

# THE DRAGON

February 2023



Welcome to your first 2023 issue and monthly round up of news/events in Ogbourne St George.

The Dragon and the Parish Council wish all OSG residents a very happy and healthy 2023 and hope that 2022 ended well for you all.

## Road Safety Concerns

Unfortunately, we start this year with serious road concerns which have led to the Parish Council receiving a number of complaints.

The parking at the T-junction of Marlborough Road and the top of the High Street is now a major problem, with cars being parked very close to the junction on both roads. This means that 1) buses struggle to turn, and 2) motorists emerging from the junction do not have a full view of the road they are joining. This increases the risk of collisions, accidents and injury to pedestrians and road users.

As a reminder – the Highway Code states that **drivers are not to park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.**

In addition, vehicles are regularly being parked on Marlborough Road at night on the wrong side of the road, i.e. facing towards the oncoming traffic. This is a major hazard, as 1) drivers cannot see the parked cars, and 2) it increases the likelihood of damage to vehicles and harm to persons.

As a reminder – the Highway Code states that **drivers must not park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space.**

The PC does not wish to involve Wiltshire Council about enforcement measures but may be forced to if things do not change. Residents and visitors are politely requested and strongly encouraged to comply for their own and others' safety.

## Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of every month. The next meetings will be 7.30pm on 9 March and 11 May. The May date will also include the annual Parish Meeting followed by the normal Parish Council meeting. Start time to be confirmed nearer the time.

## **OSG Primary School– Introduction from our New Head**

For those who don't know me, I am writing to introduce myself as Head of School at Ogbourne St George. My name is Lucy Crump, and I have worked at Ogbourne since 2006, when I first joined as an EYFS and KS1 teacher. It makes me feel very old now that some of my very first Ogbourne class are now at university! However, it is wonderful to hear about all their different adventures and achievements.

Throughout my time at Ogbourne, I have taught most age groups and for a number of years held the role of Deputising Teacher. I also hold the role of SENDCo; a role that I feel very passionately about.

Ogbourne is a wonderful school. I care very much about our school and all the families and community that we serve. I am excited by this new role and leading Ogbourne on the next stage of our journey, alongside our new Executive Principal, Gudrun Osborn. We have many exciting plans with regards to curriculum development, and we look forward to moving forward with these over the coming months.

Outside school, I enjoy spending time with my husband Alex and our two children. I love going for long walks, gardening and (when I get time) reading and baking. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about our school.

The office can be contacted at [admin@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:admin@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk)

<https://www.ogbourne-st-george.wilts.sch.uk/wilts/primary/ogbourne>

We would love to hear from you!

## **Village Hall News**

Twos three weeks before Christmas and all through the Hall, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. And then school finished, and the Village Hall was full of children and their parents and joyful sounds for the Christmas Grotto.

The Hall was fully decorated, and seven stalls packed full of Christmas gifts had been beautifully prepared by the stall holders. There was mulled wine for the parents, squash for the little ones, and the odd biscuit or two, and before you knew it, with a Ho Ho Ho Santa arrived. It was a really happy occasion, and the Village Hall Committee thank everyone who came along. We learned a lot so that we can put on an even better show next year.

And on the subject of the Committee, we are looking for volunteers to join us for the year ahead. If you have a little spare time to attend 3-4 meetings a year and would you like to get more involved with village life, then come and join us. It's an ideal way to make friends locally. For further information and/or to join us, ring Colin on 01672 841485 or email Claire on [osgvhall@gmail.com](mailto:osgvhall@gmail.com)

## Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on 15 February, in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Roger Smith will talk on "Old Wootton Bassett in Pictures" and tell us about the fascinating story of buildings and environs of this small market town.

Sites of interest include the Town Hall, Church, Old Station and High Street. Many of you will know the Town Hall as it appears today, but come along and find out more about how the town looked in yesteryear and its development over the last 150 years.

Membership subscriptions are £20 per year. Visitor fees for non-members are £5 per meeting. The full schedule can be found on the new website [www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk](http://www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk)

## The Inn with the Well News

### Dates for your Diary:

11 Feb – Closed for a private event

17 Mar – St Patrick's Day. Serving small plates made with Guinness

19 Mar – Mothers' Day. Serving Sunday Roast. Booking essential.

Please check the website for local deals and latest information on [www.theinnwiththewell.co.uk](http://www.theinnwiththewell.co.uk)

### Six Nations Tournament

For rugby fans, Saturday matches of this year's Six Nations tournament will be shown on the Big Screen from 4 February. Cheese & pickle sandwiches and chips will be on sale at 4.30pm. Entry to the Betting List is £5. Complete and return yours to the pub by 4th Feb:



Number of Tries:

Number of Drop goals:

Number of Red cards:

Number of Penalties:

Winners:

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Name / Phone / E-Mail:

## **Jumble Sale**

We'll be holding a village Jumble Sale on Saturday 11 March from 10am-12pm. We need volunteers to set up from 5pm on Friday, to help during the sale and clear up afterwards. Donations can be made from 5pm on the Friday or to the Church the week before. Contact Lesley Ayres or Nicky Irwin.

## **New Year – New Career Move?**

Then maybe I can help. I'm Peter King and live in the village and have recently retired after running my own Recruitment and Outplacement consultancy for 20 years.

Outplacement is all about coaching people to help them put their 'best foot forward' in the jobs market. Now I've retired, I'd like to offer my help to anyone in the village who is looking to change jobs, return to the job market, or begin their working career. I've coached 100s of people, from school leavers to large corporate Board members, so I've learnt how to ensure people present themselves in the best possible light by improving CV writing and interview skills, and better understand how to navigate the recruitment market.

So, if you live in the village, and you'd like some totally free help, advice and support, then email me on *pgkinghome@hotmail.com* to set up a private and confidential chat. I'd be delighted to help. And if you don't need such help now, but think you might in the future, please keep my email address for future reference.

## Little Dragons

Little Dragons would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We had a wonderful end to our term with a fantastic nativity and party, with a visit from Father Christmas!

All the children have returned with lovely tales of their Christmases at home. They have settled back in happily and have already enjoyed lots of activities - painting, sparkly play dough, creating wintery collage pictures, playing with the train track, dolls, large trucks and bikes - to name but a few. We also enjoyed a lovely village walk last week, to celebrate the rain stopping.

We have spaces available for 2-4yr olds and welcome anyone interested to come and meet us or get in touch (by email or phone call) via our website [www.littledragons.org](http://www.littledragons.org)

## Church Services and News

5 February (3rd before Lent), 10.00am, Cafe Church

12 February (2nd before Lent), 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)

19 February (Sunday next before Lent), 10.30am, Zoom Service

22 February, (Ash Wednesday), 7.00pm, Benefice Communion

26 February (Lent 1), 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

### Looking ahead:

18 March, 9.30am-12.30pm - Spring Church Maintenance.

Helpers sought for the usual Spring clean for indoor & outdoor jobs.  
Refreshments provided.

19 March, 10am - Mothering Sunday Service

## The 100 Club

The 100 Club is a church fundraiser and tickets are sold each September for the new year to start in October.

Congratulations to the first quarter winners who are:

- Oct: C Heald & J Ingelfield
- Nov: S Utton & W Frost
- Dec: R MacDonald & R Irwin

## Mobile Library

If you're looking for your next read, then the Mobile Library will be on Liddiards Green from 10-10.30am on 23 February, 23 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June and 13 July.

## Messages from the Village

We start this year with kind words of thanks from our Village Unsung Hero, Dave Child, who says, *'I would like to thank everyone that voted for me in the Village Unsung Hero Competition. I am one of many who help in the village, so praise goes to everyone. Thank you again.'*

## Slow Down in our Village

The Parish Council has a supply of these stickers for residents to put on their bins if they wish. We hope they will encourage drivers to drive more slowly and carefully through our village.

They can be collected for free from Sam at Orchard House or email the Dragon Editor, details below.



## Contact The Dragon

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