

# News and Notes

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## News & Notes

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### Chalke Talk

(The newsletter of the Chalke Valley Team)

## What are Christians wearing this season?

A lovely letter appeared in a recent edition of Church Times. "If Christianity is all about hope, love, joy, light and fulfilment, why do most of the clergy dress from head to toe in black?" I like it!

Actually I don't have a single black clerical shirt, and I don't always wear a dog collar, but on the whole if I do, it is a good passport into people's homes and lives. At least people know who I am, and my prayer is always that I can live up to it! Similarly, if people say "I'm not religious like you", my reply is "I am not religious either, but I have faith in Jesus Christ and depend on him for forgiveness, help and joy. Religion is a human construct – and often very bad!"

So, what clothes should Christians be wearing this post Easter season? The Bible gives us an answer: "As God's chosen people, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." The passage continues, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love." (from Colossians 3)

If we all wore such lovely, Christ-like qualities all the time, beneath an overcoat of love, then people could easily identify us as Christians. As Jesus said "All people will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 14)

And after Easter and the Resurrection, we can know the joy of forgiveness, new life, and the power of God's Spirit. So, no question about it: black is out! But lots of joy, love and smiles.

*Alison Williams*

## Church of England Services

|   |  |  |   |                        |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 3                     | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm            | Parish Communion<br>Parish Communion<br>Evensong BCP                   | Britford<br>Coombe Bissett<br>Homington           | CH<br>WC<br>WC         |
| Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 4                    | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am           | Parish Communion<br>Matins BCP<br>Family Service                       | Odstock<br>Charlton All Saints<br>Coombe Bissett  | AW<br>AT<br>AW         |
| Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 5                    | 8.00am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am             | Holy Communion BCP<br>Parish Communion<br>Family Communion             | Britford<br>Nunton<br>Homington                   | AW<br>CH<br>AW         |
| Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 6<br>Rogation Sunday | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am           | Parish Communion<br>Family Service<br>Matins BCP                       | Charlton All Saints<br>Odstock<br>Coombe Bissett  | AW<br>ACFT<br>AW       |
| Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Easter 7                       | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm | Parish Communion<br>Family Service<br>Parish Communion<br>Evensong BCP | Britford<br>Nunton<br>Coombe Bissett<br>Homington | AW<br>ACFT<br>AW<br>AW |

AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, AT = Mrs Annabel Tier  
WC = Revd Westley Cole, ACFT = Adrian Taylor BCP = Book of Common Prayer

**Church Rotas** - I have put a couple of church rotas on the News and Notes website and will be happy to add more. They could either be emailed to me or I could use a paper version. See below for website and email address. (Ed.)

## **WI Annual General Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

*Anna Treseder*

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting at the Radnor Hall by remarking on the "full house" and welcomed a new member, a guest, and Hazel Gillingham our WI Advisor from HQ. She thanked Julia Joynt for her beautiful flower arrangement. Val Martyn, Margaret Barrow and Sue gave the regular updates on the Theatre, Skittles, and Scrabble activities. More volunteers are needed for the Skittles team. Sue invited interested members to a friendly Scrabble afternoon at Melstock on 1 April at 2pm. A Walking Club and a Book Club will be set up soon, run by non-committee members. Julia Joynt is kindly hosting a Coffee Morning at her house on 28 April from 10am to raise funds for the Wiltshire WI's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The Summer Garden Party on 9 June will include a display of costumes and artefacts from Guatemala, courtesy of Louise Jeffreys who lived there for several years; contributions are needed for the Bring and Buy, Plants and Nearly New stalls. The Nunton Village Fete is on 12 July and items are required for three WI stalls, Plants, Produce and Cakes. Last year we received a donation of £300 from the fete, which helps fund our Denman Bursaries. Many members were pleased to sponsor Liz Stubbs' husband who is running the London Marathon for the twelfth time, raising money for Breast Cancer Research and for Marlborough House Adolescent Mental Health Unit at Swindon. Judy Barke won the Flower of the Month competition with a magnificent double Hellebore *Orientalis* hybrid.

Jean van Hagen read out details of forthcoming events including Alderbury's Birthday Party, Amesbury's Fashion Show, Quizzical Pursuits, Picnic and Polo with the Beaufort, China Day at Melksham, a visit to Waddesdon Manor, and our own Summer Outing on 16 July. Nine members are going to the Denman College Open Day on 24 September. Sue then started the formal AGM by asking Sheila May, Treasurer, to present the summary of the 2007 Financial Statement which was duly adopted.

Jean van Hagen, Secretary, read the Annual Report, highlighting the numerous and varied activities and events enjoyed by members. The group started the year with 56 members and ended with 70 members. Jean concluded by thanking Sue Bourne for all her work as President and members joined in showing their sincere appreciation. The Report was adopted. Sue then gave the President's Address, saying that she had enjoyed leading a friendly, supportive group with never a dull moment! She welcomed all the new members and announced

that we must now have a waiting list because of licensing restrictions of the Radnor Hall. She invited our new members to stand up in turn and introduce themselves. Sue thanked the Committee and other helpers including three supportive husbands, John Barrow, Bill van Hagen and Ivor Osmond. The vote for President followed with Hazel Gillingham acting as scrutineer. Four names were put forward but Sue Bourne was elected and agreed to continue as President for another year. The Committee was re-elected, including Gill Dodd in place of Barbara Robertson who has resigned.

Hazel Gillingham gave a brief talk about how the Wiltshire Federation of WIs fits into the national and international Federations, and how the WI has been instrumental in influencing public opinion, and legislation, through annual Resolutions and campaigning.

The next meeting will take place in the Radnor Hall on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April with a talk from Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

### **Odstock Primary School**

It has been a busy few weeks here at Odstock Primary.

We really enjoyed our trip to Hampton Court Palace. We were amazed by the huge picture of Henry VIII that greeted us. It was great to walk around where Henry and his wives had walked and we were spooked in the ghost corridor where Katharine Howard is supposed to wander still.

We learned a lot about Tudor life and were able to understand better how Tudor people would have lived, especially the rich ones! In the kitchens, we experienced smells and a huge fire; no one fancied working in a Tudor kitchen – too much hard work. We have a fantastic record of our trip courtesy of Laurence Chandler (Year 5) who took many brilliant photographs. We had a great day out and would recommend this trip to other schools.

### **Key Stage 2**

We have more trips coming up including visits to the Museum of Army Flying and a whole school trip to the Tutankhamen exhibition in London.

We say a fond farewell to two of our learners who are returning to their home country of Japan. We wish them well and thank them for teaching us so much about their culture.

### **Lent Lunch**

*Debby Underhill*

Thanks to all who came and donated to the Lent Lunch at Longford Farmhouse on 1<sup>st</sup> March. We made £300 for the Mission to Seafarers Chalke Valley Lent project from the far East End Churches.

## Trafalgar School Notes

Since our last article, Trafalgar School at Downton has had many things to celebrate. In January we had an extremely successful Ofsted inspection which confirmed what everyone associated with the school already knew – it is a good school with some outstanding features. The inspectors picked up on the warm and friendly atmosphere in the school and the students were praised for their academic progress, positive attitude towards work and excellent development of workplace skills.

Earlier this month, the school was named as 31<sup>st</sup> most improved school in the country for Key Stage 3 tests and the most improved school in the South West. This happened in the same week that members of the senior staff were invited to an awards ceremony in London to celebrate our success in last summer's GCSE results. In 2007, we were the most successful non-selective secondary school in and around Salisbury.

Recently, two teams of Year 10 students took part in an engineering competition at Fleet air museum. The competition was run in conjunction with the Royal Navy and 'Aim Higher'. The students were instructed to design and make an aircraft undercarriage, including the mechanisms and circuits. The competition was decided after a presentation to the judging panel and testing of the completed undercarriages. We were really pleased with our students as the teams came first and third out of ten. We feel that the enthusiasm of the students and the hard work really paid off on the day - they were great ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them.

Year nine students also recently entered a competition exploring the world of mass media at the beginning of term. The students were requested to produce a newspaper over one school day, carefully watching breaking news and including current news stories. They really seemed to enjoy their chance at being journalists for the day, producing the 'Trafalgar Star' and received a 'Commendation' for their efforts. The team worked hard and produced a paper to be proud of, showing their skills in ICT and media design.

We have had a really exciting time at Trafalgar School and we have had so much to celebrate. The students and staff are now looking to the future and aiming ever higher – there is a real buzz of excitement and achievement around the school and we hope to build on all of our recent success stories.

### Homington Church Coffee Morning

12<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am to 12.00 noon

## Neighbourhood Policing

*Pc 1157 Matt Holland, Community Beat Manager*

*Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team*

### Crime reduction advice

The advice below comes from our Crime Reduction Officers. Most of us have seen this advice before but how many of us routinely carry out these simple measures? Please use this as a checklist and above all take action to protect your property.

- Always close and lock the external doors and windows of your home even if you are just going out for a short time.
- Don't leave door keys in locks, and keep house and car keys out of sight and out of reach of letterboxes.
- Fit a 'spy hole' to allow you to see who is at the door - remember 'Stay Out Stranger' and do not open to door to people you do not know and are not expecting.
- Visible burglar alarms, good lighting and carefully directed security lighting are all good crime prevention measures.
- Keep garages and sheds locked. This will not only prevent your tools being stolen, but also prevent them being used to gain entry to your home.
- Make and keep an inventory of all items of value with serial numbers where appropriate. Permanently mark all property of monetary or sentimental value. This not only acts as a deterrent, but will enable police to return any stolen items they may recover.

For help and advice, please contact the Crime Reduction Officers on 0845 408 7000

### Local crime report

During the period 11/02/08 – 18/03/08 there have been 4 reported crimes at Salisbury District Hospital and only 1 other reported crime within the News and Notes catchment area. The latest overall crime figures for the Downton policing area show crime has fallen by 17% when compared with last year.

### How to contact your local police

You can contact the team directly by phoning 0845 408 7000 and entering our extension no. - 742 820/822. You can also email us with non-urgent enquiries: [matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 Noon  
The Football Field, Nunton

Admission £5 & £7 – Traders Cars & Vans,  
20p Public

*All proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds*

## London Marathon

*Bernard Stubbs*

After 6 years of being rejected, I qualified for an automatic place in the 2008 London Marathon. This will be my 12th London Marathon and feels special to me as I've had to wait quite a while for this one!

I would like to raise funds jointly for two causes this year chosen by my friend who herself has had breast cancer. The first is Breakthrough Breast Cancer, as so many of us know people affected by this disease who could benefit from the research this charity undertakes.

The second is Marlborough House which is an adolescent mental health unit taking youngsters from around Wiltshire who have a range of emotional, psychological and psychiatric difficulties. These specialist hospital units are few and far between, but provide an invaluable service for the teenagers in their care. They use donations to provide music and sports equipment, for example, to help with their therapy and ease the difficulties of being away from home for often long periods. As I know a young lad who is currently staying at the Unit with post traumatic related difficulties, I would like to give half the money raised this year to the Unit which is of such benefit to him and his family.

If you feel able to sponsor me, or could take a sponsor form to help me get sponsors, I would be very grateful.

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## Book Group

*Annabel Lawson*

Following last month's article, there are already five of us for the first book group. We will meet at the Fishing Lodge, Britford at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini (author of *The Kite Runner*).

If you would like to join us, please email me on [aklawson@btinternet.com](mailto:aklawson@btinternet.com) or call 01722 413913.

## The Acorn Social Club at the Orchard

Regular Meetings

Wednesdays at 10.30am – *Coffee Morning*

Fridays at 7.00pm – *Bingo*

## Black Boxes and Green Wheelie Bins

Your green bins should be given with some instructions later this year approx Oct 08.

I would be grateful if you would contact me with details, if you are having problems with your black box for recycling and any problems you expect to have with the green bin.

*Bryan Rycroft, District Councillor, Ebble Ward  
50, Bouverie Ave., Salisbury SP2 8DX*

*Phone/Fax: 01722 334186, email: [brycroft@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brycroft@tiscali.co.uk)*

## Odstock Parish Council

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on 14 May 2008  
followed by THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

At the last Odstock Parish Council meeting, it was resolved that, unless matters of an urgent nature were to arise, the next PC meeting would be the Annual Meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008. It was also resolved that, as in previous years, the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same evening, immediately preceding the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Electors of Odstock Parish are therefore given notice herewith that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Radnor Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008. A Parish Meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. Please notify the Parish Clerk of any item for discussion before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008, by telephone: 01794-341405 or by email: [OPC@SP5.INFO](mailto:OPC@SP5.INFO)

## Inter-Village Quiz

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**At The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, 7.30pm**

***Fish and Chips Supper* -Bring your own drinks**

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## Charlton All Saints Garden Society

28<sup>th</sup> April 'Dahlias for Pleasure and Exhibition'  
*Bryan Madders*

19<sup>th</sup> May Bedding Plants and Annuals  
(Please note date) *Kelvin Mason*

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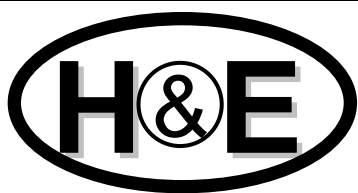
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### Chalke Valley Flower Club

**23<sup>rd</sup> April**, at 7.30 p.m. in Bishopstone Village Hall - workshop entitled 'Flowers for the Future'. **27<sup>th</sup> June** outing to Hidcote Manor Gardens, and Kifsgate Court Garden contact Sue Combes on 01722 742177.

### Homington Church Event

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April:** A very special audience with Sir Hayden Phillips GCB DL: ***A real "Humphrey": My life in Public Service*** - Tickets £10 including Drinks and Nibbles: 7.30pm for 8pm from Coombe Bissett Stores. (In aid of the Homington Church social area development Fund)

## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête

You will have seen from the Diary Dates section in last month's *News & Notes* that the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête will be held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July this year. Full details of the Fête will emerge as the day gets nearer but, in the meantime, there are a few notices to help with the preparation. As always, there are plenty of jobs to do before, during and after the Fête and if you would like to get involved please contact Brian Clake on 01722 340261 or mention it to a committee member. Particularly, we are looking for help with running some of the attractions such as plate smashing and bouncy castles, help with car parking is always welcome and there are plenty of other things to do.

Two of the Fête events which will take some preparation are the **Raft Race** and the **Scarecrow Competition**. If you would like to build a raft and race it, get in touch with John Packwood on 01722 410674 and he'll let you have all the details you need.



After the success of last year's **Scarecrow Competition**, you won't be surprised that we're going to have another one. This time there's a theme, **Film Characters**, which should give plenty of scope.



Although you may, of course, start work on your scarecrow as soon as you like, we suggest that they are not displayed until 21<sup>st</sup> June so that they're still in good shape on the Day of Judgement, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Prizes will be awarded the next day at the Fête to the three entrants whose scarecrows appeal most to the judges. A couple of scarecrows may go up before 21<sup>st</sup> June to advertise the competition. Entries will be welcomed from all the five villages covered by *News and Notes*.

If you have any photographs, ideally digital, of past Fêtes, for the new Fête website, please email them to [timothyvyas@hotmail.com](mailto:timothyvyas@hotmail.com) or call Tim Vyas on 01722 416405

### Regular Events

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| WI                       | Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham   |
| Whist Drive              | Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton  |
| Tiny Tots                | Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026)   |
| Mobile Library           | Britford (recycling area), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.40am (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 1 <sup>st</sup> May)<br>Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.15 – 10.30am (11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (16 <sup>th</sup> April) |
| Open Circle Folk Dancing | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall (Clare Chitty on 01722 330871)   |

### Diary Dates

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00noon in aid of Radnor Hall Funds (see page 3)                                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April | Inter-Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, 7.30pm (see page 4)  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | "An Afternoon in the Countryside" at Hut and Lodge Farm, Broad Chalke, 2.00pm, Open Gardens, Teas etc           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, Nunton Field, 1.30pm (Peter Pod and the Peas on 11 <sup>th</sup> July) |