

THE DRAGON

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Welcome to your monthly round up of news/events in Ogbourne St George.

Keeping our Village Tidy

This month we begin with grateful thanks to those children and young people who have either started to or who are about to start to undertake litter picking in and around our village.

On behalf of all the residents of Ogbourne St George we thank you for your efforts and contribution to keeping our village tidy. Your actions are making a positive difference for all of us, and this message is to tell you how much we appreciate it. Thank you.

Village Jumble Sale

It can't have escaped your notice that our Church, School, Little Dragons and Village Hall are joining forces on Saturday 11 March from 10am-12pm to hold a Village Jumble Sale.

This is the ideal time to undertake that Spring Clean and bid a fond farewell to those items which no longer 'spark joy' or that you no longer have a purpose for, but someone else might.

We are seeking donations of clothes, handbags, jewellery and general bric-a-brac. Please only provide items that are in good saleable condition, i.e. that someone will be willing to purchase.

Start getting your jumble together and drop it off to:

- 8 Jubbs Lane (right hand garage) from 6 March onwards
- The Church from 6 March onwards
- The School from 5pm on Fri 10 March.

If you would like to help with set up the evening before and/or on the day, then please contact Lesley on 07775 517138. Proceeds will be split between the four organisations above, as well as The Prospect.

Church Services for March and April 2023

5 March, Lent 2, 10.00am, Cafe Church

12 March, Lent 3, 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)

19 March, Mothering Sunday, 10.00am service

26 March, Passion Sunday, 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

2 April, Palm Sunday, 10.00am, Palm Sunday Service

Easter Weekend:

6 April, Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm, Parish Communion in Chiseldon

7 April, Good Friday, 2.00pm, Good Friday Service in Ogbourne St Andrew

9 April, Easter Day, 9.30am, Parish Communion

16 April, Easter 2, 10.30am Zoom Service

23 April, St George's Day, 4.00pm, St George's Day Service

30 April, Easter 4, 10.00am, Benefice Communion

Spring Church Maintenance Morning

Helpers are sought for the annual Spring maintenance morning which will take place on Saturday 18 March from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Church to tackle indoor & outdoor jobs. Refreshments will be provided.

Village Hall News

If you are looking for a local venue in which to hold a business or social event, then the Village Hall is available for hire at very competitive rates. It can be booked from as little as one hour, and we are also happy to discuss arrangements for regular periods of hire if required. The Village Hall tables and chairs can also be hired by the day.

Parties are always popular both for children and adults, and the Hall has capacity for 70 seated, 110 for dancing, and 150 standing.

It's local, convenient, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your booking will mean that your money stays in your local community and supports your Village Hall.

For information about availability and hire charges, contact Tim Frost on tim@onechurchlane.com or 01672 841361.

The Inn with the Well News

Fish Fridays are back until Easter. Haddock and chips are available to eat in or take away for £10.00 or a small portion for £6.00.

Upcoming Events:

Friday 10 March from 9pm

We're pleased to host live music from Homer, a 5-piece modern covers band. All proceeds will go to the Prospect, so please support this sponsored event.

We have cancelled the St Patrick's Day food event and Mothering Sunday lunch to concentrate on the Six Nations Rugby.

Super Saturday 18 March

Doors open at midday. All 3 Six Nations matches will be shown from 12.30pm. Sandwiches and chips will be served at 4.15pm.

Friday 31 March

Games Night. Join us for a wide variety of entertaining games, including those perennial favourites, the Sock Game (?) and Beer Pong (!), to name but a few.

Future events for your diary

Easter Weekend:

Friday 7 April

The Pizza Oven will be fired up again for the season, replacing Fish Fridays.

Sunday 9 April

Easter Sunday lunch at 1pm followed by a quiz at 3pm. Start organising your teams now!

Saturday 13 May

We'll be holding our own Eurovision Night, so ideas are welcome to mark what is expected to be a unique occasion as the UK hosts the Song Contest on behalf of Ukraine.

Please check the website for local deals and latest information on www.theinnwiththewell.co.uk

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 9 March.

The 100 Club

Congratulations to the first winners of 2023 who are:

- January: S Bathe & D Cook
- February: E White & J Fisher

Mobile Library

Renew those library books at the Mobile Library which will alight on Liddiards Green from 10-10.30am on 23 March, 20 April, 18 May & 15 June.

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on 15 March in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Bill Reed will talk on “Malmesbury’s Secret Wartime Factory”

In 1940, Cowbridge House looked like a sleepy Wiltshire Country estate from the air, but it was anything but. Unbeknownst to even its 1,000-strong workforce, this 18th century house, set in acres of rolling countryside, turned out to be an ideal secret, secure, remote base, safe from enemy attack, for the MOD to turn into a WWII Secret Radar Shadow Factory where they developed and manufactured highly secretive radar equipment for the RAF. Fascinating stuff!

Membership to CLHG is £20 per year. Non-members can attend for £5 per meeting. The full schedule can be found on www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk

Chiseldon Museum is museum is currently closed and will re-open in April. New displays are being planned.

Contact the Dragon

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