CHURCH DIARY

5 June, 10.00am, Cafe Church 12 June, 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP) 19 June, 9.30am, Parish Communion 26 June, 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

Norah Mabel Cook – died on 14th May 2016, peacefully at home, at the age of 92.

The Merchant's House Trust is pleased to announce details of its **Annual Summer Lunch** fundraiser, held in the beautiful grounds of Marlborough College.

Join us on **31**st **July, 12-3pm**, for a delicious buffet meal plus family-friendly entertainment: we'll be learning about the history of one's of Britain's favourite pastimes – Punch & Judy – complete with a live performance and games for the children.

Tickets on sale next month, from The Merchant's House, 132 High Street, Marlborough. Put the date in your diary, now!

100 CLUB WINNERS

For May are 1st A Allen, 2nd G Beer and 3rd N Irwin

Contributions for the July Dragon by 20th June; and/or to receive The Dragon by email contact the editor, Sally Utton at dragonnews@btinternet.com



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Bell Ringers Wanted

One of the distinctive sounds of England are its village bells - it's been some time since the bells were rung over Ogbourne St George on a Sunday morning. There are only 2 residents in the village that are able to ring the bells and with 5 ancient bells dated between 1603-1652 they are undoubtedly the oldest set of musical instruments in the village, but we need at least another 3 people to enable us to ring them regularly. At the moment we rely on goodwill from others in the surrounding area to support weddings, funerals and practices, meaning the bells are silent most Sundays. It's good fun to do and once you have grasped the basics the commitment is low, just wander down when you are free on a Sunday morning to ring for 30 mins. If you want to know more - please contact Mike Clarke email: mclark99@hotmail.com

Barbury 7^{th} to 10^{th} July 2016 - The key event in the Church's fundraising calendar.

It's that time of year again! and as usual we are asking for your help to stock the stall for the 4 days of the competition. All three parishes (St George, St Andrew and Chiseldon) take part and the money raised is shared pro rata for the time spent manning the stall and the amount of baking received.

We welcome all donations both sweet & savoury and are willing to collect if that makes it easier for you. Please contact Debbie Sandison (841468) or Nicola Hickford (841418) with any queries or donations.

Carers Week 6th-12th June

Caring is part of being human and at the heart of family life. As our population ages and people live longer, often with complex health conditions, more and more of us will find ourselves caring with 3 in 5 of us becoming carers at some point in our lives.

A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who cannot manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

Many people don't identify themselves as carers, they feel they are just doing what anyone else would so they don't always know what support is available to them.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a local charity supporting carers in Wiltshire. They help them to access support, services, education and training, and breaks from their caring role. As part of Carers Week (6th-12th June) they will be celebrating the contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities in Wiltshire with their Walk a Mile in My Shoes sponsored walk. Walkers are encouraged to decorate their trainers or swap shoes with a relative or friend and show their support for carers. The walk will take place at John Coles Park in Chippenham. You can find out more at www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk or telephone 01380 871690.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library parks in Liddiards Green every 4 weeks. The next visit will be on **Thursday 23rd June from 10-10.30am.**

Marlborough Medical Practice has achieved the Gold Plus Award for two years running in recognition of the hard work we do providing services for our patients who are Carers. This can help them in the role they take on when supporting a loved one.

The Marlborough Medical Practice supports carers in a number of ways:

Offer Carers flexible appointments with our clinical staff to suit their needs as we understand that looking after your own health can be challenging when caring for someone else.

Undertake Carer support clinics at the Surgery during the year and all Carers will be invited by letter to attend.

Notifying Carer's Support Wiltshire when we are made aware someone is a carer. Carers are then contacted by a support worker and will be offered relevant information and advice.

If you believe you are a carer, please let the practice know so that you can receive any additional support you may require. Any patient who is a Carer can register on the practice's 'Carer's Register' by collecting a pack from Reception and returning the completed form it contains.

More information is available on the practice website, along with an electronic version of our Carers registration form: http://www.marlboroughdoctors.org.uk/info.aspx?p=3

Wiltshire Carers can be contacted by phone on 0800 181 4118, or through their website: http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk/