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OGBOURNE ST ANDREW, MAIZEY AND ROCKLEY NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the Winter edition of the Parish
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**Join our Facebook Community page to stay connected, offer help, ask for help or to simply chat.
Look for 'Ogbourne St Andrew, Maizey and Rockley Community'.**



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VILLAGE NEWS

New 'Desert Island Discs' - save the date

Please save the date for Friday 18th March 2022, when we will have a new guest appearance on our Ogbourne St Andrew 'Desert Island Discs', following on from Peter Makin's very successful talk earlier this year. The event will take place in Ogbourne St Andrew Church at 7.30pm. It promises to be another fascinating evening and this time we will be using a microphone! More details to follow.



Village bus stops

We are looking to repair both of the village's bus stops on the Main Road, but need to have an estimate of numbers of users before work goes ahead. **If you use the bus stop, please let us know by emailing the parish clerk on ogbourneparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk.**

Also, we'd like to know if users would like to retain the current wooden style or have a new modern bus stop.

Finally, we are looking for local carpenters/builders/handypersons to quote for the work to repair the bus stop roof and reinstate benches in both stops. Please email the parish clerk for more information.

Village Facebook page

Did you know we have a Facebook Community page for the villages of Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne Maizey and Rockley? The page has useful local updates, events and news, and you are encouraged to join to keep up with the latest information on village life. Under 'Groups' on Facebook, look for **'Ogbourne St Andrew, Maizey and Rockley Community'**.

You can also check the village **website www.osa.org.uk**, which has the minutes from parish council meetings, financial reports, local information, notices and more. If you have some information to add to the website, please email: ogbourneparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk.





Christmas Church Services, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

Sunday 19th December, 6.00pm, **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December, 5.30pm, **Christingle Service**

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December, 10.00am, **Christmas Communion**

Sunday 2nd January, 11.00am, **Benefice Communion**

Monday 20th December, 6.30pm

on the Green in Ogbourne Maizey

CAROL SINGING



All welcome - carol sheets provided
Come warmly dressed to enjoy this
festive season together

Carols / Mulled wine / Mince pies

Any queries 01672-512125



100 CLUB WINNERS

October 2021

1st prize Victoria Bartlett

2nd prize Janice Hetherington

November 2021

1st prize John Hooper

2nd prize Mark Whitehead

Why not join the 100 club?

A 100 Club is a form of lottery. Subscribers pay £2 per month and are entered into a monthly draw. All profits go to Ogbourne St Andrew Church.

First prize is 75% of the available pot, while second prize is 25%. There is no limit to the number of shares held by any one person, but no individual can win more than one prize per month. The more shares you own, the greater your chances of winning! Apply to Ian Gordon-Finlayson, Treasurer, at iangf@f2s.com, if you wish to join the 100 Club or to increase your holding.



Christmas Waste and Recycling

Waste and recycling collection dates will not change over the Christmas and New Year period. Waste collection crews will be working on Bank Holidays Monday 27, Tuesday 28 December 2021, and Monday 3 January 2022.



Garden waste collections will cease for 2 weeks (last collection on Friday 24 December, collections resume Monday 10 January 2022). If you pay to have your garden waste collected, you can also leave your real Christmas tree next to your garden waste bin on your first collection in January.

If you have extra recyclable materials over Christmas such as cans, cardboard and paper, place these in suitable alternative containers alongside your bin.

Did you know that you can put the following in your blue-lidded bin?

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| ✓ Recyclable wrapping paper* | ✓ Gift tags |
| ✓ Cardboard packaging | ✓ Squirty cream aerosols |
| ✓ Plastic sweet tubs (up to 5 litres) | ✓ Biscuit tins |
| ✓ Mince pie foil cases | ✓ Plastic bottles and food container |
| ✓ Christmas cards without glitter | ✓ Drinks cans |

*Use the scrunch test: squeeze the paper into a ball. If it stays in a ball, it is most likely made of paper only and can be recycled. If not, it is likely to contain other materials so cannot be collected for recycling

But remember, **you can't add:**

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| x Foil-lined cardboard tubes
(eg Pringles tubes) | x Rigid plastic (eg toys) |
| x Batteries | x Black plastic pots, tubs and trays |
| x Plastic packaging and polystyrene | x Cling film |
| | x Electricals (eg fairy lights)* |

*Never put batteries or electrical items into any of your household waste bins, as they could cause a fire in collection vehicles or at waste processing/sorting facilities. Drop them at a household recycling centre. Many supermarkets also have battery collection points.

You can put the following in your black box, in a tied plastic bag, in addition to clean glass bottles and jars (leave the lids on):

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| ✓ Clean and dry clothes | ✓ Curtains and sheets |
| ✓ Pairs of shoes, belts, handbags | ✓ Blankets and duvet covers |

But please **don't** put in your black box:

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| x Flat glass | x Duvets |
| x Pyrex | x Pillows |
| x Lightbulbs | |



OGBOURNE ST ANDREW HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

Silks on the Downs

We are collaborating with Silks on the Downs in creating a “Local History and Heritage” project as part of their Community Benefit Programme. This aims to deliver benefits to the community in general and is an essential part of the fund raising exercise. We want to include the wider membership and community in future discussions and implementation. To do this we envisage a small team chosen from the Silks, History Group and wider community to sketch out a broad approach. Once we have the initial team in place and understand how to proceed we will then call for volunteers to work on specific aspects.

Audio History

A small group have trialled a new Audio History project. Once we have transcribed the recording, a slow process, we can then edit it and make it available either in text format or audio on the website. We are also revisiting earlier recordings and extracting useful information and stories which we will make available.

Mapping

Another project has been using mapping software to track the change of land ownership in the large estates in the parish, with some interesting results.

WI and Millennium Books

The text from the WI and Millennium books is being scanned to make it simple to access the information currently hidden in them. By making the data searchable we can begin to correlate isolated facts and create more of a coherent local story. We are contemplating creating a new photo book for 2022. Details to follow.

Website appeal

We are looking for someone to shadow our webmaster so our site will be accessible in the future. If you feel you would like to become involved, please contact the History Group through their website.

Bruce Fox, 01672 512867 or through the website www.osahg.org.uk



COMMUNITY PUB UPDATE

Thank you

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who joined us a couple of weeks ago for our first volunteering day at the pub. A group of 20 volunteers got together to tidy the exterior of the pub and a great difference it has made too. With thanks to Mark, the owner, we had a skip on hand and managed to fill it. It was great to be able to actually start work!



Vacancy on our management committee

We have a vacancy on our management committee to lead our operations workstream. As we prepare for the purchase of the pub, our focus turns to operations including the recruitment, processes and systems we'll need in place to get the pub ready for opening. So, if you have the skills or experience to lead a team on this vital workstream, and also play a role on our management committee, then please do get in touch.

Skilled volunteers needed

In addition, we're also looking for skilled tradespeople who can volunteer some of their professional experience. So, if you're a builder, plumber, joiner, architect, planning consultant or electrician we need your help. If you have any of these skills and would be interested in getting involved, please email info@savethesilks.org and we can arrange a chat.

Securing the funds to buy the pub

We are well into the process of acquiring the pub. We hit our share offer target of £240,000, secured a grant of £50,000 from More Than a Pub and been approved for



a £50,000 loan from Keyfund. As we announced in October, our application for the Government's Community Ownership Fund (COF) was sadly not successful, despite being eligible and meeting all the selection criteria. So to raise the remaining funds, we're applying for a long-term commercial loan (as was our original plan). Whilst a successful COF outcome would have been the cherry on the cake and allowed us to reduce borrowing, we still have a viable plan and are still working towards an opening in Spring/Summer 2022.

If you have any questions on any of these points then please let us know. In the meantime, thank you as ever for your ongoing support. We remain committed in our mission to Save The Silks and look forward to welcoming you to our community pub very soon.

For more information, see our website savethesilks.org, or email info@savethesilks.org.



Winter weather and power

As we've seen recently, extreme winter conditions can cause power disruption. Our



power supplier, Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), reminds us to keep mobile phones charged and a torch plus batteries within easy reach. If you have an old analogue phone, keep it handy, as this will work without electricity.

SSEN has a Priority Services Register for people who need extra support in a power cut, for example if you are over 60, live with children under five, use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity, are deaf or blind or have a chronic illness or disability. Contact SSEN on 08002943259 or go to ssen.co.uk/priorityservices to find out more about joining the register.

If there is a power cut, call 105 to let SSEN know, or visit ssen.co.uk/ready-together.

You can also download the free Power Track app, which allows you to report and track any power disruption in your area and be kept up-to-date with restoration times.





For your Diary

More on many of these events can be found
inside this issue, or see the village website
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Fri 24th December, Christmas Eve, 5.30pm: **Christingle Service**, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

Sat 25th December, Christmas Day, 10.00am: **Christmas Communion**, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

Mon 27th December: *Substitute Bank Holiday for Christmas Day*

Tues 28th December: *Substitute Bank Holiday for Boxing Day*

Mon 3rd January 2022: *Substitute Bank Holiday for New Year's Day*

Sat 15th January 2022: Deadline for primary school applications

Fri 18th March 2022, 7.30pm: Save the date for the next Ogbourne St Andrew 'Desert Island Discs', Ogbourne St Andrew Church.



COVID-19 new measures

- You must **wear face coverings** on public transport and in shops.
- All international arrivals need to take a **day 2 PCR test** and self-isolate until they receive negative result.
- If you're a close contact of suspected Omicron case, you must **self-isolate** for ten days.

Thank you for playing your part

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