



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock February 2009

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Chalke Talk

Angela Moules

Many readers will already know that Angela Moules, a long time resident of Bodenham and Odstock, died on Christmas Day 2008. We do not usually have obituaries on our front page but Angela deserves a special place here for all the work she did for News and Notes. As far as I can establish, Angela edited News and Notes for about 17 years, before my predecessor Clare Penny took over, and, I believe, it was Angela who was the founding editor of N&N in its current form starting with edition No. 1 in May 1976.

I've had an opportunity to look back at quite a number of the issues of N&N produced during Angela's editorial reign and her wide-ranging interests, not least in local activities, are very evident. Indeed, at her funeral, the eulogy delivered by Gill Smedley began with the words "Angela was quite a character! Most of us will have particular memories of her. Maybe we enjoyed her letters, her cooking, her painted cards or photos, for she had so many talents. She had lots of stories and her interests were wide. Her life touched many and she had lots of friends."

Later in that eulogy, we heard that "Angela adored quizzes and crosswords, often spending days hunting for answers to a fiendish clue, and persuading others to rack their brains. Then of course there were the notorious nude WI Calendar girls - Angela was most keen to take part, which she did with a characteristic twinkle in her eye! She certainly wasn't shy!" Clearly all these attributes contributed to her expertise as an editor!

Our condolences and good wishes go to Grizelda, Angela's daughter, and Octavia, her granddaughter. (Ed.)

Church of England Services

Sunday, 1 st Feb Candlemas	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion Fam. Service + Baptism Parish Communion Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT AW JT AW
Sunday, 8 th Feb 3 rd before Lent	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW/DH AW
Sunday, 15 th Feb 2 nd before Lent	9.30am 9.30am	Family Communion Parish Communion	Homington Nunton	JT AW
Sunday, 22 nd Feb Next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 1 st March 1 st of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AW AW/DH ACFT DH

The services in bold print will include David Henley's Lent Sermon.

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor
ACFT = Adrian Taylor

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

WI

Julia Joynt

The meeting at the Radnor Hall was taken by Vice President, Pam Trubshaw, as Sue Bourne is in Australia. A short silence was kept as we remembered Angela Moules who died on Christmas Day and had been a member of this WI for fifty three years. She had remained a very active member and certainly "the most published" of all of us, contributing stories, poems, recipes and photographs to the Wiltshire News on numerous occasions.

Barbara Stevens was thanked for her flowers for the President's table and the business meeting continued with plans and reports of skittles and scrabble matches, theatre visits and the successful new walking and book groups. There was also some discussion on some interesting future events, including the Denman College Wiltshire weekend and a "Legal London" day when we would get to visit the Inns of Court and the Old Bailey.

We were going to have a talk by Pippa Warley on her bicycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats, in aid of Riding for the Disabled, which she and her son Oliver achieved last year. Sadly she was ill with the 'flu so we entertained ourselves, first with a very good quiz and then with an extended coffee break. Everyone was handed a card with one half of a pair of words (like pepper and salt) and were encouraged to find the other half. Coffee was served in the committee room which allowed plenty of space for moving around and the opportunity to admire the new social/children's play area through the new French window. It seemed to be much enjoyed by all and we got to know each other a lot better, and, we still have Pippa's talk to look forward to!

The next meeting will be at the Radnor Hall on Monday, 9th February at 10.00 when there will be a talk on the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

St Andrew's, Nunton

*Margaret Morgan and Adrian Taylor
Churchwardens, St Andrews, Nunton*

In our PCC meetings, we have been considering ways in which we might enhance the facilities provided by St Andrew's, Nunton. We are conscious that the church is very attractive, both inside and out, and we do not want to embark on anything that does not, at least, maintain its current appeal. Nor do we wish to make changes without having general support from the wider community.

Our motive in seeking change springs from a number of aims. First, we would like to improve wheelchair access. At present, it is very

awkward to bring wheelchairs into church and then position them suitably for a service. Next, we would like to have an area within the church where people sometimes could gather after a service, perhaps with coffee or even a glass of wine. Those who came to the splendid Harvest Thanksgiving service this year will recognise that we would have been well served by a clear area where we could have stood and talked to each other. Then, we would like to have some space for a table to display books and other materials connected with our faith and the life of the church.

Having considered various possibilities and, taking account of practical considerations, we have concluded that the most effective way of achieving our aims is by the removal of the pews in the south aisle. These are the pews to the far right, as you stand in the main aisle looking towards the altar. This would mean removing both the pews and the platform they stand on and repositioning the central heating pipes which currently run under and through the pews. We would replace the floor, probably with wood to match other areas of the church, although we would also consider the possibility of a stone floor.

For the vast majority of services, the pews in the main body of the church would be sufficient to seat the congregation even when we achieve another of our aims which is to increase the numbers worshipping! However, we would also plan to acquire some suitable attractive chairs, which could be put in the south aisle when more seats were needed and then stacked neatly away when not required.

In addition to achieving our primary aims, we feel that the interior of the church would be enhanced aesthetically by the creation of some open space and we are aware that other churches have made similar changes to very good effect.

Needless to say, the proposed changes would come at some cost. Our intention is to address this aspect when and if we are satisfied that the plans are generally welcomed.

We would welcome any questions and comments on our proposals and would be happy to arrange to meet people at the church to explain our ideas further "on location".

Please feel free to ring either of the churchwardens:

Margaret Morgan (01722 338868)
Adrian Taylor (01722 325862),
send a note to Florida, Nunton Drove
or an email to acft@tesco.net.

The Organ at Charlton All Saints

An open letter from Denis Blake

Dear All of You,
So many wonderfully generous people in Charlton, Nunton, Britford, Bodenham and places far further afield gave money for the rebuilding of our organ that it is only fair that you should be told how your money is being spent.

Peter Munro, organ builder of Devizes, is doing a brilliant job and he hopes to be finished sometime in the middle of February. The clergy are going ahead on the assumption that the 4th Sunday in February will see Charlton's first service for months.

However, the two things I wanted to say, as well as "Thank you" is that a display of photographs of the work in progress will be found on the notice board under the Lych Gate of Charlton All Saints church and that we are planning on having a grand Celebratory Concert in the church at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 28th June, 2009. Admission will be free and there will be wine and nibbles - and a retiring collection because we could still do with another couple of hundred quid. Any kind offers? We are inviting all the great organists we have in this area and we also hope to use a few home-made musicians such as a cathedral chorister, an elderly trumpeter (d.v.) and other ideas that occur from time to time!

Do come and look at our display of pix - it will include one of Peter Munro himself - and make a note of the above date and time for the Concert of a Lifetime. No one alive today has ever heard Charlton's organ in the musical voice which it will soon have. God bless you all.

COFFEE MORNING

at

LODGE FARMHOUSE, BROAD CHALKE

on

Saturday, 14TH February, 10am – 12noon

TEA – COFFEE – BISCUITS – CAKES

RAFFLE - CAKE STALL

Why not get together with your friends and come as a "car load"!!

Our daughter and son-in-law (Hannah and Stephane) are travelling to Croatia in April as part of a mission team who will be working alongside established and emerging churches in Croatia. This is a project very close to their hearts and we hope that you will find it possible to help support them in this in a small way.

Janet and Michael Roe

Lynn McNicol

Denis Blake

The departure of Lynn and the closure of her shop and post office has robbed hundreds of us of a real friend and incredibly willing helper as well as being the soul of discretion. Being the Post Mistress of Bodenham she had a huge responsibility which she discharged brilliantly. Her memory for the individual needs, idiosyncracies and foibles of her customers was incredible; she never seemed to need prompting. Talking of which reminds me that she was a keen and willing supporter and helper of anything that went on in the Radnor Hall, from appearing on stage to manning the bar. There were several of us in her "Monday Club", the group of us whose Old Age Pension cheques were cashable on Mondays and she never forgot to separate Housekeeping from Pocket Money in my case and would gladly "make sense" not only of pocket-loads of small change but would even total up and balance the Piggy Bank of coppers and 5p pieces which one occasionally thrust at her while making pathetically helpless noises!

All in all, I reckon she was a treasure and we are all of us the sadder and less well served for her departure. We wish her all the very best in her new life and record our deep gratitude.

Carol Singing

Debby Underhill

Thank you to all who sang and all who listened to carol singing before Christmas. In Odstock, £140 was raised thanks to a full house at the Yew Tree. In Nunton the figure was £91 and thanks are especially due to those at The Orchard who provided mince pies and mulled wine which put us in good voice. The singers in Bodenham bravely ventured forth and raised £36. All the funds went to *The Children's Society* and when the Carol Service collection was added, the total amount given was £507.

Electric Blanket Testing

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service are holding a Community Information Day on **24th February 2009** at the **Guild Hall, Salisbury** where the facility to have your electric blanket tested by trading standards, free of charge, will be available.

The event is open from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, where free refreshments are available.

These events are aimed for the elderly and vulnerable members of society.

If anyone is unable to attend on the day but would like their blanket tested there is a drop-off facility at Age Concern Salisbury. Please can people ensure that the blanket is wrapped in a sealed bag with clear name, address and phone number attached.

Odstock Parish Council

The next OPC meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 11th February in the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. Members will consider alternative methods of waste disposal from within the parish and review the value of providing skips. Contact the Parish Clerk on Tel: 01794 341405 or eMail: OPC@SP5.INFO.

Chalke Valley Flower Club

We are a local club encouraging the love of flowers and flower arranging. Meetings are at Broadchalke Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm.

Do come along and try us out. For example the February 25th meeting is a flower arranging demonstration entitled "Shades of the Season" by Coral Gardiner.

For information please contact Liz Long 01722 780448.

The Greener Living Roadshow

The Greener Living Roadshow, run by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, will have masses of free information on hand about how families and individuals can really make a difference to the planet, their pocket and future generations. It will run 10 events, two in each of the existing local authority districts.

Although the core theme of the event is climate change, the Roadshow will pull together a wide range of environmental issues that will draw in people with different interests.

The Roadshow is aimed at all members of the public, whether they have never considered their impact on the environment before or are already very green.

The Roadshow will be at the following venues, among others:

Saturday, 14th February, 10.00am – 2.00pm
Downton Memorial Hall

Saturday 14th March, 10.00am – 3.00pm
Salisbury United Reformed Church Hall
(Fisherton Street)

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Melanie Jezzard – Community Safety Advisor

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Historically, the advice given by Government and the Fire and Rescue Service to those confronted by a chip or fat pan fire in the home was to tackle and extinguish the fire themselves. The method advised was to run a tea cloth under a tap, wring it out and then place the damp tea cloth over the rim of the pan.

This issue has been debated at the CFOA National Fire Prevention Committee. Although it was recognised that some people will continue to tackle chip and fat pan fires in the home, it was felt, on balance, that the best advice should be to 'get out, stay out and call 999'. This would allow a trained firefighter, in appropriate protective clothing, to extinguish the fire more safely.

The advice now given is:

- **Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it's safe to do so. Never throw water over it.**
- **Don't tackle the fire yourself.**
- **GET OUT STAY OUT AND CALL 999**

For further information and advice visit:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk

ONB Grand Fête

Please note in your diary that this year's Fête will be held in Nunton Field on Saturday, 11th July and, as always, there will be dancing in the marquee the night before, Friday 10th July. We are pleased to report that once again we have secured the musical services of the ever popular **Peter Pod and the Peas**.

There will be another scarecrow competition during the days leading up to the Fête and the wide theme will be **"Characters from history, legend or fiction"**.

More information about the Fête will appear in future editions of News and Notes and if you are keen to be involved for the first time, please look out for contact details (or send a message through the N&N editor).

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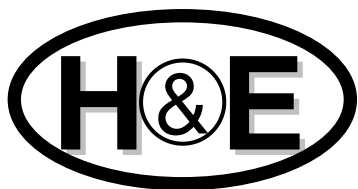
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Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (5 th & 19 th February) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (13 th & 27 th February) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (18 th February)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard

Diary Dates

28 th March	London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)
28 th June	Celebratory Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 6.30pm (see page 3)
10 th July	Dancing to Peter Pod and the Peas, Nunton Field 8.00pm (see page 5)
11 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, Nunton Field 1.30pm (see page 5)