

CHURCH DIARY

- 4 Sep**, 10.00am Cafe Church
11 Sep, 10.30am, Benefice Communion in Chiseldon
with the Archdeacon of Sarum
18 Sep, 9.30am, Parish Communion
25 Sep, 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)
2 Oct, 10.00, Harvest Festival

100 CLUB WINNERS

- June** 1st Jeanette Therrien, 2nd Sarah Farley, 3rd Zack Frost
July 1st Megan Shaw, 2nd Ros Burrowbridge, 3rd Sue Iliffe

MOBILE LIBRARY

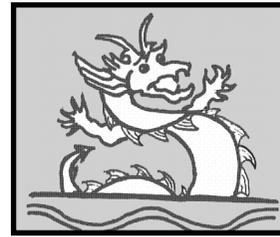
The mobile library parks in Liddiards Green every 4 weeks.
The next visit will be on **Thursday 15th September from 10-10.30am.**

MARLBOROUGH MEDICAL PRACTICE Patient Participation Group (PPG) Update

You can have a free flu jab at the practice if you are 65 years or over, are pregnant, have certain medical conditions, are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility, receive a carers allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill. Flu clinics for those in the above categories will be run from 9.00 am until lunchtime on Saturdays 17th September, 24th September, 1st October and 22nd October 2016

If you are eligible for a flu jab, the practice will send you a letter inviting you to make an appointment. If you do not fall into the eligible categories, you can still have the flu vaccine at some of the bigger supermarkets and chemists for a fee.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE OCTOBER DRAGON by 20th September; and/or to receive *The Dragon* by email contact the editor, Sally Utton at dragonnews@btinternet.com



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WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE DRAGON?

We have gone Black & White because our printer can no longer cope with the volume and so we now have to get these printed externally.

A HUGE THANK YOU

to all the villagers who baked for Barbury. This year we smashed all previous targets, we broke the £2,000 barrier for the first time with a staggering £2,235. This is split in the time honoured tradition, taking into account the support received, in both time (40%) and produce donated (60%) and it's great to report that Ogbourne St George will receive 57% of the total.

Thanks also to the following businesses; Waitrose, Andrews Butchers, the Three Trees Farm Shop and Budgens who all donated much appreciated and very generous ingredients.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

is England's favourite heritage festival and an opportunity for the public to explore some of the country's most treasured historic site – for free.

To celebrate, **The Merchant's House** will be opening its doors on **Sunday 11th September**, for free, and bringing the 17th-century property to life with live music, embroidery demonstrations, appearances from Mr and Mrs Bayly, a celebratory 25th anniversary cake (2016 marks 25 years of The Merchant's House Trust) and activities for all ages.

A FEEL FOR FASHION

Ever questioned why fashions change the way they do? Or wondered how what we wear today has been influenced by a former time?

Join us for an evening of fashionable entertainment with none other than Mr and Mrs Bayly of The Merchant's House. Step back in time as the property's original owners take you on a journey through their changing wardrobe during the 17th century. From rigid bodices and starched ruffs to skin-showing sleeves and fitted breeches, you'll learn how clothing went from being restrictive and decorative, to comfortable and simple – and back again. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Panelled Chamber, see fashion come alive like never before. Light refreshments will be provided.

20th September 2016, 7pm (doors open 6.30pm) at The Merchant's House, 132 High Street, Marlborough

This event is free to Friends of the Merchant's House; £5 for non-friends. Tickets can be purchased through the shop and office; call 01672 511491.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 15 October, 10:00 – 12:00

Ogbourne Primary School

To ensure the success of the jumble sale donations are needed particularly of clothes, shoes and accessories.

Please have a look through your cupboards and donate any unwanted items.

Any clothing not sold goes to 'Bags to School' raising further funds to help the school.

Call Nicola 07770 588349 to arrange collection or drop off at Og House, Ogbourne St George

HELP WANTED - CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

Is there anybody out there who would like to help with the weekly cleaning/flowers rota in the church? We have been a bit short of volunteers already for the last year or so, but now that two of the most stalwart and long-serving members of the merry band have moved away from the village (how dare they!) things are verging on the critical: one person is even covering 12 weeks already and naturally doesn't want to take on any more. Cleaning doesn't have to be very onerous: in the winter it is basically a quick vac and dust round the 'busy' parts and mopping the tiled floor in the chancel; in the summer, when the wretched bats are up and about, it is necessary to be a bit more thorough. As for flowers, there are usually two vases in the church, which can contain whatever you fancy: garden or hedgerow pickings, bought flowers or pot plants, just popped in a vase or the full-on Constance Spry arrangement – we have all abilities on the rota, and it's lovely to have the variety (except during Lent and Advent when there are no flowers).

Teams can be one or two people who operate 2 weeks at a time twice a year about 6 months apart, ie 4 weeks in total. Of the 19 people on the rota, only 3 or 4 are churchgoers, the others are people who perhaps have old family connexions with the church, or who simply enjoy enhancing the peace and beauty of this ancient building. Please contact me, Charlotte Frost, if you can help, on 01672 841361 or cfrost@onechurchlane.com.

We shall be **decorating for Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 1st from 9.30am**, when it is nice to be able to make the church look a bit special. Anyone who can spare a little time will be very welcome, and coffee and cake will be provided as reward; also any offerings of flowers or produce would be much appreciated. Thank you.