



# NEWS AND NOTES



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

December 2008

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## News & Notes

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churches for  
**Chalke Talk**

## LEJOG

Pippa Warley

I wanted to do something different to mark reaching the grand old age of fifty this year and I decided that thing would be to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats (LEJOG). Not something you can wrap up but I count myself lucky to have memories to cherish which cannot be broken or replaced.

I was also lucky in that my son, Oliver, came too, riding his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday present. You'll have read his note of thanks to sponsors in last month's N&N. As I have said, I was doing this for me, but on the side, I have been raising funds for The Salisbury Playhouse. I haven't approached individuals to sponsor me this time but have pursued other ways of raising funds. For example, a raffle that we are holding at the Playhouse which will be drawn before Xmas and has some good prizes - you can buy a ticket or two from me or if you pop into the Playhouse at any time. The Playhouse might seem a strange choice but for me, personally, it has been a change from the usual medical charities to do with cancer and dying and I feel they are really healing souls in the community. I had always thought of our theatre as being there for the amusement of the middle classes; but this year I've had the chance to go behind the scenes a bit and learn just how much the theatre does in terms of workshops and opportunities for underprivileged and handicapped youngsters....

*(This article is continued on page 2 where you will find Pippa's description of some of the very memorable aspects of her 1000 mile bike ride. Thanks so much, Pippa, for sharing this with us and congratulations to you and Oliver on a terrific achievement. Ed.)*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Advent 2	9.30am 11.00am <b>11.00am</b> 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service <b>Parish Communion</b> Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton <b>Coombe Bissett</b> Homington	AW ACFT <b>AW/CH</b> AW
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Advent 3	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Odstock</b>	<b>AW/CH</b>
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Advent 4	9.30am <b>9.30am</b> 5.00pm	Family Communion <b>Family Communion</b> Carol Service	Britford <b>Homington</b> Nunton	AW <b>CH</b> AW
Wed., 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve	6.00pm 11.30pm	Carol Service Midnight Eucharist	Homington Coombe Bissett	AW AW
Thu, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Day	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Communion Family Service	Homington Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW CH AW
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas 1	11.00am	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, ACFT = Adrian Taylor,  
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

**N.B. See back page for more details about services in bold print and please note that the work on Charlton All Saints Church is likely to continue beyond Christmas.**

## **LEJOG** (continued from front page)

.....As for the trip, it was an incredible unforgettable journey. It was approximately 1000 miles, depending on slight variations in the route that some of us, not gifted at map reading, took! It was an enormous challenge, not only physically but especially mentally. We both felt we had to peddle every inch, so walking up hills was a "No No". I was nearly sick on one hill (it did come just after a pasta loading session) but those wheels, they kept on turning.

We had some hostile weather and I nearly developed hypothermia in a hail storm at the top of Shap Fell. However, it all added to the drama of seeing the British Isles from one end to another and marvelling in its varied scenery and extreme swings in weather conditions. We were rewarded by breathtaking views. Special in my heart are Dartmoor, Herefordshire and finally the Scottish highlands; overwhelming in every sense of the word. Just beyond Fort William, above Spean Bridge, we stopped at the Commando Memorial. It's at the top of a so and so of a hill so the rest was most welcome. It is an exquisite and moving tribute to soldiers lost in all the wars and is well worth a visit if you can.

So, many moments when I was moved emotionally by the beauty of our country, much of which is still so unspoiled and relatively under-populated. An abiding and strong memory for me is the kindness and encouragement we received throughout our journey by people along the way. If you can make the time to go out there, leave your comfort zone behind and be receptive to strangers, you realise yet again that people make this world go around.

My husband, Anthony, gave great support, both moral and practical, looking after house and home, cats, dogs, fish, horses and goats without a single complaint. For some reason he's hidden my bike in the back of the garage now!

The bike ride was tough and I respect Oliver enormously for his achievement and, of course, I am grateful to my daughters for their encouragement and for looking after their father while we were away!

Finally, I am really grateful for all the interest and support shown by all friends and neighbours in the villages.

THANK YOU to one and all.

*Pippa Warley*

### **Concert in St Peter's Church, Britford**

Sarum Voices will give a Christmas Concert on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

## **WI Meeting – 10 November 2008**

*Gill Dodd*

Sue Bourne, President, welcomed 40 members, 2 new members and 3 visitors to the meeting. Elizabeth Cutter provided the President's table with a beautiful red cyclamen – brightness on a very miserable wet morning. There were 14 apologies, many unable to come owing to the inclement weather.

The book and produce stall was popular but there were only a few offerings for the flower of the month. However, Celia Maidment won it with a perfect Viola.

Val Martin confirmed that 12 members were to see "A Month in the Country" that evening. She was taking bookings for the pantomime and had attended a preview of next season's productions.

The Scrabble and Skittles teams had all been involved in matches this month. The reading and walking groups were in full swing and thanks must go to E Cutter and Liz Stubbs for getting these new interest groups off the ground.

A few members had attended the annual council meeting in the City Hall. The flower arrangements for this event had been created by Judy Barke and Pam Trubshaw. They were stunning. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prize arrangement was taken to the Hospice by Sue Bourne.

Our Christmas lunch is on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Rose & Crown. Susie Appleford is in control of this once again.

County notices of future events were read out by Pam Trubshaw. These included a Derbyshire holiday, a lecture by C Beardshaw, and a Denman College Christmas lunch/dinner. Diary dates were circulated and a Treasurer's report given.

After coffee, Mr D Cook spoke on policing in Blackpool from 1962 to 1969. He gave us a short history of the police force at that time: men only, 6ft tall and not controlled by Lancashire county. It was Blackpool's own force – 350 men in all. It was a truly local affair. Their work ranged from tragic events to humorous ones especially coping with the Blackpool landladies. The change of Blackpool in winter and summer gave a great variety. They had no leave from Easter to November; not great for their families, but were very well respected by all the population. Isobel Stone gave the meeting's thanks.

The next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> December when we shall present our home-grown entertainment; mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle, plus a bring-and-buy stall.

## **Odstock Primary School**

### **Hockey Tournament**

*Gabrielle Fernando*

Some children from Odstock Primary School went to the Hockey Tournament for some fun hockey matches. We all hopped on the bus. Mr Jones was driving. When we arrived there, there were lots of schoolchildren playing. We watched as the schools played the matches. Then it was our turn. We tried our best to win but at the end we scored a goal. Go Odstock!

### **The Anti-bullying Conference**

*Jonathan Wood*

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, all the Year 6 Councillors (Samuel Foster, Laurence Chandler and I) went to Trowbridge Civic Hall for an annual anti-bullying conference. After the very long trip, we finally arrived. First we signed in and made a name tag, as well as getting a special folder with the timetable of the day and a few goodies. After that, we went into the foyer to get a drink. Then we were all told to go into the hall and take a seat. Catherine Quirk and a few other people told us about how we could prevent bullying in our school.

We then broke up into groups and discussed different types of bullying and how and why it happens. We then got some biscuits and a drink. Next we went into the hall again and had to go onto the stage to tell them about our time at Lake House Farm and why we went. After that we did a wake and shake dance to get us to wake up a bit.

Then we had a delicious lunch and a bit of play and did this thing called the Big Brother Chair for a film they were doing. Next we had to go to another workshop to discuss what we could do about bullying. We had to write a postcard with what they could improve at the next conference. After that we collected our coats and left. We had a very tiring and busy day, as well as having good fun too.

### **Circus Bezerkus**

*Charles Fernando writes:*

A few weeks ago the Circus Bezerkus came to the school. It was really, really great. They taught us how to balance a peacock feather on our nose and how to spin plates. Then we went outside to spin balls. I hope they will come back.

*and Aliesha Matthews adds:*

Thanks to Circus Bezerkus, I can now balance a peacock feather on my nose. At the end of their visit, we were allowed to buy peacock feathers, spinning plates and bean bags. I bought a peacock feather. That was the best day of my life.

## **Oil Deliveries**

A bulk order for domestic heating oil will be placed on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. The order will be dependent on:

- a. A minimum combined order of 10,000 litres
- b. A minimum individual order of 500 litres

The cost of oil will be that pertaining on 8<sup>th</sup> December but we have been in the past been able to obtain the "cheapest" price per litre with savings of between 3.45p and 1.35p from a range of 5 local merchants. No one local merchant has proved to be the overall cheapest and the last 5 deliveries have been from 5 different merchants.

Indications are that despite the recent rise in prices over the last year from below 30ppl to over 60ppl and the more recent dropping back to about towards 43ppl, prices may now be at their "lowest" this winter. Oil producers have now agreed to increase their charges and this will inevitably be reflected in the prices offered by merchants.

To place an order for delivery soon after 8<sup>th</sup> December please notify your requirement to Les Dodd (**preferably** by email to [MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com](mailto:MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com)) at any time before 8<sup>th</sup> December. Orders by phone to 01722 329341 should be limited to the first week of December please.

## **Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash**

*Jackie and Graham Barrett*

Many thanks to everyone who attended the magnificent (but very wet!) Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash!

We made an amazing £194 profit which will go to Charlton All Saints Church Funds.

Thanks also to those who helped with the building of the bonfire and other contributions on the day.

## **Odstock Parish Council**

The next scheduled OPC meeting has had to be postponed until Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Radnor Hall, Bodenham, at 7:30pm. In preparation for the transition to Wiltshire Unitary Authority status commencing April 2009, PC members will need to consider the extent of their involvement with the proposed Community Partnership for Downton and the surrounding area which will be discussed at the Salisbury District Council initiated meeting in Trafalgar School, Downton on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> November. Members will also be required to review the PC's spending and determine the amount of the precept for 2009-10. Contact the Parish Clerk on Tel: 01794 341405 or eMail: [OPC@SP5.INFO](mailto:OPC@SP5.INFO).

## **A heart-warming story**

Rising fuel prices will make this coming winter a very worrying time for many. But help is at hand thanks to Salisbury District Council and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. The two organisations have joined forces to run a six month campaign called 'Affordable Warmth.'

From now and until next March, a special 'affordable warmth action booklet' will be available to people who are having difficulty paying for their fuel or are facing high fuel bills.

The action booklets have already been sent out to over 6000 households across the Salisbury district that may face difficulties following the recent fuel price rises. Organisations that are likely to be in contact with people who could benefit will also be given the action booklet.

The packs will provide people with information on the grants that are available to make homes more energy efficient. Energy efficiency will not only make your home warmer, but it will also cut down your bills.

Also included will be details of social tariffs from fuel suppliers to help people pay less, guidance on how to monitor and reduce your energy use and tips on how to save money through switching fuel suppliers.

It will also have plenty of general advice on the practical things people can do to keep their homes, and themselves, warm – without costing the earth.

**If you're worried about paying your fuel bills this winter and would like our affordable warmth booklet, please call 01380 736074.**

## **Sarum Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies opens up the world of arts to everyone. With monthly lectures on a broad range of topics as well as visits and study day, it is fun. The Society meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 11am in St Francis Church Hall, Beatrice Road, Salisbury SP1 3PN. Visitors Welcome. Entrance £5.00. Contact phone number 01725 512285 (B Whidden).

### **13<sup>th</sup> January Pearls before Swine?**

The Long History of a Royal Necklace with Mrs Jane Kelsall. Hear about the long & interesting journey of a magnificent collection of pearls. A present from Pope Clement VII to his niece Catherine de Medici and how they came to be passed down to the British Royal Family. Come wearing your pearls!

## **Photoshop Workshop**

As a follow-up to the Downton Aquafest, come along and enjoy a gentle introduction in how to use Photoshop at a workshop designed for those of us born before the digital age! Free session on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 10 'til 12 at The Trafalgar School at Downton. If you are interested please contact Emma Procter at The Trafalgar School at Downton, 01725 550333.

## **Pumpkin Competition**

*Mike & Rebecca Smith*

Once again, our sincere thanks to everybody who contributed to the Grand Pumpkin Competition 2008, either by entering the competition, supplying raffle prizes, or just turning up on the day to support. The winner this year was the Alfry Family whose pumpkin weighed in at a splendid 46 lbs. We raised £200 which will be donated to a village fund, yet to be decided.

## **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET**

Police are warning shoppers to be extra vigilant after a number of purse thefts in Salisbury and other major shopping centres over the past week. As Christmas draws nearer the town centres are likely to be very busy which makes it easier for thieves to snatch purses whilst the victim is distracted with buying gifts. Thieves often prey on the elderly or vulnerable but will take a chance wherever they see one. This type of crime causes a great deal of distress and inconvenience to the victim especially if items of sentimental value are stolen as well. Police would like to remind shoppers of the following crime prevention advice:

- Keep wallets / phones in inside pockets
- Wear handbags across the front of the body and keep them zipped up
- Never leave valuables unattended in trolleys whilst looking at products
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or valuables
- Report lost / stolen bank cards immediately
- Never carry your PIN with your cards or give it out to anyone

### **CONTACT US**

To report a crime, or incident requiring police attendance, phone Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000. In an emergency phone 999.

You can also email us with non-urgent enquiries via – [downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

The latest overall crime figures for the Downton NPT area (April to end of October) show a reduction in crime of around 6% when compared with last year's figures.

### **NPT Staff Changes**

Our Community Beat Officer, Pc Jem HORNER, has successfully applied for a post within the Priority Crime team based at Salisbury. I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing Jem well in his new role.

Jem has been replaced as CBO with immediate effect by Pc 655 Fritz MACAULAY.

## **The Salisbury Group of Artists**

Exhibition in Salisbury District Hospital from 5 December until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Entry is free, during normal opening hours of SDH.

Exhibits include oils, watercolours, pastels and drawings and are for sale at extremely reasonable prices, and can be found on several levels of the hospital. Come and enjoy your friends' talent in comfortable and warm surroundings ... maybe even find a Christmas present ...

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Bodenham 19/12 6.30pm Warmans

Nunton 22/12 6.30pm Bus shelter

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Members of the Club, Coombe Bissett Gardening Club and friends enjoyed an excellent Gardeners' Question Time in October. Our Panel of experts, Andy McIndoe, Irene Bowron and Kevin Hughes answered questions posed by the enthusiastic audience. Their answers were highly informative and often entertaining. 'J' Claypoole was an excellent and enthusiastic Chairman.

In November we welcomed Christine Stevens for our Christmas demonstration in Broad Chalke Village Hall. Members enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

We have no meeting in December, but the Club begins 2009 on 28<sup>th</sup> January in Broad Chalke Village Hall. We will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of NAFAS and our theme for the photographic competition that evening is 'Golden Days'. Our AGM will also be held at this Meeting, and there will be a talk by Trish Lewis: 'How to Keep Young and Beautiful'. Surely a good omen for the start of 2009. The Meeting begins at 7.30 p.m.

The Committee would like to wish all our Members and friends a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

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### Regular Events

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 (recycling area), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.40am (11 <sup>th</sup> December) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.15 – 10.30am (5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (possibly 24 <sup>th</sup> December)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard

### Diary Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Trafalgar School Christmas Concert and Tea, 4.00 to 6.00pm ( <i>see page 6</i> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Cookery Demonstration at Waitrose, 6.00pm ( <i>see page 6</i> )
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Art Exhibition, Salisbury District Hospital until 4 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>see page 5</i> )
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Odstock Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall ( <i>see page 3</i> )
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert with Sarum Voices, St Peters Britford, 7.00pm All welcome
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas by Candlelight, All Saints, Broad Chalke, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Singing, Odstock and Bodenham, 6.30pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Carol Singing, Nunton, 6.30pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )

*..and, finally, a message from the Reverend Alison Williams*

## How might I be different?

I was looking at some old photographs - a friend as a small boy, then as a teenager, and finally as an adult. Amazingly, his eyes, his look and expression have scarcely altered over the years – he is easily recognisable at every stage. But, he is also *very* different. The small child looked quite timid, clinging hard to his father's hand. The teenager looked more confident, very proudly sporting his school uniform; and the adult – well, he's now a doctor, a leader in his local Church and has recently been licensed as a Lay Minister. He's come a long way in his faith and Church involvement over the years, but he can clearly see God at work in his life.

Might we say the same about our own life and faith? Have we recently stepped out into a new area of Church life or service? Have we even considered how we might be different?

This is the question which a small group of us pondered for the valley. *By Pentecost 09, how might we be different? Might we be doing something more, or different from now?*

In 2009, the Bishop wants all of us to be more aware of our Baptism, which is our membership of the Church, our calling to follow Christ, and our mandate for service. Baptism is what we all have in common, so we are not talking of a Church in-crowd!

## The challenge of change ...

The Chalke Valley Team Council has agreed a programme of teaching and reflection, from Advent to Pentecost. It's to help us *all* grow in confidence as Christians, to discover our God-given gifts and find our place in the life of the Church. The Lent talks '*Fully Alive*' by Timothy Radcliffe will help. So too our study weekend with Tom Stuckey in March. We hope that Pentecost 2009 will see all of us take a step forward in faith – maybe only a little step, but important. And perhaps, by 2010, you will have felt a prod to take on some new area of service? Who knows?

And it all begins this Advent. Charles Hatton will give a keynote sermon for Advent – repeated in several places on different dates - to make it easy for us all to hear. There will be a simple leaflet for everyone, to help us reflect on the Advent theme at home, with readings and prayers, and questions to ponder. We do hope that *everyone* will catch the theme, talk about it, and that through these months, we may *together* encourage one another. Advent is all about looking forward; so let's do that and trust God to lead us!

*Alison Williams*

PS And, by the way.....

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



..and that's from the News and Notes team too.

