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# OGBOURNE ST ANDREW, MAIZEY AND ROCKLEY NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the Winter edition of the Parish  
Newsletter! Inside you'll find:**

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# OGBOURNE ST ANDREW CHURCH NEWS

## Renewing the church's layout

As at the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we are close to getting approval for our internal changes to the west end of the church building.

These changes are to:

- ◆ remove the pews from the west end only, while retaining two as memories of their past
- ◆ install a disabled WC in the south west corner by the Tower entrance
- ◆ install a servery for hot drinks and food alongside the south door
- ◆ remove the oak partition behind the font
- ◆ relocate the vestry to the north west corner, reusing the oak partition
- ◆ install a storage area in front of the new vestry, which will match the oak partition
- ◆ install a Trench Arch drainage system behind the west end of the church.

All these changes have been agreed now with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and we now proceed to public consultation. The DAC formal notice was displayed on the church Notice Board for 28 days, together with a plan showing the existing layout and proposed changes.

Please contact Roger Swan (01672 841322) or Marion Gordon-Finlayson (01672 512125) for more information.

## Are local people struggling to get by?

This question has recently been raised in our Parish and we simply do not know the answer. We can, though, offer to help those who are struggling to cope financially in these difficult times. It is hard to ask for help but we do have a modest Fund that has been established for many years, which is there to help in this very situation. The chances are you will not be alone, so just pick up the phone to one of the people below to see how they might help.

Roger Powell (01793 740369), Margaret Matthews (01672 841382), Janice Hetherington (01672 514712) and Roger Swan (01672 841322).

Thank you.



## Carol Singing in Ogbourne St Andrew

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be carol singing in Ogbourne St Andrew between the Church (meet on the Mound outside) and the Silks pub.

Meet at 6:30pm at the Church. Bring a torch and wrap up warm!



## Christmas Church Services at Ogbourne St Andrew Church

Sunday 18 December, 6.00pm **Nine Lessons & Carols**

Saturday 24 December, 5.30pm **Christingle Service** (Christmas Eve)

Sunday 25 December, 10.00am **Christmas Day Communion**



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

### October 2022

1<sup>st</sup> prize Angela Hughes

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Roger Swan

### November 2022

1<sup>st</sup> prize Ann Gay

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Jenni Clarke

## 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](mailto:iangf@f2s.com), to join the 100 Club or to increase your holding.



## VILLAGE NEWS

### HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

Time seems to be relentlessly moving towards Christmas with, I'm afraid, still no meeting of the History Group in sight. The timeline of the Wheatsheaf/Silks, donated by the History Group, has been well received, as have the historical photographs now hanging in the old Public Bar area.

Our researches into the history of some of the properties along the main road have revealed some fascinating facts. One group of four cottages plus land sold in 1906 for £125 – just over £30 a cottage! In 1914 another pair of cottages, combined into one, changed hands for the princely sum of £32.10.0. More importantly we now have new information and pictures of the families involved.

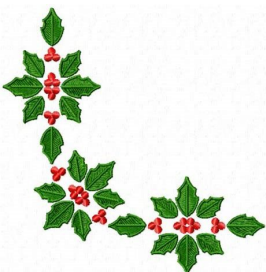
On another front we know more about the interconnection between the Large family (important farmers who in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century worked what was effectively the Ogbourne Maisey Estate of over 1,000 acres and employed 55 workers), the Liddiards (who leased the church chancel), the Strattons and the Goddards (both wealthy families). Family researchers in this country and Australia are involved in piecing together the family trees.

A brief review of the online newspapers brought to light some amusing and sad stories. The latter was the inquest held into the death of four year old William Sawyer in 1868 who was running after a horse which lashed out and killed him. Interestingly he is not recorded in our graves register although it was a well established family in the village.

In 1891 another case involved John Carwardine, son of the vicar, who was convicted of stealing 'a valuable oil painting and silver plate' from the vicarage and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. His father became blind in later life and his gravestone in the churchyard bears the inscription 'Now I See'.

Finally, in 1952, Bert Woodage appeared in court for throwing a pint of beer over PC Opie in the Wheatsheaf. He pleaded guilty, said he couldn't remember, was drunk and was fined £1.

As always, do visit our website: [www.osahg.org.uk](http://www.osahg.org.uk)







## WINTER PREPARATIONS

On 7<sup>th</sup> November, SSE Energy joined the Parish Council meeting to discuss support that is available to parishioners in the event of a power cut, and to provide advice about parish winter preparations.

The Priority Services Register is free to join and holds details of anyone in the community who might require extra help and support in the event of a prolonged power cut. You may wish to be on the register if you:

- ◆ Are deaf or hard of hearing
- ◆ Have a disability
- ◆ Live with children under five
- ◆ Are blind or partially sighted
- ◆ Have a chronic illness
- ◆ Use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity
- ◆ Are over 60
- ◆ Temporarily need extra support.

## NEEDLEFELT WORKSHOP

Five of us spent a very enjoyable day on 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the “Community Room” of the Silks on the Downs, learning to needle felt. Under the watchful eye of our tutor, Erica Hemings, we produced a ginger cat, a rabbit, two wrens and a robin. We are planning another workshop early in the new year, so if you fancy having a “stab”, please contact me by email, and I will put you on the list.



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## SILKS ON THE DOWNS NEWS

We've been delighted with the reaction of new and repeat customers and are now starting to see a real buzz in the pub as it becomes a key part of our community. Feedback has been excellent and we are currently rated as 5 star on both Google and Tripadvisor which is testament to the hard work of Cameron, Graham and the team.



### Community events

The pub is a community venture, and we are hoping to be able to hold lots of community events. So far we have held a successful Halloween Community Event and a November Pub Quiz. There have also been some excellent workshops held there, including the needlefelt workshop and wreath making, and there are plans for a Silkworms Book Club to start up in the New Year, to be held on the first Wednesday of every month (if you'd like to join the book group, please email Ruth Fleming on [jonandruthfleming@gmail.com](mailto:jonandruthfleming@gmail.com)). Please contact us on [info@octypus.org](mailto:info@octypus.org) if there's a community event you'd like to see held in the pub!

### Community Cafe

Following several requests, we are now going to trial opening The Silks as a 'Community Cafe' on the first Tuesday of each month. We'll have our excellent tea and coffee available and also pastries and cakes. If this proves successful and there is sufficient demand we will look to run this more regularly. These activities are volunteer-led so if you are interested in helping out at this or future events, please let us know. The first Community Cafe will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and will run between 9am and 11.30am. We'd love to see as many people as possible, so get the date in the diary, and whether you're arranging to meet friends for a coffee or taking the opportunity to work from a different location for a couple of hours, we look forward to seeing you there.

### Defibrillator



In conjunction with the Parish Council, plans are progressing to install a community access defibrillator on the front wall of The Silks. Volunteers from Wiltshire Search & Rescue came along to the pub to show our 10 community volunteers how to do chest



compressions and how to use an automated external defibrillator. We are extremely grateful to the Wiltshire Search & Rescue volunteers for giving up their time. We'll update you as soon as we have the cabinet installed and ready for use.

### Christmas at the Silks

If you're organising a festive get-together for family, friends or colleagues then check out the Christmas set menu that's available for groups of 8 or more that book in advance. See below for opening times.

For bookings contact [hello@savethesilks.co.uk](mailto:hello@savethesilks.co.uk) or call 01672 205604.

# *The* SILKS *on the Downs*



#### **Our opening times over Christmas and New Year will be:**

*Christmas Eve* Normal opening 12am-3pm and 6pm-11pm

*Christmas Day* 11am - 1pm for drinks only

*Boxing Day* Closed

*New Years Eve* Normal opening 12am-3pm and 6pm-11pm

*New Years Day* 12pm-3pm for food. Drinks until 5pm



## WARM SPACES IN MARLBOROUGH

**St Peter's Church in Marlborough** is now open to the public as a "warm space". Do please join them for a hot drink with biscuits and cake – a warm welcome awaits you. Opening times: 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday



**Marlborough Library**, like all Wiltshire Council libraries, has officially become a warm space this winter, providing a warm and friendly welcome to support anyone who needs help through the cost of living crisis. Working with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, our library staff can assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors. Anyone who would benefit from some free essentials can also pick up a Warm Pack, containing a hot water bottle and blanket. And Marlborough Library is now also providing free hot drinks every Thursday afternoon. You can call in to meet others, sit for a while, read a magazine or do a puzzle, and you don't have to be a library member.

Marlborough Library is open:

Monday afternoon 2pm to 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm

Thursday 9.30am to 7pm (free hot drinks 2pm-4pm)

Friday 9.30am to 5pm

Saturday morning 9.30am to 1pm

(Closed Tuesdays and Sundays)

## KEEPING THE RAILWAY PATH SAFE FOR USERS

The railway path that runs through the east of the village is reserved for the use of cyclists, runners, walkers and horse riders. Motorcycles and off-road vehicles are not permitted on the path, but do sometimes seem to be using it. These vehicles not only pose a risk to other users, but can cause considerable damage to the surface and disturb wildlife. Any such activity can be reported to Sustrans (the organisation maintaining the path) via email: [south@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:south@sustrans.org.uk).





## CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING



Waste and recycling collection dates will be delayed by **one day** over the Christmas period. Waste collection crews will not be working on Bank Holiday Monday 26 December, but will be working on Tuesday 27 December 2022, and Monday 2 January 2023.

Check your waste, recycling, and garden waste collection days online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling-collections](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling-collections).

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 recycle the following in your blue-lidded bin?

- Recyclable wrapping paper\*
- Plastic sweet tubs (up to 5 litres)
- Christmas cards without glitter
- Biscuit tins
- Plastic bottles and food containers
- Carboard packaging
- Mince pie foil cases
- Squirty cream aerosols
- 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

### Remember, you can't put these in your blue-lidded bin:

- Electricals incl. fairy lights\*
- Polystyrene
- Foil-linked cardboard tubes eg Pringles
- Batteries\*
- Cling film

\* Never put **batteries or electrical items** into any of your household waste bins as they can cause fires in collection vehicles or at waste processing/sorting facilities. Drop them at a Household Recycling Centre.

However, you can now put out **small household batteries** alongside your kerbside recycling every fortnight. Put them in a sealed clear sandwich bag, on top of your blue-lidded recycling bin or beside your blue recycling sack.

### Garden Waste

Garden waste collections will cease for 2 weeks (last collection on Friday 23 December; collections resume Monday 9 January 2023).



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, and your tree will go to be composted (don't put out fake trees as they will not be collected).



## DESERT ISLAND DISCS – Janice Hetherington



The Desert Island Discs series continued with another successful evening on 30<sup>th</sup> September, with local resident Janice Hetherington interviewed by genial host Roger Swan. The direction of Janice's life was outlined in an initial article before the event, so I will describe some of the highlights of the evening.

Janice recalled a happy childhood enjoying holidays travelling around the beautiful Scottish landscapes and coasts, with her parents and sister. Her first musical choice recalled the early days of children's television with the theme from 'Watch with Mother', the Dolly Suite by Fauré.

Her determination to study Physics, Maths and Chemistry, traditionally male-dominated disciplines, at Retford High School at A-level, (while listening to 'I Got You Babe', by Sonny and Cher), gained her entrance to the University of Kent to read Chemical Physics. This led to a PhD at Strathclyde University in Polymer Science; 'Maggie May' by Rod Stewart bought back student memories.

Her challenging and rewarding career included undertaking scientific research at Dunlop and the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham where she later became the first female lecturer. She equalled the intellect of men in a society where women were fighting for respect, reputation and job opportunities. She recalled bringing equipment on a trolley into one of her lectures and saw surprise when she began lecturing as the audience expected a man! Times have changed!

After marrying John, they renovated a near-derelict cottage in Maizey and she chose 'Spring' from Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and 'The Way You look Tonight' by Peter Skellern to remind her of this period.

Whilst having three children she juggled home life with research contracts and supported her husband's career with two stays in America, before lecturing the military again on her return. Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers were singing 'Islands in the Stream' on the radio during long road trips round the USA.

Dance, both ballroom and Scottish, have been enduring pastimes for Janice and John and prompted her choice the 'Minister On The Loch – Strathspey' by Roy Goldring.



Since retiring, enjoying being with her children and grandchildren and travelling have been her pleasures.

Janice was modest about her abilities and career which she successfully managed to continue whilst bringing up a family, in an era where expectations for working mothers were very different to today. Whilst listening to her recall emotional and significant memories there was an overriding sense of embracing the joy of life and all it offers and being grateful for it.

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There will be further evenings next year, which promise to be revealing and insightful, and we are grateful to our guests so far for being prepared to open their lives to the audience. I urge you to join that audience to find out about the people we live among.

*Sue Parry*

*On Behalf of Ogbourne St Andrew PCC*

## **CARER CAFÉ IN MARLBOROUGH**

Carer cafés are spaces where unpaid carers, those who are supporting a friend, neighbour or family member, can meet for cake and a hot drink to speak with others who are in similar situations and to recharge. The cafes are free to attend and there's no need to book. A trained volunteer will be on hand and there are no expectations placed on attendees. Some people like to talk about and exchange information relating to their caring role and others just come to meet new people and have some time out.

The Marlborough carer café usually takes place on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next few months' dates are 20<sup>th</sup> December, 24<sup>th</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February.

People can drop in between 10.30am-midday at The Jubilee Centre, 28 High Street. The café is kindly funded by Marlborough Health & Wellbeing Board.





# For your Diary

More information on planned events can be found inside this issue, or see the village website: [www.osa.org.uk](http://www.osa.org.uk)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm:** Carol Singing in Ogbourne St Andrew, meet at the Church. More details in this issue!

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00pm:** Nine Lessons & Carols, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm:** Christmas Eve Christingle Service, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00am:** Christmas Day Communion, Ogbourne St Andrew Church

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December:** Public Holiday (Boxing Day)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December:** Public Holiday (substitute for Christmas Day)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January:** Public Holiday (substitute for New Year's Day)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 9am -11:30am:** Community Café, Silks on the Downs pub

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm - 9:30pm:** The Silkworms book club, Silks on the Downs pub (joining details in this issue).



Join the 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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