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Lots of Lent things –
Groups, Bible Studies,
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Fellowship Supper
26th Feb. Coombe Bissett

4th-6th April - Lee Abbey

18th May Broad Chalke
"Countryside Afternoon"

24th- 26th May
Alvediston Open
Gardens

14th /15th June
Bowerchalke
Flower Festival and Open
Gardens

From the Vicar: Cheering up February!

February is my least favourite month of the year and I do so envy people who go off on a winter break. February is dark, often damp, dull and dreary; its one mercy is that it is short!

However, Lent comes really early this year so I am hoping February will be different. I enjoy Lent. The extra time for prayer and reading gives me a boost to my faith, and of course it usually coincides with spring, which is a real lift to the spirit anyway.

Not so many people give up things for Lent these days – and personally, I think it is more important to *do* something positive for a spiritual spring-clean. It's all a matter of mind-set and self discipline – working *with* God and allowing God to work in us. I recently found this prayer. I think it's very suitable for Lent and will transform even the dullest February day!

Keep us, O Lord, from all pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off all self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other without self-pity or prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement, and always be generous.

Let us always take time for all things, and help us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, to be straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realise that it is the little things of life that make a difference.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind! Amen.

I certainly say 'Amen' to that! I hope it is a prayer that we can all find helpful this month!

Alison Williams

Church of England Services

Sunday, 3 rd February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW AW
Sunday, 10 th February Lent 1	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Matins BCP Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	CH WC AW
Sunday, 17 th February Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW DH AW
Sunday, 24 th February Lent 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW WC
Sunday, 2 nd March Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW DH

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

WI Report

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne opened the meeting by welcoming more than fifty members to the Radnor Hall. Rita Hobbs had provided a beautiful floral arrangement for the President's table. Sue commented that everyone had enjoyed the Christmas meeting with a busy Bring and Buy stall, an excellent Raffle and delicious mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine! She thanked Suzie Appleford for arranging the Christmas Lunch for forty three members at the Rose and Crown. Sue said that in future four Hostesses will be required to help organise each meeting, rather than three; also we will be appointing a new Committee Member at the AGM in March and Sue asked for volunteers.

Val Martyn confirmed that she was taking theatre bookings for "The Herbal Bed" on 11 February. Celia Maidment gave an update on the Skittles League and circulated the dates of future games; Sue reported that the Scrabble League had just had a game cancelled due to illness, but a friendly Scrabble game will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 22 January at Melstock. All are welcome! Jean van Hagen gave the Secretary's report with details of future events including a trip to South Wales, a visit to Kew Gardens and Kew Palace, a Pancake Day Feast and a Compost Workshop! Variety is truly the spice of life for WI members! Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report and reminded everyone that subscriptions are due by the end of January. Julia Joynt won the flower of the month competition with a brave little early Iris "*Catherine Hodgkin*". The Denman Draw selected two bursary winners, Jean Martin and Barbara Bradford; names of reserves were also drawn in case of need. The bursaries entitle the winners to attend courses of their choice at Denman College. Also, there is a trip to an Open Day at Denman College on 24 September – twenty places will be booked for members. Travel will be by car.

After coffee Dr Philippa Swayne gave a talk entitled "Anaesthesia in a Developing Country" about a trip in 2007 to Azad Kashmir, situated between Indian Kashmir and Pakistan. On this visit the specialist team performed anaesthesia and surgery on one hundred and eight children with serious facial deformities, such as cleft palates, which are very common genetic defects in that area. Conditions were primitive and required amazing skill, initiative and endurance from the team. This was Dr Swayne's third talk to our WI and we were, again, filled with admiration for this dedicated team of experts. The work is funded by charitable donations, mainly from the Pakistani community in UK.

Julia Joynt thanked her most sincerely on behalf of everyone and reassured her that her talks are so fascinating that she is always welcome.

The next meeting is on February 11, speaker Mrs Marion Emery. There will be a "Bring and Buy a Book" stall. Any books not sold can be reclaimed by their donors or will be given to the bookstall in aid of the hospital Stars Appeal.

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. If any business is interested in making a donation, (obviously highest bidder wins!) I would be prepared to wear a running vest with the company logo as a means of publicising their support.

The cut off date for this would have to be the end of February to enable us to get the vest printed.

Please phone me on 01722 330006 or e-mail on abcproduction@lineone.net giving your name, contact details and the amount you feel you could give.

With very many thanks.

Odstock Parish Council

Odstock PC will meet next at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6th February 2008 in the Radnor Hall. The agenda will be posted on the notice boards by 2nd February at the latest.

Odstock Primary School Needs You!

Become a School Governor

Odstock Primary School currently needs:

Two Parent Governors
and
One Community Governor

If you are interested in becoming a
Governor please contact:

Adrian Harris, Chair of Governors

01722 323524

adrian.harris62@ntlworld.com

For details about what it means to be a
School Governor please see page 6.

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Ann Thompson

The Flower Club had an excellent opening to
2008 with a dinner and an interesting talk on
saris.

Our February Meeting will include our Annual
General Meeting. We do hope that as many
members as possible will be able to attend.
Karen Johnstone will be giving a talk with slides
about "Gardens through the Ages". Coffee and
tea will be available.

Our Open Meeting will be on 26th March in
Broadchalke Village Hall. We look forward to
welcoming Susie Edwards, whose
demonstration is entitled "Doing What Comes
Naturally!". There will be refreshments and a
raffle. Tickets are on sale from Liz Long
(tel.no.780448). Visitors are £10.00

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

Lent 2008

BIBLE READING MARATHON

Mon. 10th March - Sat. 15th March
in

The Chapel, Broad Chalke

**To sign up for a 15 min. reading stint,
please telephone 01722 781112**

Lent Lunch

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Saturday, 1st March

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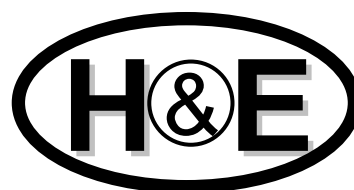
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<u>Regular Events</u>			
WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham		
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton		
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.30pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862		
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026		
Mobile Library	Alt. Thursdays (7 th & 21 st February): Recycling area, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alt. Fridays (1 st , 15 th & 29 th February): Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. and the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (20 th February)		
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871		
<u>Future Dates</u>			
8 th February	Odstock Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall (<i>see page 2</i>)		
1 st March	Lent Lunch, Longford Farmhouse (<i>see page 3</i>)		
1 st March	Table Top Sale, Bishopstone Village Hall (<i>see page 3</i>)		
10 th – 15 th March	Bible Reading Marathon, Broad Chalke Chapel (<i>see page 3</i>)		
14 th /15 June 2008	Bowerchalke Flower Festival, Open Gardens, Teas		
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The deadline for News and Notes articles is 18th of each month.			

Being a School Governor

(see notice from Odstock Primary School on page 3)

How do Governors help Schools and Children?

School Governors are people who wish to make a contribution to children's education. Governors are volunteers who spend about 6 hours per term attending meetings and working to further the school's development.

Will I receive training?

Governors receive a nationally designed induction programme about their roles and responsibilities. Free training is offered by the local authority for a range of areas of governance.

What do Governors do?

Together with the Head Teacher they set the direction for the school and decide how the school's budget will be spent. Governing bodies make decisions collectively on matters such as performance management, school policies and the school development plan.

What people have to say about School Governors:-

"Governors have a real job to do and its interesting, challenging and rewarding" - *School Governor*

"It's a tough job, but I've received lots of support and it's worth it" - *Parent Governor*

"Governors can and do make a difference to children's futures" - *Primary Head Teacher*

"Governors are the bridge between the school and the community" - *Community Governor*

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