

THE DRAGON

August 2022



Welcome to your August 2022 round up of news and events in Ogbourne St George

Parish Council Update

Autumn Village Tidy Up: After the success of the May Village Spring Clean we are planning an autumn equivalent on Saturday 1 October. Timings and details will follow in due course, so for now, put this date in your diary as volunteers will be most welcome.

All residents are politely reminded to clear public footpaths outside properties and cut back hedges, especially as there are now several that need to be done as they are forcing pedestrians onto the road.

My Wilts App: This enables you to report issues to Wiltshire Council simply, quickly and easily. Services available include reporting road and street issues, fraud and trading standards in the Wiltshire Council area. You can attach documents, photos or videos to provide additional information and pinpoint exact locations. When you submit your case, it goes to the relevant Wiltshire Council team to be actioned. Cases may be submitted anonymously for most services but this means they will be unable to update you on the progress of your case.

What issues can you report?

Abandoned vehicles	Dog fouling	Faulty streetlights
Fly Tipping	Graffiti	Public Litter Bins
Dead animals on road	Roads, Pavements, Highways	Street Litter/ Sweeping

OSG residents have already successfully reported and achieved the following so this is a worthwhile and effective route to the Council:

- New road sign for Jubb's Lane
- Painted white lines and lettering on the slip road by the Golf Club
- Strimming of verges to make speed signs visible on Draycott Road
- Restoring of speed and other signs at the Hallam junction

Next Meetings: 8 September & 10 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

August Church Services

7 August (Trinity 8), 11.00am, Morning Worship at Ogbourne St Andrew

14 August (Trinity 9), 10.30am, Benefice Communion at Chiseldon

21 August (Trinity 10), 10.30am, Morning Worship at Chiseldon

28 August (Trinity 11), 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

Carer Support Wiltshire

If you look after, or help to look after, someone who could not otherwise live independently without your support, then you are an unpaid carer. You might be caring for a partner, parent, child, friend or neighbour who is elderly, has a disability or an illness, including a mental health illness or an addiction to alcohol or drugs. You might not consider yourself a carer as it's something we do often without question, or the need for a label. But it is useful to acknowledge your role so that you can ensure you receive support available and take care of your needs.

Carer Support Wiltshire (CSW) offers advice and support to carers. This often starts with an assessment to determine what impact caring has on their own health and wellbeing. They run a number of groups and cafés where carers can meet up and support one another. These groups can help with feelings of loneliness and isolation that many carers experience. There is always a member of CSW staff or a trained volunteer on hand to answer any questions as well as guest speakers. To find out more call 0800 181 4118 or visit carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

Marlborough Carer Café	The Jubilee Centre, 28 High St	10.30am-midday	23 Aug, 27 Sep
Devizes Carer Café	The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place	10.30am-midday	7 Sep
Devizes Parent Carer Group	The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place	10.30am-midday	17 Aug, 21 Sep
Devizes Support Group	The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place	10.30am-midday	16 Aug, 20 Sep
Devizes Bereavement Help Point*	The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place	10.30am-midday	2 Aug, 6 Sep
<i>*Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice, this is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome.</i>			

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on 17 August in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Phil Collins will talk on "The History of Punch and Judy". Meetings cost £1 per attendee. Email: info@chiseldonlhg.org.uk or call Elaine on 01793 740784 or Keith on 01793 741346.

Primary School News

Fantastic SAT Results: We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils who now leave us to go on to senior school. They achieved 100% in tested subjects Reading, Maths and Science. **These are exceptional results, well above the National Standard.**

Our Year 2 did equally brilliantly in their KS1 SAT tests, with results easily outstripping the National Standard. We are delighted since this is all testimony to the ongoing hard work of pupils, teachers and families.

Goodbye and Thank You to our School Governors: After many years serving on our Local Governors Board, it is time for some of our governors to move on, as their children leave us to start at other schools. We would like to thank Julian White, Mark Smith and Stuart Harvey for all their voluntary input into helping us be the happy, welcoming and high achieving school we are today.

We would really appreciate more parents and local residents becoming a Governor. If you would like to know more, please come in and speak to Principal Richard Smith or email: admin@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk

Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies: Staged outside the school hall on the edge of our field, and bathed in glorious sunshine, a large audience laughed and applauded at the performances. It was a truly wonderful production and testament to the range of our pupils' talents. We are so proud of everyone who participated in making this yet another roaring success.

Open Mornings in September: If you are considering sending your child to our school, why not drop in for a look round? There will be an invitation banner displayed at the start of term.

PSA Fundraising Update

Summer Fair Fundraiser – A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated, or gave up their time to attend the Summer Fair on 25 June. With some fantastic live jazz music playing, children and families gathered on a sunny day to enjoy the range of stalls and activities. An incredible **£1,854** was raised. Some of this money will be used to help create our new IT suite, and building work is scheduled over the summer holiday.

School Lottery - If you would like to join our school lottery, please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ogbourne-primary-school. Tickets are just £1 per week per ticket. Weekly Draws take place within our community, plus, you'll be entered into the national draw to win £25,000.

AmazonSmile - If you shop on Amazon, please use AmazonSmile because when you sign up, every order donates 0.5% to our school. It's easy to do and every penny counts. Millions of Amazon products can help support the school. Simply select 'Ogbourne PSA' as your charity and away you go. Save the AmazonSmile homepage which looks exactly like the normal Amazon page and works the same way.

PSA Committee - We have a very small PSA committee who are an incredibly dedicated and hardworking group of parents and friends of the school who give their time to run fundraising events. The PSA would love a few more committee members, so if you feel you could be involved, however minimally, we would love to hear from you. Contact: ogbournepsa@yahoo.com or leave your details at reception.

The Inn with the Well News

Offer of the month: During August, buy a bottle of wine and receive a bowl of olives or similar for free.

Price increase: We are all affected by the cost of living increase and sadly the pub is no exception, so this will take effect from 1 August.

August Closures: Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 August inclusive

End of Summer Afternoon Quiz: Building on the success of last year, settle yourselves in for an afternoon of unlimited quiz fun with Dr Ben, from 2.30pm on Sunday 18 September. Teams of up to 6 are welcome to come along and test their expertise on the classic general knowledge to the more niche computational fluid dynamics(!). Sustain yourselves with food and drink from the bar as we mark the last Sunday opening for 2022. Bev is even flying in from Australia. Entry is free and donations will go to The Prospect. The 2022 Prize Giving for the orienteering competition will also take place, which has been running since St George's weekend, so if you want to be in with a chance, there is still time to complete the course.

Moonrakers Concert

On 2 July we enjoyed The Moonrakers at the Church, who entertained us with Celtic songs and original compositions. The interval drinks went down very well. Thank you to all who made this event possible.

Tai Chi/Qigong in the Village Hall

Would you like to join a Tai Chi/Qigong class? Improve and maintain your body, mind and breath using this centuries old gentle form of exercise, now recognised by the NHS as a complementary therapy. Suitable for everyone. To register your interest please contact Usha: uvoqigongpractice@gmail.com for an initial 3/4 week course at 2.30pm on Fridays from September.

Little Dragons Update

Little Dragons have had a fantastic academic year, full of fun experiences for all the children. Our highlights include our parties, The Queen's Jubilee celebrations, having chicks in Pre-school, village walks and our 'plant with me' event.

Our Committee has had a lot of input into many events organising and running some of them. It meets once a month for a relaxed informal get together to discuss and plan future fundraising events. Committee members also meet socially for coffee, walks and play dates. It's a fantastic way to meet local parents, grandparents, carers and local community members and be a part of our Pre-school. If you would like more information about joining our Committee please ask a member of staff or Committee member.

Village Hall News

Hire the Hall: The Village Hall can be hired for £15 per hour, and enquiries and bookings should go to Tim Frost on 01672 841361.

Quiz evening: Start putting your team of six people together and join us for a fun evening of cerebral challenge, accompanied by food and drink on Saturday 8 October.

Christmas Grotto: Yes, we know it's impossible to contemplate the festive season when we are sweltering in temperatures above 40 degrees, but this is an early notice that we hope to host a Christmas Grotto on Friday 2 December from 3-6pm, when a very special man in a fur-trimmed red suit will, with any luck, grace OSG with his presence (and presents if you've been good this year!). More details to follow nearer the time.

New Committee Members: if you would you like to get to know more people in the village, can attend 3-4 meetings a year and would like to join in with some local events, then join our friendly fun Village Hall Committee.

Further information and enquiries on all the above can go to Colin Jeffrey on 01672 841485 or Claire Heald on osgvhall@gmail.com

100 Club Winners

Month	Winner	Runner up
July	Peter Frost	Biffy McNally

Village Fete and Dog Show

The Village Fete and Dog Show will take place on Saturday 17 September from 2pm with the Dog Show at 3.30pm. It will include all the traditional stalls, including Cake Stall, Coconut Shy, Plant Sale, Raffle, Skittles, Tombola , White Elephant and more.

Please contact Lesley Ayres on 01672 841185, laayres@talk21.com or Nicky Irwin 07973 210048, nicky@draycot.com to volunteer and/or share new ideas. Donations can be dropped off in the Church porch the week before or contact the organizing team for collection.

We will also need volunteers the evening before to set up tents, stalls and gazebos, so please clear those diaries from mid afternoon onwards, as many hands make light work.

This will be a cash only event, so start collecting your £1 coins so that you're ready to spend them on activities and goodies at the fete.

OSG Unsung Hero Competition

Many of our fellow residents carry out all manner of worthwhile good deeds on behalf of all of us in this village, so this year we are running a competition in which we can celebrate and thank this army of hidden volunteers who take the initiative and the time to do beneficial things for our village and its' residents without any expectation of thanks or recognition, i.e. our unsung heroes.

The **Ogbourne St George Unsung Hero Competition** is your opportunity to tell us in no more than 100 words who you would like to nominate to be your Unsung Hero and why. Entries can either be submitted to osgdragon22@gmail.com or via the postbox located inside The Inn With the Well. The deadline for nominations is close of play on Friday 2 September 2022.

We will collate all the nominations, and you will have the chance to vote for your Unsung Hero at the Village Fete on 17 September. We will then share the results in the following editions of The Dragon. So get those thinking caps and let's start showcasing the OSG Goodwill.

Contact The Dragon

To include your village news and events in The Dragon, please write to the Editor, Claire Heald, on osgdragon22@gmail.com