us fed and well hydrated at each of the churches and for all of you who sponsored us. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

The atmosphere was fantastic with cubs and scouts and some of us slightly older ones enjoying each other's company and supporting one another. The journey to Preshute wasn't without interest- we had broken chains, punctures, saddle problems and we even enjoyed a trip up the tower at St Andrew's!

The enthusiasm was such that we all want to do it again next year and hope others will want to join us. Of course having got to Preshute we had to come back. Some managed to sort out being picked up by car; for the rest of us it was a long ride back. Suffice it to say many of us were saddle sore for a number of days afterwards. A big thank you from me for those who took part, it was good fun! Fr Roger

News from Ogbourne School

We've had a fantastic start to our new term. We're all busy working hard and meeting back up with our friends after the summer break. We've got lots of exciting events planned for the children. Each term we hold a Family Learning Day; this is a time when we invite parents into school to see for themselves the day by day work of the school. For the first time this year, we thought it would be a good idea to widen this invite to include people from the community. How often do you drive by and wonder what our school is like today? We'd like to offer you the opportunity to come in and look around. If you came to our school it might bring back memories. If you are a family who live in and around the area, you might like to see what our school can offer your children. Grandparents are welcome too – they don't always get an opportunity to join in with school events so we'd like to invite them into school, to see their grandchildren at work.

Our Family Learning Day is taking place (9.15am - 10.30am) on Tuesday 8th October. In the evening (6.00 – 7.00), there is a display and a sharing of work for parents and children which you can also attend. We'll look forward to welcoming you at either event.

Anne Normington (Head teacher)