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

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Chalke Talk

(The newsletter of the Chalke Valley Team)

A Big Thanks to a welcoming local community

by Melanie Sweeney, Headteacher, Odstock Primary School

As I am shortly to leave my post at Odstock Primary School to move on to new challenges, it becomes a perfect time for reflection and thanks. I can reflect favourably on the huge welcome I received from the wider community, the villages of Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham.

Coming to a rural community was a complete contrast to my previous role in an estate of high rise flats in Brixton, London. Memories of my first visits to the school include pleasant walks through the village past cottages and paddocks enclosing goats and ponies. I enjoyed the quiet atmosphere with intermittent occasional birdsong and thought what a fantastic environment.

As time moved on, however, I could never have anticipated the welcome I would receive in the wider community. In my four years I have been invited to attend church, become part of the Fête Committee, become involved in Rural Arts Projects and even performed in a local Pantomime. All enjoyable activities and such fun.

The school is fully involved in local events and has regular visits from the community at large to help enhance the curriculum experiences of the children. Local people have supported the school with offers of art classes, emergency plumbing, gardening expertise, helped with caring for our pets and even provided a tennis court for the children to receive coaching. Local builders have constructed our new Astroturf and more recently the bird hide. All this input affords the children so many "extras" which increase their enjoyment at school and even received a mention in our recent Ofsted report as a "good" feature of the school.

I shall miss this fantastic rural community and hope that my successor, Mr John Jones, will enjoy the same community spirit. So a huge thanks to you all out there in the villages.

From the Editor

Many thanks to Melanie for her front page article. It was good to hear that she felt so welcome in our villages during her time at Odstock Primary School. We wish her well in her new job.

Our vicar, Alison Williams, who generally writes our front page article every other month, kindly stood aside this time round so that Melanie could send her farewell message. Don't forget that front page articles are welcome from any readers on any subject although, of course, I do reserve the right to exercise editorial discretion.

I am still keen to find someone willing to distribute News and Notes to houses in Bodenham. Please contact me if you feel able to do this or know someone you think might be able to help.

My email circulation list is steadily growing. I use it to let readers know when News and Notes is available online and occasionally to send information between editions. Send a message to the email address at the foot of the page if you wish to be included.

You'll find details of church services on page 7 this month. Very best wishes.

Editor

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

Meeting 14th July 2008 & Summer Outing

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, especially Joyce Babbs who has been unable to attend for some time due to illness. Lel Shaw had prepared a beautiful flower arrangement for the President's table. Sue thanked everyone who had helped make the Garden Party on 9th June such a success, and also thanked those who had contributed to and helped at the WI Stalls at the Fête on 12th July – raising more than £500.

Val Martyn confirmed the next theatre outing in September; Margaret Barrow has entered our teams in the skittles league competition; Sue Bourne invited members to a friendly scrabble afternoon on 23rd July at Melstock and warned that we will not be able to join the scrabble league this year unless some additional members volunteer to play in the team. The new Walking Group met after the WI Meeting; the new Reading Group will meet on Monday, 15th September; Claire Hendicott has booked the cookery demonstration at Waitrose for 15th September.

Jean Van Hagen read the WI correspondence giving details of forthcoming events. Starting from the September meeting, Pam Trubshaw and Wendy Duke will prepare a list of details and dates of all events and outings. Sheila May gave the Treasurer's Summary. Sue read out the report from the delegate to the AGM in Liverpool. The Resolution against imprisonment of the mentally ill was adopted. Congratulations to Liz Stubbs' husband whose Marathon run raised £2,200 for his chosen charities.

The Flower of the Month competition was won by Isobel Stone with a glorious pink Diarama (Angel's Fishing Rod).

After coffee, Mr Nick Thomas from Bournemouth, public speaker and writer of radio comedy, gave an amusing, lively talk entitled "The Power of Humour in Everyday Life", making us laugh with examples of personal, embarrassing experiences and anecdotes from his previous presentations. Anna Treseder gave the vote of thanks to Nick for entertaining us so well.

Two days later, on 16th July, thirty eight people went by coach to Forde Abbey house and gardens and had a very enjoyable day in the sunshine. Sincere thanks to Suzie Appleford who organised this Summer Outing for us with her usual efficiency and charm.

The next meeting on 8th September at the Radnor Hall will be a Promotional Cheese and Wine Party.

A338 Bodenham By-pass

Julian Johnson, County Councillor

At last the end is in sight after 4 months of road works on our main A338. I well appreciate that the work has caused much inconvenience to our village communities with the traffic diversions through Nunton and, of course, to car users being held up on the A338 itself. In particular, local bus users have been greatly inconvenienced by the temporary loss of our normal hourly service and having to rely on the less frequent and sometimes less reliable bus service from the end of Nunton Drove.

In spite of the terrible weather the contractors are only a week or so behind schedule and, according to the latest information received, work should be completed by the second week in August. Heavy rain has been the main problem as the new material cannot be laid whilst there is still "ponding" on the road surface. A secondary problem arose when sub-standard hardcore material was encountered under the old road which dated back to when the original bypass was first constructed in the 1960s. The whole reason for this major maintenance scheme was the failure of the road structure itself, combined with poor skid resistance which was well below today's required standards.

This project was also a significant "First" for Wiltshire in the recycling technology that was used. Instead of the old material being transported away and tipped, the two top layers of the old road as well as the concrete in the roadside and kerbs were crushed and screened, then cold mixed with a bituminous foam-binding material before being re-laid. All this was done on site with low energy consumption, low emissions, the elimination of material going to landfill and avoiding some 1000 large lorry movements through Salisbury and the surrounding road network which would have been necessary had more traditional resurfacing techniques been used.

There will also be some new signs to improve driver awareness on this stretch of dual carriageway and improved access from and to the C12 Nunton and Odstock road. We all look forward to returning to normality once again.

Two budgies need a good home

Bugsie is blue and Sid is green. Both are hand-tamed. They are kind and loving pets but they haven't spoken yet ! They would come with a cage and food



included. They are no trouble and get on well with each other. If interested please contact Annabel Warley on 01722 322541.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

The following is an extract from the Downton NPT's regular monthly newsletter. If you would like to receive this bulletin direct then please send a brief email with your name and approximate address to:

matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Recent local crimes (01/06/08-01/07/08) include:

Britford - total of 6 reported crimes at Salisbury District Hospital complex – predominantly thefts from wards and staff changing areas.

21/06/08 – theft of boat trailer from yard – Charlton-All-Saints.

17/06/08 – reported damage to farm building – Nunton Drove

Lottery Fraud/ Scams

Lotto frauds are becoming prevalent in the UK with promises of huge winnings arriving in the form of unsolicited e-mail or letters to UK residents. Invariably the communication will purport to come from an overseas lottery and claim that the recipient has been allocated winning numbers.

The recipient will contact the organisers, whether directly through telephone, by post or e-mail and will be invited to send money in to assist in the administration for the release of the winnings. *These winnings do not exist.* This is merely a scam and attempt to elicit money from unsuspecting victims. The really cruel part of this scam is that suspects will build up a rapport with victims through telephone contact in order to continue the flow of money.

If you receive any unsolicited letter which suggests that you have won or are owed large sums of money, it is extremely likely to be a scam.

Do not make any contact with the telephone numbers or email addresses in the letter and under no circumstances send any money or complete forms giving bank or credit card details.

Please remember – 'If it looks too good to be true – it probably is!'

A Thank You from the Warley Girls

Francesca and Annabel Warley would like to say a very big thank you to all the friends and neighbours in Nunton who sponsored them so generously for their recent Biathlon.

Chafyn Grove School organised for all the children in year 8 to run and swim as far as they could on one day. The girls ran 20 miles (not all at once) and swam 50 lengths of the pool. They acquired plenty of blisters and thanks to Nunton's generosity they raised £150 for the National Deaf Children's Society. THANK YOU!

Scarecrow Competition

Those who were not at the ONB Fête when the results of the Film Character Scarecrow Competition were announced may like to know the results which were as follows:

First Prize awarded for "Imagination" to

The Great Escape

by Ashley and Laurence Chandler

Second Prize awarded for "Detail" to

Shrek

by the Stubbs Family

Third Prize awarded for "Choreography" to

Titanic

by Alan and Eileen Forder and Jackie Fairman

Many congratulations to the winners and, indeed, to everyone who entered. There was such a splendid array of scarecrows, the judging was not easy!

It is planned to put pictures of the scarecrows on the Fête website which is being developed. If you have any digital photos of the scarecrows (or indeed of the Fête itself), please contact Tim Vyas at timothyvyas@hotmail.co.uk.

I'm sure next time the Fête Committee meets they will start thinking about a theme for next year's scarecrows so that we shall all have plenty of time to decide what to do. There'll be more about the Fête itself in the next edition of N&N.

Charlton All Saints Craft Group

Thanks to all members of the Group, and those who supported us at the Sale on 21st June 2008. A total of £235.00 has been raised and donated to Hope and Homes for Children.

Meetings of the Craft Group will restart in mid-September. Everyone is welcome.

For details call Jenifer Withers on 01725 510796

A date for your diary

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Thursday, 25th September

6.00 to 8.00pm

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Free Insulation for those over 70

Did you know that free insulation is now available to anyone who is aged over 70?

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Offers, which vary from company to company, include free cavity wall insulation and free loft insulation. And you are not obliged to go to your own energy supplier – you can shop around to see who is making the best offer. Home insulation will not only make your house warmer but it will also help reduce your bills.

For more information on this scheme call *Salisbury District Council* on 01722 434349 or the *Energy Savings Trust* on 0800 512012.

Downton Link Scheme

Many readers will know about the Downton Link Scheme but for those who do not, this is a brief outline. The scheme covers Downton, Redlynch, Lover, Woodfalls, Woodgreen, Hale, Morgans Vale, Charlton-All-Saints and Breamore.

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We also provide caring - making contact with social services, befriending by home visits, a telephone call or perhaps help with official forms and we are keen to expand this aspect of our service.

We Need... More volunteers, especially in the Woodgreen area. Could you spare some time for very rewarding work? If so, please contact Anne Blake on 01725 711743.

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

There is also a similar Link Scheme in the Chalke Valley which, among other villages, covers Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham and Britford. The contact number is 01722 718780.

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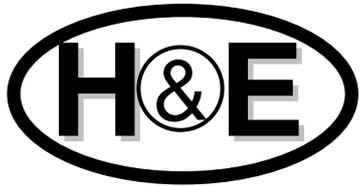
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Regular Events

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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 on 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (recycling area), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.40am (7 th & 21 st August, 4 th September) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.15 – 10.30am (1 st , 15 th and 29 th August) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (6 th August)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard

Diary Dates

2 nd August	Chalke Valley Fête and Broadchalke Flower Show, The Sportsfield, Broadchalke
10 th August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00 noon (<i>see page 4</i>)
11 th Sept.	"Drowning on Dry Land" at the Salisbury Playhouse with the Samaritans (<i>see page 4</i>)
25 th Sept.	Radnor Hall Opening Evening, 6.00 to 8.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
4/5 th October	Broadchalke – History and Harvest weekend - music, dancing, displays, teas etc.
26 th October	Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, Nunton

Church of England Services

Sunday, 3 rd August Trinity 11	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT WC/DH DH
Sunday, 10 th August Trinity 12	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Matins BCP Family Service + baptism	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
Sunday, 17 th August Trinity 13	9.30am 9.30am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	AW KRS
Sunday, 24 th August Trinity 14	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 31 st August Trinity 15	10.00am	United Service	Coombe Bissett	AW
Sunday, 7 th September Trinity 16	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	CH ACFT DH DH

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KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, WC = Revd Westley Cole,
DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*