

### **School News**

We would like to thank the villagers who came along to our Village Christmas Singalong. We do hope you enjoyed the event.

We are pleased that over Christmas we were sent a letter by the Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us on our 2015 SAT results. Parents might like to check out the DFE performance tables where they will find that Ogbourne St George and St Andrew C of E Primary School is in joint first place (when results were compared with similar primary schools within a 75 mile radius). We'd like to congratulate the children and their supportive parents for all their hard work.

This term we are considering how we can provide their children with improved facilities, including expanding some of the smaller classrooms in order to give more indoor space for our younger children. When ideas are finalised, we will be applying for planning permission. In the meantime, if you want to talk about these plans, please do call into school.

### **Reduced Bus Service**

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a consultation about its bus services in Wiltshire. Currently 50% of routes are subsidised (supported with money) by Wiltshire Council, as the routes do not make enough money from the fares to make them pay for themselves.

Many of these routes are those which the most isolated people use in rural areas. The Council is proposing that some bus routes are withdrawn completely on evenings and weekends. For other bus routes (including the X5) they will reduce the frequency (how often) the buses will run.

We would recommend as many people as possible complete the on-line survey, the link is below. If you need assistance to be able to complete the survey please contact the office number below and we can help you to give your views.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation.htm>

Office Telephone: 01380 871800

### **Prospect Hospice**

From this autumn, we are offering care from our new Outreach Centre, which is based at Marlborough's much-cherished Savernake Hospital. From here services including physiotherapy, day services, occupational therapy, counselling, complementary therapies and bereavement support will be available to people living in Marlborough and the surrounding villages.

Your support is vital in ensuring that our services can continue to bring dedicated care to people living in Marlborough and the surrounding villages, which costs more than £400,000 each year.

How can you help, each year Prospect Hospice runs an Open Gardens Programme where we look to people of the local community to open their gardens to friends and family or to the general public to raise money towards our services and care. This summer saw Nine gardens across Marlborough open throughout the summer collectively raising over £1,700, eight of which opened in the village of Ogbourne St George on Sunday 7th June.

Going forward in 2016 we are looking for village communities to get together to open as many gardens as possible within their village and organise a family fun day and open gardens event with our support. We can provide you with posters, banners, balloons, buckets, t-shirts, press releases and volunteer opportunities to help make your event a success.

If you are inspired to take part in our Open Gardens programme 2016 and would like more information please visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/open](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/open) gardens or if you would like to find out more about other ways you can support us, contact me direct E: [mikekennedy@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:mikekennedy@prospect-hospice.net) or T:01793 816186.

Also I would be more than happy to come and talk to you about Prospect Hospice in 2016 so please do get in touch if you would like more information and to book a talk.

### CHURCH DIARY

<b>7 Feb,</b>	10.00am, Cafe Church
<b>10 Feb,</b>	7.00pm, Ash Wednesday
<b>14 Feb,</b>	8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>21 Feb,</b>	9.30am, Parish Communion
<b>28 Feb,</b>	9.30am, Morning Prayer

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY** parks in Liddiards Green every 4 weeks. The next 2 dates are **Thursdays 4th February and 3rd March from 10-10.30am.**

### Carer Support Wiltshire -Supporting unpaid carers

We offer a range of rewarding volunteering opportunities. You could help make a positive difference to the lives of carers in your community.

We are currently looking for volunteers interested in various roles.

We provide all of our volunteers with an induction, reimbursement of expenses, training specific to their role, ongoing support and opportunities to meet with other volunteers. If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact us.

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Or visit our website: <http://carersinwiltshire.co.uk/>

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# The Dragon February 2016

### Thank You

Carol and Helen would like to thank everyone who supported the Plant Sales table during 2015 by bringing or buying plants or produce. Altogether we made £620 which will go towards maintaining the fabric of the parish church. Thank you all for your help and we look forward to seeing you again next spring!

### Don't walk your dogs in the woods!

Outbreaks of a disease called Alabama Rot have been reported as occurring in several places around us. The proper name for this disease is Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV).

To put this in context, the Forestry Commission says: *Many thousands of dogs are walked in the countryside every day and it is important to remember that only a very small number of dogs have been affected.*

Even so, one dog has been put to sleep, and another three are receiving treatment, after walking in West Woods, near Marlborough. Other areas of concern include the woods at the polo ground near Coate Water, Stratton Woods and Lydiard Park. The symptoms are skin lesions, usually below the knee or elbow, but sometimes the face or the chest or abdomen. Over the subsequent two to ten days the affected dogs have developed clinical signs of kidney failure which can include vomiting, reduced appetite and tiredness.

**Fibreoptic Broadband** is now available in this area.

For more information visit [www.superfast-openreach.co.uk](http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk)