

THE DRAGON

September 2022



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

Village Fête and Family Dog Show

The cooler weather and shift in the seasons mean that September is upon us which brings our big annual village event: THE VILLAGE FETE. Whether you want to adopt a teddy, bag a bargain, consume some home-made cake, hook a duck, punt on the tombola, relax at the bar, or soothe your ears to Ian's sax, we want to see you there. It will take place on Saturday 17th September from 2 to 4.30pm at the Manor House. It can't happen without YOU, so read on for how to get involved.

1. **Run a Stall:** Running a stall is a lot of fun and a great way to meet your fellow villagers, make new friends and reconnect with old ones. You can turn up on the day, and we'll allocate you a stall. Or if you prefer to choose and help with a stall in advance, we're seeking stallholders for the ever-popular Raffle, Unwanted Gifts and White Elephant. Enthusiastic teenagers are particularly welcome, and it's a great way to build up valuable CV content for you workers of the future. See #10 below on how to contact us.

2. **Donate Something:**

- Bake a cake for the Refreshments Stall
- Give pre-loved good condition crockery, glassware & ornaments to the White Elephant Stall
- Grow a plant for Jane's Green Fingers Stall
- Pass on well-presented Unwanted Gifts in their original packaging where possible
- Donate a full bottle (of anything) for Colin's Bottle Stall collecting in advance at 8 Jubb's Lane
- Contribute candles, chocolates, homemade goodies, toiletries, etc for Claire & Kevin's Tombola. We'll collect from 10th September
- Share a brilliant work of fiction or a well-loved children's book for the Secondhand Book Stall
- Give pocket money prizes/mini bags of sweets for Hook A Duck, Hoopla, Skittles & Splat the Rat
- Persuade local businesses to donate prizes to the Raffle
- Join the Little Dragons stall

This year it's a polite 'no thanks' to: clothes, CDs, DVDS, non-fiction books.

3. **Show your Dog**: Enter your Pooch into our Family Dog Show at 3.30pm. Simply turn up, register and convince us your dog is best in class. Handsomest Dog? Waggiest Tail? Prettiest Puppy? How can you resist?
4. **Run an Independent Stall**: If you live and/or work in our village and would like to run your own stall showcasing your products then we invite you to contact us in advance and discuss how we can support your small business.
5. **Come Along and Join the Fun**: Entry is just £1, and if you round up any children, they're free. But please take them home with you at the end of the day! If you'd like to run the Entrance Gate let us know. That way you really get to know who's who in the village.
6. **Bring the Cash**: Yes, we know it's old-fashioned, but we can keep prices down if you all start stashing the cash so you can bring your coins and notes to spend on the day, rather than cards and Apples™.
7. **Vote for your Ogbourne St George Unsung Hero**: There's still time to nominate your Unsung Hero, i.e. that village resident who carries out worthwhile good deeds on behalf of us all. Use the postbox located inside The Inn With the Well or the contact details below in #10. Deadline for your nominations is 2nd September. Full details are in last month's Dragon.
8. **Share a new idea**: OK we agree, many of these stalls have appeared before. That's because they're old favourites. But we're a modern 21st century community and open to new ideas. So, if you have an idea for a new stall / activity / game, competition, then tell us. Really, do.
9. **Help us set up and take down**: We admit it, it's a lot of work to set up and take down the fête, and as a wise person once said, 'many hands make light work.' But it's worth it. So, if you can spare some time the evening before to help set up tents, stalls and gazebos, please tell us. Similarly, please stay after all the fun has been had, to take everything down. We really appreciate it.
10. **Express your interest**: Whatever you'd like to do, we need to know in advance, so please tell us by 10th September. Contact Lesley Ayres on 07775 517138, or laayres@talk21.com, or Claire Heald on 07493 110248 or osgdragon22@gmail.com or you can spot us in the village and/or at the pub! Donations can be dropped off in the Church porch on Wednesdays & Sundays or contact one of us for collection. If you're leaving a donation at the Church, please tell us so that we can retrieve and store it safely.

The Inn With The Well

End of Summer Sunday Afternoon Quiz: Dr Ben looks forward to seeing you on **18th September at 2.30pm** for the return of this exceptional event. Gather your team of up to 6 people and test your knowledge against, well, his. Look out for special guests popping up to present specialist rounds. Mike & Megan will sustain you from their menu, as we mark their last Sunday opening for 2022. Entry is free and donations will go to The Prospect. And whilst you're there, sample one of their 'Shots for Prospect'. Coffee tequila? Peanut butter whisky? Selection will vary. Enough said.

The 2022 Orienteering Prize Giving: 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.

The Ogbourne St George 100 Club 2022/23

Thank you to all who supported the Club in 2021/22. We distributed £480 to the lucky winners and raised £360 for church maintenance. The church is open on a Wednesday and Sunday for private prayer and regular service times are advertised in the porch.

We are now opening up the Club to members for 2022/23 from October. It's open to all locals on a 'first come, first served' basis. For an annual subscription of £12, members are allocated numbers and entered into 12 monthly draws. Membership is limited to 100, and we award two cash prizes of £25 and £15 each month. To renew your subscription, or to join as a new member, please complete the enclosed slip.

We're also looking for someone to run the Club, so if you would like to be the person with the happy job of sharing the good news with the winners every month, then please contact Lesley Ayres.

Congratulations to August's winners: Jane Fisher (1st) & Colin Jeffrey (2nd)

Dates & Deadlines for your Diary

Unsung Hero Nominations Deadline	2nd September at 6pm	The pub or Dragon email
Parish Council Meeting	8th September at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Mobile Library Visit	8th September at 10am	Liddiards Green
Tell us how you'd like to help with the Fête	10th September at 6pm	see section 10 above

September Church Services

11 September (Trinity 13), 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)

18 September (Trinity 14), 10.30am, Zoom Service

25 September (Trinity 15), 6.00pm, Evensong (BCP)

Chiseldon Local History Group

The next meeting is on 21st September in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Malcolm Watkins will talk on, “Boil a mouse in urine – caring for infants in Tudor and Stuart times”. Many medical treatments, cures and customs of yesteryear seem bizarre to us and downright dangerous. See what you could have been subjected to if you were (un)fortunate to be around in the 16th & 17th century. Expect shock, horror and laughter. Email: info@chiseldonlhg.org.uk or call Elaine Jones on 01793 740784 or Keith Parsons on 01793 741346.

Become a Trustee at the Prospect

The Prospect Hospice has been assessed as ‘Outstanding’ by the Care Quality Commission and is starting to come out of the difficulties presented by the pandemic. Mike and Megan Shaw have been brilliant in supporting them with fundraising events this year – look out for the Big Quiz on 18th Sept and their Shots for Prospect.

If you have business skills and experience, particularly in HR & Finance, and would like to get involved, they are looking for new Trustees to steer the Prospect into the future. To find out more about the valuable contribution this organization makes to our community, talk to Kevin Howard, Chair of Trustees, on 07543 679944.

Messages from the Village

Please don't think we're growling, but this is about fouling

As a dog owner, don't be a loner

If your dog squats, pick up the lot

We're talking about the sh*t, because people are getting covered in it.

So don't be absurd, bag up the turd

You know what to do, that's take away your dog's poo

If you see some canine cr*p, send a snap via the My Wilts App

And don't let dog excrement become a village impediment.

Contact The Dragon

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