



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock February 2010

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Coping with disruptions or disasters

Yes, the snow was very beautiful! Until my boiler went! Jolly cold it was then, smelly too from an oil leak, and my mood and countenance were suddenly less than pretty! It doesn't take much to throw us, does it? Schools shut, transport cancelled and a massive disruption to our daily life.

And then came news of the devastating earthquake in Haiti and our minds can hardly take in the horror of it. Not just disruption to everyday life, but the total collapse of everything – buildings, roads, hospitals, communications and transport infrastructure. Already one of the poorest countries in the world, Haiti is now crushed.

Emotionally, we feel numb. I met someone in the village, who said "As soon as I heard the news, I just knew I *had to do* something, so I went straight on line to make a donation" Spiritually, we all flounder – where is God in all this? Some people feel angry. How can I worship a loving God? Why do such bad things happen to such poor people? It's so unfair! There are no easy answers. When disasters happen, it is best to say little, but to pray. But – amazingly - pictures from Haiti showed Christians outside their ruined churches, singing and praising God in a way that we might never imagine! They who have so little, still have God. Maybe - just maybe? - part of our problem in dealing with disaster, is our total dependence not on God, but on other things which may prove less secure in the end. I say this, not to judge, but because I feel utterly helpless, and so utterly driven to pray.....

Alison Williams (01722 330628)

Postscript: For those unaware of the happy outcome of the Odstock Curse (see page 2 - Sarum Orchestra), there was a service of blessing and rededication of St Mary's by the Assistant Bishop in 1992. New keys were made and since then the fear of locking the church has gone. Thanks be to God!

Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 th Feb 2 nd before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	DH ACFT JT LB
Sunday, 14 th Feb Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
Sunday, 21 st Feb Lent 1	9.30am 9.30am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	KRS AW
Sunday, 28 th Feb Lent 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	CH LB AW
Sunday, 7 th Mar 2 nd 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 CH

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

Circle Dance

Clare Chitty

The fortnightly evening of Circle Dance at the Radnor Hall is a great opportunity to get your body moving, enjoy some great music from around the world, make some new friends, and even find your voice with a little singing too. This is absolutely for fun, and all are welcome, of any age or stage! The dances are introduced each time and are easy to pick up. Some circle dances are traditional folk dances, some are modern, some are reflective and some are energetic and people often find them very uplifting.

Do come along (second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7.30 - 9.30pm, £5 per session). To find out more, phone me on 01722 330871.

Whist Drive

Bernice Loader

The Barker Room Whist Drive has donated £220 to the church fund during 2009.

Inter-Village Quiz

Friday 23rd April 2010, 7.30pm

at

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

Fish and Chips Supper

Bring your own drinks

Make up a team of 4 - 6 people

£8.50 per person

For tickets please contact

Chris Clark 01725 510891

chrisec@btinternet.com

or Jenifer Withers 01725 510796

Any profits to Charlton All Saints church fund.

Zithering in the Valley

Would you like to play this charming 18th century instrument in a group we are hoping to set up in the Valley?

It is very easy to learn, especially for beginners and we have a few different kinds of zithers that we can lend out, so do come along to the first session to try out the various kinds.

An introductory meeting will be held in The Chapel, Broad Chalke on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm, taken by Michel Barbey

If you would like more information about this, please contact Janet Roe on 01725 519242 or you could just turn up to give it a go!

Lent Lunch

at Longford Farmhouse

(1st turn off the Dual Carriageway before Nunton)

on Saturday, 13th March

12noon - 2pm

Soup and Ploughman's Lunch

£6 in aid of Chalke Valley Benefice
Lent Project For the Sudan

All welcome!

Book in with Debby Underhill 01722 329769

Sarum Orchestra

"The Odstock Curse"

Salisbury Arts Centre on Saturday 6th March

When Sarum Orchestra asked their clarinettist Sarah Homer (formerly Bilbao Symphony Orchestra and 80s band "Loose Tubes"; currently Django Bates' band "Delightful Precipice" and Musical Director - Globe Theatre) to compose a piece for them, she chose to base it on the early 19th century local legend "The Odstock Curse" with its gypsies, the hanging of the innocent Joshua Scamp and the curse by the Gypsy Queen on anyone who locked the church door.

Sarah's piece tells the story through instrumentals, songs and dances performed by a fantastic line-up of musicians including percussionist Martin France (Professor of Drums - Royal Academy of Music), bass player Tim Harries ("Steeleye Span"; currently playing with Katie Melua, Brian Eno, Mike Westbrook among others), Sarah herself as the Gypsy Queen and a group of her fellow Sarum Orchestra players.

The Family Concert (3.00pm) is a great opportunity for children to be part of an afternoon of music making with some of the most brilliant musicians of today – listening, playing and singing along. Based on themes from *The Odstock Curse*, the afternoon is led by Howard Moody with his huge experience of bringing music alive for children. It will be a very exciting hour! Tickets: £5

The Evening Concert (7.30pm) brings the first full performance of *The Odstock Curse*. The concert opens with Shostakovich's deeply personal *Piano Quintet in G minor* played by Howard Moody and string quartet. Written in 1940, this work is a testimony to life under another curse - the curse of terror – albeit music full of beauty, serenity and humour. Tickets: £15.50; under 25s £5

(Alison's postscript on page 1 tells of the final happy outcome of the Odstock Curse. Ed.)

A338 and Bus Service

Julian Johnson

Last month I mentioned the road surfacing programme on the A338 southwards from Downton to the Hampshire boundary. Originally work was scheduled to start on 11th January but this has been postponed as a result of the bad weather and local opposition to the complete road closure which was being planned.

After a number of meetings with all concerned, the work on the section of the A338 between the Batten Road roundabout and the traffic lights with The Borough will start on 25th January and last 3 weeks, using temporary traffic signals during the day.

Work on the section of the A338 from The Borough southwards will be carried out at night between 7.00pm and 6.00am during late February and early March. Temporary traffic lights will be operating whilst work is in progress but the road will be clear during daylight hours. This should avoid the risk of traffic diverting onto the minor roads in the Forest.

Users of the local Pulseline bus may be aware that this service is being withdrawn by Wilts & Dorset. Mid February was the original date but this has now been put back until 21st March.

Needless to say there was a great deal of resistance to the withdrawal of our local bus but a new service No 44 will now replace it. This service will run at one and a half hour intervals against Pulseline's hourly service, but at least this is better than having no public transport connecting the villages with the hospital and city centre. I have seen the draft timetable but will give details next month when timings are finalised.

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Thanks from Anna Metcalfe

Maggie Metcalfe

We just wanted to say a big thank you to the Elcocks for organising the African evening at the Radnor Hall and a huge thank you from Anna for everyone's great generosity. Over £230 was given to the charities Anna had worked with in Uganda, and this will go directly to the projects concerned. It will be shared between the Spring of Hope disabled children's work, the local school and the maternal and child health projects. It was incredibly kind of everyone and we were bowled over by their kindness. Many, many thanks.

(Thanks to Anna, Sherwood & Steph from those who went to their splendid African evening! Ed.)

Chalke Valley Flower Club

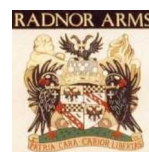
Liz Long 01722 780448

Carole Norman is coming to Broadchalke Village Hall on 24th February to present her flower arranging show titled "A Seed Was Sown". The evening starts at 7.30pm and it costs only £5 for guests. We hope you can come.

There will be events happening right through to November and much to be enjoyed, whether you are a regular club member, someone who wants to dip in whenever something appeals to you or somebody looking for a new interest. A warm welcome awaits you at our local friendly and very sociable club. So if this is the year when you have promised to get out more you must put our club on your list. We look forward to seeing you soon.

If you would like any more information then please do phone.

RADNOR ARMS



2nd Feb - Steak Night

Rump or sirloin - £9.95

(Local meat, Clarke's of Sixpenny Handley)

25th Feb - Game Night

Four courses - £18.95

(Local venison)

26th Feb - Cocktail Night

Cocktails and Canapés

Black tie

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Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team

NPT Priorities

Some of our local policing priorities for the current period are:

Speeding

Local officers are carrying out regular speed enforcement checks at identified problem areas across the Downton policing area, with the support of Roads Policing Unit and Camera Safety Partnership. NPT officers are continuing to support the ongoing 'Community Speed Watch' trial which is operating in Woodfalls.

Introduction of regular Police 'Surgeries'

We have now established regular weekly Police surgeries in Coombe Bissett and Woodfalls.

A member of the Downton Policing team will be available at these locations, please call in to report any incidents, discuss local problems, or simply have a chat with local Police.

Coombe Bissett

Wednesdays 11am-12am at Coombe Bissett Church as part of existing coffee mornings.

Woodfalls

Mondays 9am-10am at Woodfalls Post Office – The Ridge

A similar weekly Police Surgery will shortly commence at Downton Library, timings will be well publicised once finalised.

Staffing Update

Our Community Support Officer, Mark BRAND will shortly return to work following illness.

Mark will initially work restricted duties as part of his recuperation but his return will bring our NPT back to full staffing.

Could you help us?

We are currently recruiting Special Constables and volunteers. For more information about the Special Constabulary or Police volunteer roles, please take a look at our Wiltshire Police website or contact Mike ATHIENITES on ext 720 4831.

Contact us

To report a crime, or incident requiring police attendance, phone Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000. In an emergency, always phone 999. You can also email Downton NPT with non-urgent enquiries to downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch crime bulletin - January 2010

The list below gives a summary of recent local crimes, organised by Parish. It is not possible to list all crimes due to confidentiality issues (eg violent crime, domestic disputes etc).

This list covers 01/12/09- 31/12/09

Britford

Total of 11 reported crimes at Salisbury District Hospital complex.

12/12/09 – Burglary – High Road, Britford – offenders forced entry to sheds at 2 addresses – nothing stolen

Odstock

24/12/09 – Burglary – Odstock Rd, Odstock – forced entry via front door of flat and stole laptop, TV and cash.

This bulletin is designed to give an overview of recent local crimes, updates and information on the work of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team and useful crime prevention advice. You can access more information via the following websites –

Wiltshire Police website – local policing information/ online crime reporting/ news and appeals - www.wiltshire.police.uk

Home Office crime reduction website – lots of useful crime prevention advice - www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk

Fraud Alert website – useful advice re fraud (internet/ lottery etc) - www.met.police.uk/fraudalert

Police FAQ – answers to many frequently asked Police questions – www.askthe.police.uk

Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch website - www.nhw-wilts.org.uk

Immobilise – Register your mobile phone for free. Improve your chances of getting it back if it is lost or stolen, and help reduce mobile phone crime - www.immobilise.com

Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club

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Chairman: Roger Stockton. (01722 780866)

Treasurer: Sue Gooden (01722 780596)

**7.30 pm - Monday 15th February
Coombe Bissett Village Hall**

**“Charles Darwin’s Famous Plants”
Caradoc Doy**

This talk has been prepared to mark the bi-centenary of Charles Darwin’s birth in 2009. On 27th December 1831 the *Beagle* set sail from Plymouth on what was to be one of the most important scientific voyages of the century. Charles Darwin (1809-1882), was to discover many new and important plants during this voyage (1831-1836) and this talk illustrates some of his most interesting stories and botanical finds.

All welcome from 7.15 pm for Tea/Coffee (Visitors and Guests £2.00)

Waste Disposal

Wiltshire Council Press Release

Your chance to have your say

Wiltshire Council is now responsible for collecting and disposing of household rubbish. Before the unitary council came into being on 1st April 2009, rubbish was collected by the four former district councils and the then county council disposed of it.

The move from five councils to one means the service is different across Wiltshire and needs to be standardised to ensure everyone has the same efficient, high quality service.

The council is facing tough recycling targets and the cost of landfill is due to double. Currently landfill costs are between £40 and £72 per ton - £4.4 million. This will go up to £8 million in three years. The amount going to landfill has been reduced 90,000 tons each year. A 40 per cent recycling rate has been achieved and the target is 45% recycling by 2015 and 50% by 2020.

Currently, the differing services, their costs and recycling rates are:

North - Household rubbish collected weekly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per property is £117.25. Recycling rate is 28%.

South - Household rubbish collected weekly, recycling (including plastic and cardboard) fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per property is £136.06. Recycling rate is 35%.

East - Household rubbish collected fortnightly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per household is £97.97. Recycling rate is 45%.

West - Household rubbish collected fortnightly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (not charged) - average collection and disposal cost per household is £115.51. Recycling rate is 45%.

The council wants to ensure everyone has the chance to comment on the proposals and to know the full facts and figures. All the options and costs are being publicised and people asked to let us know their preferred option. The consultation starts at the end of January and runs until the end of April.

It includes:

- Displays at area board meetings from 2nd February to April.
- Roadshows in Chippenham, Trowbridge, Devizes and Salisbury – dates tbc.
- Feedback through Your Wiltshire magazine.
- Online at www.recycleforwiltshire.com

- Questionnaires at area board meetings, in libraries and council offices.

The options are:

1: Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + garden waste charges

- Annual average cost per household - £123 (collection and disposal)
- Expect to recycle - 43%

2: Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard + garden waste charges

- Annual average cost per household - £131 (collection and disposal)
- Expect to recycle - 44%

3: Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard + weekly collection of food waste + garden waste charges

- Annual average cost per household - £148 (collection and disposal)
- Expect to recycle - 54%

For further information contact the Wiltshire Council communications team on 01225 713115/713116 or 01225 713664

St Martin's Church, Fifield Bavant Restoration Appeal Launched

At the annual Christmas Eve communion service at St Martin's church, Fifield Bavant, appeal chairman William Hillary announced the launch of an exciting restoration appeal project for St Martins.

The appeal follows the Quinquennial (five yearly) report and subsequent clearance from the PCC for an extensive internal and external restoration.

St. Martins, the 13th century parish church of Fifield Bavant and the second smallest in England in regular use, is positioned in the centre of the Chalke Valley between Broadchalke and Ebbesbourne Wake. The church is much loved by locals and visitors alike and is in desperate need of restoration. The appeal target has been set at £75,000.

An open meeting will take place in the church on Wednesday March 10th at 6.30pm when all will be welcome to have a say or put forward a point of view. There will be regular announcements in the local press with details of fund raising events, and progress reports.

If you would like to get involved in any way or would like any further information or an appeal brochure, please ring William Hillary on (01722) 780271 or 417900 or alternatively Andrew Reis on (01722) 780257 or 780600

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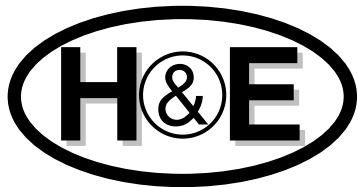
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Stray Cat

Pretty, cream/white cat found in the Nunton Drove area.

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editor@newsandnotes.co.uk

or phone 01722 326802.

Thanks.

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.), 7.00pm, 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 (4 th and 18 th February) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (12 th and 26 th February) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (17 th February)
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

3 rd February	Britford Parish Council Meeting
3 rd February	Princess & the Pea, Trafalgar School Downton (<i>see above</i>)
10 th February	Odstock Parish Council Meeting, Barker Room, 7.30pm (open to the public)
15 th February	Coombe Bissett and Homington Garden Club (<i>see page 4</i>)
24 th February	Chalke Valley Flower Club (<i>see page 3</i>)
6 th March	Sarum Orchestra, The Odstock Curse, Salisbury Arts Centre (<i>see page 2</i>)
13 th March	Lent Lunch, Longford Farmhouse, 12noon - 2.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
23 rd April	Inter Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)