

News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

April 2009

This joyful Eastertide!

When she realised that it was not her month to provide the News and Notes front page article, our vicar, Alison Williams, said to me "Why don't *you* write something about Easter." As with all major problems, I took this one out for a bike ride and, as I pedalled along in the spring sunshine, various Easter hymns came to mind such as the one which gives the title to this piece.

I'm a great fan of hymns. They put matters of faith into words so well. One of my very favourite Easter hymns, *When I survey the wondrous cross*, talks of "love so amazing, so divine". It's clear that, whatever our beliefs, there's something very special about this season that's worthy of serious contemplation. There's plenty of opportunity in our churches to think about the events we remember as we celebrate Easter. You'll see them listed below in the service details and, as well as our local services, please note especially the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday arrangements at Bishopstone to which all are welcome.

When Peggy Oxendale of Charlton All Saints presented me with a lovely hymn tune she had written, I added some words in three short verses. They start "Lord, to this world you gave your Son..." and the last verse says "Three crosses stood on Calvary, I know that one was there for me. Christ died and rose that I may live always surrounded by your love." Have a joyful Eastertide! *Editor*

Church of England Services

| Sunday, 5 th April Palm Sunday | 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong (BCP) | Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington | AW CH ACFT AW |
|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Thursday, 9 th March Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm | Commemoration of the Last Supper | Bishopstone | AW |
| Friday, 10 th April Good Friday | 10.00am - 7.00pm 11.00am 2.00pm 2.00pm 6.45pm | Good Friday Experience Guided hour for young people Devotional Service Devotional Service Compline | Bishopstone Bishopstone Bishopstone Charlton All Saints Bishopstone | AW AW AW JT AW |
| Sunday, 12 th April Easter Sunday | 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am | Holy Communion Family Communion Family Communion Family Communion Family Communion | Homington Britford Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett | AW CH AW CH AW |
| Sunday, 19 th April Easter 2 | 9.30am 9.30am | Family Communion + Baptism Parish Communion | Homington Nunton | AW DH |
| Sunday, 26 th April Easter 3 | 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Service Matins | Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett | AW ACFT AW |

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, CH = Revd Charles Hatton JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, ACFT = Adrian Taylor BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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News & Notes

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WI

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne, President, welcomed more than fifty members and guests to the Annual General Meeting at the Radnor Hall on 9 March 2009. She thanked Hattie Hillier for her beautiful spring flower arrangement. Reports on the monthly interest groups – the Theatre Group, Scrabble League, Skittles League, Reading Group and Walking Group – followed, each group continuing to have enthusiastic supporters. Secretary Jean Van Hagen and Vice President Pam Trubshaw read out invitations to participate in forthcoming local and county outings, talks and entertainments; the most popular is a forthcoming trip to be shown round Legal London – with 26 of our members going! The Flower of the Month competition was won by Anne Waight with a magnificent yellow Hellebore. Order forms for the WI bulbs were distributed. A letter from Wiltshire Air Ambulance was read out, thanking members for their personal donations of over £120 in response to last month's talk. Joiners during the past year need to liaise with Julia Joynt regarding Gift Aid. Suggestions were invited for the entertainment at the Summer Garden Party in June, and reminders about saving items for the stalls. We will vote in May for the venue for the Summer Outing in July, Suzie Appleford will provide some options. Sue's son, William Bourne, is running the Marathon for the fifth time, fundraising for "Help for Heroes" if any members wish to sponsor him for this worthy cause.

The AGM business entailed the Treasurer's Report ably delivered by Sheila May and adopted, and Secretary Jean Van Hagen's Committee Report summarising the year, with special mentions to Doreen Osmond and Gill Dodd for the interesting programme of speakers, to Louise Jeffreys for the Guatemalan Costume exhibition at the Garden Party, to Suzie Appleford for the outings and meals she arranges, and Wendy Duke for the monthly activity sheets she produces with input from Pam Trubshaw. Jean mentioned our visits to Waitrose, to Denman College and to other WI events. Finally, she extended the Committee's heartfelt thanks to Sue Bourne for all her work and enthusiasm as President. We have a full complement of 70 members and a waiting list! Jean's report was adopted. The President's Address also reflected on an excellent year with so many enjoyable activities and so many new members to get to know! Sue thanked the Committee, mentioning the tasks undertaken by each, and welcomed Clare Hendicott and Elizabeth Cutter, two new Committee members. Sue gave particular thanks to Liz Stubbs and

Elizabeth Cutter who took the initiative in starting the new Walking and Reading Groups respectively – both new activities are very well supported. She also thanked three husbands who do so much to help the WI, John Barrow, Ivor Osmond and Bill van Hagen. We do appreciate their help. The meeting then voted for President for the coming year; Joy Saunders and Pat Reeves acted as scrutineers. Unsurprisingly Sue Bourne was re-elected in a landslide victory!

After coffee Pippa Warley, accompanied by May, her trusty bicycle, gave a fascinating talk, with slides, of "LEJOG" - otherwise Land's End to John o' Groats. She took part in this gruelling 1,000-mile cycle ride to raise money for the Salisbury Playhouse – as a birthday present to herself! As we listened to her stories of travelling for ten days at 100 miles per day in atrocious weather we were once again filled with admiration for this tough and determined lady. Most of us were exhausted just hearing about the trip, though Pippa stressed what an exhilarating and worthwhile experience it was, and how beautiful the countryside (when she could see it!) More, Pippa, please! Diane Crump thanked Pippa on behalf of us all. The next meeting is on 20 April – because of Easter.

News from Alison Williams

I would like to let you all know that I shall be away from parish duties for three months this autumn, beginning 1 September. I have been granted a sabbatical (known as Extended Ministry Development Leave). As well as a retreat and a holiday, I shall be looking at the spiritual care and life of the elderly. I already do half a day a week at the hospital on a ward for the elderly and find it immensely rewarding, so my sabbatical is a chance to think further about this aspect of ministry.

Plans are already in place for Sunday services to be covered, and my clergy colleagues will cover if any funerals are needed. Most villages have a good network of pastoral care and the churchwardens and other leaders will ensure that everything continues to run smoothly while I am away. I shall return to work on Advent Sunday for the busy run up to Christmas. I am hoping that this time away from busy parish life will be both useful, and spiritually refreshing for me.

Odstock Easter Lilies

If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter Lilies in Odstock Church this year, perhaps in memory of a loved-one or to mark an anniversary, then please send your donations to *Caroline Cooper* at Holly Lodge, Odstock by the start of Holy Week. Thank you.

Annual Church Meetings

Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham

Monday, 20th April at 7.30 pm in the Barker Room

Britford

Tuesday, 21st April - 7 pm in Church

Charlton All Saints

Monday, 27th April - 7.30 pm in Church

All welcome!

Messy Church

If you are between 4 and 12 years old you are invited to join Debby Underhill and Rev Jenny Taylor on Monday, 6th April, Wednesday, 8th April and Good Friday, 10th April from 10.00-11.30am in the Barker Room behind Nunton Church for singing, creating and having fun getting ready for Easter.

Ask your parents to ring Debby on 01722 329769 to find out more.

Help Required

Do you live in or near Britford? I'm looking for help for 1.5 hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Also relief cover for holidays. £10 an hour paid. Help required with various household tasks to include meal preparation, washing up and to help me shower and dress. Minimal cleaning required as I have a regular cleaner. Please call 01722 412288. Thank you.

Travelling by Tuba 2

In association with Rural Arts Wiltshire and Pound Arts Trust Limited the Our Gig Young Promoters are delighted to present a performance of Travelling by Tuba 2: The Sequel at the Trafalgar School, Downton on Wednesday April 29th at 7pm.

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Britford Primary School

Violins with Mr Parsons

George Hounslow, Year 6

This term we have been continuing violins with Mr Parsons – he is very inspiring! We have begun learning the viola and cello and soon will be learning to play the double bass. We have now been learning the violin for two years, first starting with plucking, then open strings and then fingering. At the end of term we have a concert – the children pick the songs they have learnt and then the parents come to watch. Learning the violins is great fun and I hope it will always continue with Mr Parsons.

She Shoots, She Scores!!!

Natasha White, Year 6

At Britford Church of England Primary School, we are practising our netball; shooting, passing, catching, intercepting, dodging, positioning ourselves, and for years 5 & 6 captaining a team.

The whole class is trying their hardest to get onto the team. Teachers are starting to feel the strain choosing 8 children from a lot of extremely enthusiastic netball players, which is a rather tricky job, and having to choose a captain is even harder!

Britford has often won the Fair Play Award at all manner of sporting events – will they get another Fair Play Award, or will all of that hard work show as they get presented with 3rd, 2nd or maybe even 1st place medals and trophies in future sports events!

Cookery Club

Lilly Grant, Year 5

Cookery Club is fun and you can make all sorts of food. First we made carrot cakes which were delicious and soft. Then we made apple flapjacks that were yummy and crumbly. This week we baked chocolate chip and sultana cookies – these have been my favourite so far. That's all we have made for now but we will make other yummy things later.

London Marathon

Sue Bourne - 01722 329734

On 26th April, my middle son, William (ex Royal Green Jacket) is running his fifth London Marathon in aid of HELP FOR HEROES. He hopes to run it in under 3 hours! Should anyone feel like sponsoring him, please contact me by phone or at Melstock, Nunton.

If you have children of 5 - 11, or are interested in helping, please come, with your ideas and questions about a **Children's Group**, to a meeting at Broad Chalke Chapel 6:30pm on **Thursday, 2nd April**. Please telephone Bill Stacey on 01722 780607 with any queries in the meantime.

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Salisbury District Council

Bryan Rycroft

The 31st of March 2009 is a significant day for Wiltshire, the Salisbury District Council will cease to exist, also the District councillors will no longer represent their wards. The S.D.C. has been the local government authority for approx 35 years. On reflection, Pat and I, have been active councillors, at different times for half its life.

As District Councillor for Ebble ward, I give my thanks to each of the Parish Councils for so willingly accepting me at their meetings in such an open and friendly manner. It has been a privilege to represent such a beautiful ward with such diversity as a castle, two hospitals, a racecourse and a traveller's site.

Pat and I have enjoyed our involvement with the community life and we send our good wishes to each parish for their future.

We will continue to support coffee mornings, plays, and some church activities as often as possible, so we shall meet some of you again.

I also give my thanks to Julian Johnson as County Councillor for his helpful discussions concerning the ward.

Pat and I send our best wishes. Goodbye and thank you.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box (01725 510758, <u>oldcharlton@btinternet.com</u>) Meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm

20th April – AGM, *Unusual Perennials* with Bryan Madders

18th May – *What Gardens Mean in China* and a brief introduction to the Federation of Horticultural Societies

26th October – *Victorian Christmas* with Marion Emery

(Summer Outing and September meeting to be arranged.)

The Lawes family of Charlton All Saints

John Jackson of Shady Bower, Peacemarsh, Gillingham, Dorset on 01747 833720 writes:

"Dear Sir, I am researching my ancestry and was wondering if it would be possible by way of your News and Notes to ask your readers if they have any information on the Lawes family or their relatives. Many are interred at Charlton cemetery. Also any information or photographs of the village and its people especially at the turn of the century.

I have two addresses that I can't find on any maps or references. Firstly *Highway*, Charlton all Saints and secondly *Dairy Cottage*, Pen Path, Charlton all Saints. Any information would be greatly appreciated."

Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club

The next meeting is on Monday, 20th April at 7.30pm at Coombe Bissett Village Hall and the subject is *Vegetables and Vegetable Growing* by Mr Paul Templeton.

Please telephone Roger Stockton 780866 or email <u>annhewlett@hotmail.com</u> for further information.

"SPRING LINKS"

Music and Readings for a Late Spring Evening

on Saturday, 9th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

All Saints' Church, Broad Chalke

£6 per ticket

Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 6th April and can be purchased from Broad Chalke Post Office and Coombe Bissett Stores, or by telephoning 01722 718780 and on the door.

This will be the third concert in aid of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme. One of the ideas is to improve awareness of the Link Scheme in the valley and to support and encourage talented local musicians. All proceeds from ticket sales will be divided between the Chalke Valley Link Scheme and Salisbury and District Alzheimer's Society.

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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

The February event by Coral Gardiner was a refreshing presentation by this newly qualified floral demonstrator. The six floral creations were full of brilliant colours and assembled with great energy. It all made for an enjoyable evening for the large audience. Added enjoyment came from the fact that this enthusiastic young demonstrator did the whole show with such humour.

Our next event is on Wednesday April 22nd with a demonstration by Marion Catt called "Away Days". As usual it is at Broad Chalke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. We can promise you a very social evening with an artistic show at the centre. Come along and try us out if you think you might be interested. We welcome everyone.

Odstock School Allotment

Mrs Elspeth MacIntosh

We are starting an allotment on the school field so that the children can grow some vegetables for themselves and hopefully eat the results. We would welcome support from people in the community either by lending advice and expertise about growing conditions in this area; or to help show the children how to manage the growing plants.

The main aim is for the children to enjoy gardening and be drawn into growing flowers and vegetables but we also have some long term aims in showing healthy eating, organic produce and growing food locally for ourselves – impact of credit crunch?

We will start small but this could become a real community resource if enough people want to get involved Leave a message for me at Odstock School (01722 329701) or email <u>MacIntosh@odstock.wilts.sch.uk</u>.

Clearbury Children's Centre



Do you know about Clearbury Children's Centre at the Trafalgar School site in Downton? All activities at Clearbury are free of charge and all carers of children under five, including Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Childminders are very welcome.

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Once a month we are visited by Wiltshire Scrapstore who provide a craft session and bring along lots of creative resources for you to continue with craft activities at home. Representatives from all toddler groups, nurseries and schools are very welcome to buy equipment from these sessions.

We have a fully equipped baby sensory room and will soon be offering baby massage.

For more information please call Clearbury Children's Centre on 01725 511459, or e-mail teresa.bulpitt@actionforchildren.org.uk. Alternatively, you are very welcome to just turn up to any of our groups.

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| Mondays | 11.00- 12.30 | Babies group | | |
| For Mothers and other carers with their young babies | | | | |
| Thursdays | 9.15 – 11.00 | Stay and Play | | |
| For anyone with children of pre-school age | | | | |
| First Thurs. of the month | 1.30 – 3.00 | Twins and Multiples Club | | |
| Third Thurs. of the month | 10.00 - 1.00 | Scrapstore | | |



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| Regular Events | | | | |
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| WI | Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham | | | |
| Whist Drive | Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton | | | |
| Singing Group | Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.30pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862 | | | |
| Tiny Tots | Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026) | | | |
| Mobile Library | Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (2 ^{nd,} 16 th & 30 th April) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (24 th April) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (15 th April) | | | |
| Acorn Social Club | Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard | | | |
| Diary Dates | | | | |
| 2 nd April | Meeting re Children's Group, Broad Chalke Chapel, 6.30pm (see page 3) | | | |
| 6 th April 8 th April 10 th April | Messy Church, Barker Room, Nunton, 10.00am <i>(see page 3)</i> | | | |
| 19 th April | Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00noon (see page 5) | | | |
| 20 th April | Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham Annual Church Meeting, Barker Room, 7.30 pm | | | |
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| 29 th April | Travelling by Tuba 2, Trafalgar School, Downton, 7.00pm (see page3) | | | |
| 9 th May | "Spring Links", All Saints' Church, Broadchalke, 7.30 (see page 4) | | | |
| 13 th May | Odstock Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm | | | |
| 28 th June | Celebratory Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 6.30pm | | | |
| 4 th July | Charlton All Saints Barbecue, The Courtyard, 6.00pm | | | |
| 10 th July | Dancing to Peter Pod and the Peas, Nunton Field 8.00pm | | | |
| 11 th July | Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, Nunton Field 1.30pm | | | |