

THE ORWELL NEWSLETTER

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Village of the Year



Postal Charges



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On July 5th Orwell was visited by the Village of the Year judges. They started at Lordship Close, where they admired the newly planted flower beds and saw the Computer Club in action.

Next was a guided tour of Chapel Orchard, followed by refreshments.

The final stop was the Recreation Ground to view the Tennis Courts and updated Pavilion.

The judges were most impressed and we have high hopes for a good result on September 5th

Did you realise that postal charges will be changing....soon!

A new charging scheme, based on size as well as weight, comes into force on 21st August 2006 and this may well affect you.

Although the price for standard sized letters and cards remains unchanged - and items may now weigh up to 100g - **ANY** letter that is A4 sized **OR** a small letter that is between 5mm & 25mm thick will now count as a **Large Letter**, costing 44p instead of 32p 1st Class

For more information ask Linda at the Orwell Post Office or check the Royal Mail website www.royalmail.com/pip

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Orwell Show 19th August



The **Show Schedule** should have arrived through your door recently. In it you will find all the usual information regarding the Horticultural Society competition classes, and the Dog Show.

In addition to the competitive events we also have a range of other activities and attractions for all to enjoy.

Jezo's Magic Show is a local magician who will be performing in the Arena. The Show is suitable for all ages and promises an explosive performance!

Car and Motorbike display will present an interesting selection of vehicles from across the ages.

Wrayfield Dog Agility will have a demonstration agility course, and will also be holding an interactive display in the Arena for those that wish to be closer to the action.....

The Pannier Market will be present with all the usual vendors. Table space will also be available on the day for a small fee.

Grand Draw Tickets are now on sale, and available in the Post Office, so hurry while stocks last!

Music in the Marquee!

This year the Orwell Players are having a well-earned night-off, so...

Jukebox Heroes will be playing a broad range of classics from the 50's to the present day - We dare you not to dance!

Bring your picnic as usual, and join us in the Marquee from 7.30pm where Paul Haskell will introduce the evening in his own inimitable style.

The **Disco** will be providing background music during your meal, and keeping you in the mood whilst the band rest between sets.

A **cash Bar** will also be running to supplement any drinks you might have brought yourself.



TOAST

There have been a few people asking what TOAST is so - apart from the obvious- it is **The Orwell Annual Show Team**. They'll be available on the day to help it go smoothly, so don't be afraid to ask.



Fancy Dress Competition

This year the Queen celebrates her 80th Birthday and to mark this occasion, the Parish Council is organising a **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION** with a Royal theme - come as a King or Queen, Prince or Princess - or use your imagination!!

There are three age groups: 5 -11, 11-16 and 16+ and you can enter as a **REAL ROYAL** (a royal person from history) or a **MADE-UP MONARCH** (a royal person from a book or film.)

Entry is free, but would entrants please add their name to the list in the Shop to assist the organisers.

Judging will take place at The Village Show on 19th August 2006.

Please report to the Arena commentary desk at 1pm

Clunch Pit BBQ **Sunday 30th July**



A welcome return for this informal family event held in the historic village Clunch Pit.

Food will be served from 1pm to 3pm and includes:

A Sausage, Burger, Salad, and Dessert

There will be a Licensed Bar with Potton Brewery Shannon, and a selection of lagers, wines, and soft drinks.

There will also be Children's' Games and a Raffle.

Tickets are £3.00 each from the Orwell Post Office



Organised this year by St Andrew's Church

Horticultural Society - Open Meeting

On Tuesday 18th July everyone is welcome to join us for a tour of the Clunch Pit followed by a talk from Dr Charles Turner, who carried out the wild flower survey in 2004/5. Meet at the Village Hall at 7.15pm. Copies of the survey will be available on the night.

Bonfire Guidance

Some tips from the District Council on how to avoid causing a nuisance to your neighbours when having a bonfire.

DO consult with your neighbours before you light a bonfire.

DO NOT light a bonfire when your neighbours have washing drying, or are out enjoying their gardens.

DO Burn material in small quantities so the minimum amount of smoke is created. An incinerator makes this much easier. (See your local garden centre).

DO NOT burn any oily rags, rubber, plastics, damp garden waste or other materials which would inevitably create heavy smoke or toxic fumes.

DO Choose your bonfire site carefully, well away from trees, fences and windows. Have a water-supply to hand just in case.

DO NOT light bonfires one hour or less before dusk, or leave them burning overnight.



For more information visit the SCDC website:
www.scams.gov.uk/Environment/Pollution/bonfires.htm