



News and Notes

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

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News and Notes - Issue 400!

As far as I am aware, News and Notes has been published every month since May 1976 and so we have now reached issue number **400**.

You'll be fascinated to know that, assuming a decimal system, **400** is a *self number*, since there is no integer that added to the sum of its own digits results in **400**. On the other hand, **400** is divisible by the sum of its own digits, making it a *Harshad number*. You may not have known all this but I guess, if you're an immigrant from the North West, you'll know of the **400** bus which ran from Bolton to Stockport and Manchester Airport from 1970 to 2004 and was affectionately known as the Trans-Lancs Express because it didn't stop too often!

Needless to say, Google played a major rôle in providing these facts but I was disappointed that, when I searched, I found no mention of the 400th issue of News and Notes until I realised that, of course, at the time of writing I hadn't posted it on the N&N Website! Using an email circulation list, I do remind people when each issue is available and, on occasion, use the same list to provide more immediate local information. If you'd like to be added to the list, please send an email to the address at the foot of the page.

Clearly, it would have been unfortunate for readers not to have been able to benefit from the pearls of wisdom with which this article began. Ideally, though, this front page space will be filled, alternately, by articles from Alison Williams, our Team Vicar, feeding our spiritual needs, and contributions from readers, sharing their thoughts, interests or activities with the rest of us. If you feel that this page is too small to contain what you would like to contribute, don't worry. I can always continue your article on an inside page! Either way, your article will be much appreciated. By December 2042 when Issue **800** will appear, there should have been 200 leading articles submitted by readers, although I suspect that Alison Williams may not have written all the other 200! *Editor*

Church of England Services

Sunday, 2 nd Aug Trinity 8	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AW JT ACFT LB
Sunday, 9 th Aug Trinity 9	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	CH AW DB
Sunday, 16 th Aug Trinity 10	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Britford Homington Nunton	AW AW VW
Sunday, 23 rd Aug Trinity 11	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service/Baptism Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW KRS
Sunday, 30 th Aug Trinity 12	10.00am	United Parish Communion	Nunton	AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, LB = Lavender Buckland, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,
CH = Revd Charles Hatton, VW = Canon Vernon White, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith
DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

WI

Elizabeth Cutter

Meeting 13th July

The meeting was opened by the President, Sue Bourne, who thanked Lel Shaw for the beautiful flower arrangement for the President's table. She reported that the Garden Party in June had been a huge success and thanked the Committee for all their hard work. She also thanked members for their contributions to the tea, for running the stalls and for taking part in the fitness demonstration. John and Martin Barrow deserved a particular mention for their invaluable help behind the scenes. The President then announced that the WI stalls at the Nunton Fête had been less successful as there were fewer cakes than usual so the amount raised was disappointing.

Arrangements were discussed for the Wiltshire WI 90th Birthday Party at Hudson's Field and the summer outing to Blenheim Palace. Details of the next theatre group, skittles group, walking group and book group meetings were announced and Jean Van Hagen, the Secretary, read the correspondence. The Treasurer's report was followed by reports from members who had recently been to Denman College. Gill Dodd had used her bursary to attend a course on 'Buildings of Delight' and Peggy Knight, with four other members, had experienced 'Walking and Winding Down'. Both said that they had had an excellent time.

The Flower of the Month competition was won by Anne Waight with a spectacular lily. Members then listened to a most entertaining talk from Mr Norman Thorne, a local history expert, who took us through the history of the Fox family from Farley. He began with Stephen Fox, born in 1627, who rose to great power and wealth under Charles II. Amongst other things he was responsible for the building of many hospitals and alms houses, including Chelsea Hospital and the Farley alms houses. He continued to tell stories about further generations up to the 1800s. Pam Trubshaw thanked him for his well researched, fascinating talk about interesting people and their local connections.

The next meeting is on September 14th at the Radnor Hall when the speaker will be Group Captain Greenway talking about flying with the Royal Family. This meeting will be followed by an autumn lunch.

Summer Outing

On Wednesday, 15th July, 41 members went to Blenheim Palace for their summer outing.

Most members began their visit with a tour of the State Rooms of Vanbrugh's inspirational Palace before exploring the many other

exhibitions and attractions on offer. Despite a grey start the weather improved so that members could enjoy 'Capability' Brown's landscaped parkland and the wonderful Formal Gardens.

There was something for everyone and the day went very quickly as there was so much to see and do.

Bells at Nunton Church

We have plans to do up the bells at Nunton Church which we believe will be well-received by local residents. These plans are;

- To restore the three present bells, two of which are listed as of historic interest, including special work to eliminate the risk of cracking in the bell crowns.
- To add a fourth bell. This will enable a far more musical peal or chime to be performed.
- To change the method of chiming from swing to stationary. There is not enough space to add a fourth swinging bell, and this new method in any case has an advantage in enabling one person, even a child, to chime all four bells easily.
- To add a new floor just below the bell-frame for safer and easier maintenance and for better sound distribution.

For further information, please contact Harry Joynt who is co-ordinating the project.

As to funding, we have a local donor for the additional fourth bell and we intend to apply for grants from several charities which support the restoration of old bells. In some cases part of the grant award process involves us in consulting with the local community to ascertain the level of interest and support.

This is not asking for money. We are simply seeking views from as many people as possible in the parish, whether they are churchgoers or not. Reactions to the proposals can be given by contacting one of the names below. A simple way could be to telephone and leave a message: "Nunton bells, approve/do not approve/no real opinion", adding your name and telephone number. Alternatively you could email acft@tesco.net. Either way, we will enter you into a draw to win one of two prizes; a meal for two with house wine at either the Radnor Arms or at the Yew Tree when it re-opens (Prizes kindly donated by a parishioner).

Give one of us a call or email and possibly be a winner!

Adrian Taylor, Churchwarden 01722 325862
Margaret Morgan, Churchwarden 01722 338868
Harry Joynt, Project co-ordinator 01722 329782
Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham PCC

Charlton All Saints Organ

The Celebration Concert

Sheila Collins

The one hundred plus people who travelled from all parts of the Benefice to attend the concert in celebration of the restoration of the organ at "All Saints' Church" on 28th June were rewarded by a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The evening was organised and ably hosted by Denis Blake and visitors to the small church were warmly welcomed by regular church members. Organ solos were expertly played on the beautifully restored organ by Arthur Willoughby, Richard Seal and the regular church organist, Sheena Ross. Arthur Willoughby also accompanied Denis Blake, as he played Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto in E flat", and Rebecca Lyles, whose mature and beautifully modulated voice, at the age of eleven, moved the whole congregation.

The only disappointment of the evening was that Peter Munro, who had restored the organ and had agreed to give a short talk in the interval, was unable to attend the concert because he was indisposed. Denis Blake stepped in to give some brief, but interesting, facts and figures about the restoration work.

After the concert everyone enjoyed warm fellowship aided by wine and savoury refreshments.

Thanks

Denis Blake

All of us in Charlton are so very grateful to the many people from all up and down the "valley", from utmost east to utmost west, who came to our concert and helped us to have such a happy evening. Over 100 people came to our little church, far more than we had dared to hope, and apart from the fun we had, we took £491 net, which when Gift Aid is reclaimed, gives us just a fraction over £600 if my maths are anywhere near right. If not, blame my Casio calculator! Thank you all again for your support.

Charlton All Saints BBQ

Barbara Box

This year the weather was kind to us and we had a superb evening. A game of rounders before supper was enjoyed as much by the adults as the children.

Almost 100 people attended the BBQ but there was enough pork left over to raffle a leg. Everyone bought a contribution towards the supper and we made £805.50 - a record.

Jessica Westall and Rebecca Lyles raised £70 for The Jennifer Trust selling delicious homemade lemonade.

Minerva String Quartet

Adrian Taylor

The Minerva String Quartet displayed considerable skill in fixing the date for their Summer Concert when they chose 18th July which was the deadline for articles for August News and Notes! They showed a great deal more skill as they entertained an enraptured Radnor Hall audience with a varied programme of music ranging from Purcell to Porter.

Richard Parsons (Violin) and Jane Parsons ('Cello) of Nunton and their colleagues Marian Givens (Violin) and Sara Trenchard (Viola) opened the concert with two Rondeaux by Henry Purcell (*The Fairy Queen* and *Abelazar*) and followed them with three Divertimenti by Benjamin Britten and Haydn's String Quartet in D Minor known as *The Fifths*. The choices provided some wonderfully contrasting music, both ancient and modern.

After an interval with wine, Minerva continued with J.S. Bach's familiar *Air on a G String* and followed with Mozart's beautiful *Divertimento in D Major*. They rounded off the concert with lively arrangements of *Making Whoopee* (Gus Khan), *My Funny Valentine* (Rodgers and Hart) and *Let's do it* (Cole Porter).

The audience demanded an encore and were rewarded with *I Got Rhythm*. It was greeted with rapturous applause which reflected not only delight with Gershwin's swinging tune but also appreciation of another splendid Minerva Concert. As well as giving considerable pleasure to the audience, the concert also provided valuable support for Salisbury Hospicecare who will receive all the proceeds. Keep a look out for the next Minerva concert!

Thanks

Rose Brown, Nunton

I lost my camera at the Fête and would like to thank the very kind person who handed it in. It is a great relief to have it back.

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ONB Fête

ONB Fête Committee

Many thanks to all those who supported this year's Fête. Given the somewhat unfavourable weather, it was a remarkably successful afternoon. We also had a very good evening with Peter Pod the night before and a splendid Raft Race immediately after. Although it is too early for a final figure, a good sum was raised for the church and other local causes.

Scarecrow Competition Results

Many congratulations to this year's winners:

First (and Best in Nunton):

Sybil and Nicky Tucker - *St Francis and Zorro*

Second:

Charlotte and Sophie Smith – *Spiderman*

Best in Odstock:

The Packwoods - *King Arthur*

Best in Bodenham:

The Trowbridges – *Robin Hood*

... and thanks to those who made all the other terrific entries!

Nunton Church Cleaning

Churchwardens

We plan to give St Andrew's, Nunton a thorough clean on Saturday, 22nd August from 10.00am. A certain amount of cleaning equipment will be available but bring something useful if you can. All welcome!

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

We shall be widening our interest at the August meeting when Ann Silver is coming along to give a presentation about "Improving your Photographs". There is no promise that she will be helping with holiday snaps but we can expect to be learning something about the composition, lighting and setting of amateur photography with special reference to flower arrangements. The evening will be entertaining even if you are not an avid photographer.

Come along to Broadchalke Village Hall at 7.30pm on 26th August for this special event. Everyone from everywhere will be most welcome with Guest Tickets being £5 at the door.

Cheaper Bulk tank gas (LPG)

David Matthews

Having spent years buying gas, at what I regarded as inflated prices, from a near monopoly supplier, I was delighted to learn that legislation came into force earlier this year which forces all the bulk tank gas suppliers to make it as easy for customers to switch supplier as

mains gas or electricity customers i.e quick, simple and free!

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By all means give me a call if you like, on 01725 512262 at Acacia House, Charlton All Saints (sadly I am not on Countrywide's payroll!).

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Wiltshire Police are currently recruiting Special Constables. Being a Special is a satisfying voluntary role - it's a commitment to yourself and your local community.

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You need a permanent right to residency in this Country. There is no height restriction but you must have a good standard of health. After completion of mandatory training, we ask that you commit yourself to a minimum of 16 hours duty a month, to fit in with your own work / home commitments.

To find out more about becoming a Special Constable, book a place on the next awareness event: 10am – 1130am - Saturday 18th July at Wiltshire Police Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, SN10 2DN.

You can book your place by either calling the Recruitment Team on 0845-408-7000 Ext 7202314 or emailing on hq.recruitment@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or using the form on the Wiltshire Police website.

Our local Special Constable (SPc Geoff NASH) is happy to speak with anyone thinking of joining us and can offer informed advice on what's involved.

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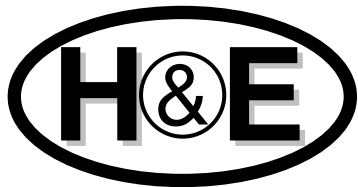
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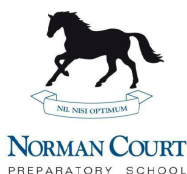
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Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.30pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (6 th & 20 th August) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (14 th and 28 th August) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (5 th August)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

Diary Dates

22 nd August	Nunton Church Cleaning, 10.00am (<i>see page 4</i>)
26 th August	CV Flower Club Meeting – "Improving your Photographs", Broadchalke Village Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
11 th Sept.	An Evening with Rosemary Squires, Homington Church, 7.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
25 th October	Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm
26 th October	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm



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