



News and Notes

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

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Becoming what we are meant to be....Alive, smiling and useful!

A little girl was overheard praying : "Please God, make the bad people good and the good people nice"! I think we understand her complaint! Apparently Mother Teresa of Calcutta required her sisters of charity to be people who *smiled*. They were to show that they really enjoyed life and were happy in their vocation; in other words, people who were, in St Irenaeus' words "*fully alive*".

In Epiphany, we remember the wise men who brought their gifts and worship to the Christ-child (and Jesus was probably a toddler by the time they arrived!) Then they went back to their own country, with empty hands, ready to share the good news about their King, ready to serve him. So Epiphany is traditionally the time of the year when we remember the Mission of the Church. We are to make Christ visible to the world. And we look at the gifts God has given us, the talents we have to develop and use as God's people in his world. Surely, we are to be smiling and happy as we serve our King! We are to be fully alive, joyful and useful.

God doesn't have seconds!

But first, let us take delight in our individuality. It is obvious, but we so easily forget that we are all different! If you come to a meal at my house, you will see that my wine glasses are hand made, each slightly different. Although I paid less for them because they are 'seconds', I actually love the fact they are all slightly different. Thankfully, God doesn't make seconds! We are each unique and special, with God-given gifts and personality to express our individuality and to use to God's glory. What a wonderful reminder at the start of a New Year!

May I wish you all a Very Happy New Year! Alison Williams

Church of England Services

Sunday, 4 th Jan. Christmas 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AW AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 11 th Jan. Epiphany 1	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Odstock Coombe Bissett	DH AW
Sunday, 18 th Jan. Epiphany 2	9.30am 9.30am	Family Communion Parish Communion	Homington Nunton	KRS CH
Sunday, 25 th Jan. Epiphany 3	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett	CH CH
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

AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, KRS = Kate Rosslyn Smith
DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, ACFT = Adrian Taylor,
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

N.B. The services in bold print will include Alison William's Epiphany sermon.

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Chalke Talk

Radnor Hall Players

Hazel Docherty

Another Christmas and another performance from the Radnor Hall Players. Could they possibly live up to their reputation? Cinderella again?

Well, as it turned out, not only Cinderella but something rather more complicated and exotic as well. Attempts to take over the world, at least the world of Pantoland, by Abanazar the nearly terrifying wizard ably played by Harry Joynt, were not helped by the Spirit of his ring, the upbeat Debby Underhill. Another contender for the take-over was the green-faced Wicked Witch hindered by her cheerful but wonderfully incompetent assistant Wiggle. The plot with power-mad pair ran side by side with an exquisitely pretty Cinderella with a glorious voice downtrodden by her outrageously ugly sisters and desperately trying to marry Prince Charming. As is the way with Pantomimes, in the end to our great relief all was well. Even Buttons, who had lost Cinderella to the Prince, did not seem too sorry to end up with both Ugly Sisters. Robin Hood appeared from time to time to confuse us all and to add to the plot. This year it was very nice to see new faces hidden behind masks and glorious make up; Annabel Lawson from Britford quite unrecognisable as the Wicked Witch and Caroline McGuiness from Nunton as Wiggle who played the Witch's engaging son. The show, ably directed once again by Geoff Adair, elicited many laughs and a great deal of fun was had by both audience and cast.

Following the Pantomime was an excellent Cabaret masterminded by Nick Stanger. We were treated to a great variety of song, dance, sketch and monologue and a rousing conclusion to the evening with everyone singing 'We're frying tonight'. As with the Pantomime there were newcomers also to the Cabaret – Ollie Metcalfe from Bodenham and Hayley Thornton from Odstock. Between acts the audience were served a most delicious dinner and there was the opportunity to win many prizes in the fine raffle, the former masterminded (again!) impeccably by Shel Martin and the latter organised by Keith and Barbara Bradford.

So many people helped in so many ways – costumes, sets, ticket selling, making puddings, serving dinner, props, make-up, cleaning, constructing and dismantling the set, lights..... one could go on and on. This community effort is what makes this such an enjoyable, vibrant and cheerful event. Long may it continue!

Radnor Hall News

Harry Joynt

New Project

Ground to the rear and the west end of the hall has been cleared and levelled so as to extend the driveway and parking area towards the front end and to reposition the recycling bins. The section towards the rear has been developed as an outside social and play area. It is contained within a new picket fence, can be accessed from a new patio door at the back of the committee room, has been turfed and will be provided before opening next spring with table-and-bench units, children's swings and a slide.

The project has been funded by the Big Lottery Awards for All Scheme, Surplus "R2" money released by Britford, a generous local benefactor and contributions from the Longford Estate and Odstock Parish Council.

Pantomime and Cabaret 27th to 29th November

Many thanks not only to all those who took part and/or helped in so many ways, but also to our splendid audiences who gave us such rousing receptions. Hazel Docherty has kindly reported elsewhere in this issue. I estimate that the profit will turn out to be some £1,750, a record. This goes towards our ongoing programme of improvements and additions to the Radnor Hall, which is a registered charity.

Forthcoming event, through Rural Arts Wiltshire

Make a date in your diary for Saturday 28th March evening when we have booked a performance by the "London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra". The LPSO are a multi-instrumental/ vocal four piece comedy show band, where "skiffle" means "anything goes". We know that Rural Arts Wiltshire always offer performances of a high standard.

Caretakers

We congratulate Daniel and Rowena on the recent birth of their daughter, Summer.

Radnor Hall Players Archive

An archive of productions by the Radnor Hall Players is being compiled. Please contact me (*see Editor's details on page 1*), if you have programmes for any of the pre 1999 shows or the 2002 production of Robinson Crusoe. Many thanks.

Whist Drives

£320 has been donated to the church during 2008 from proceeds of the weekly Barker Room Whist Drives. Sincere thanks to everyone who plays or contributes a raffle prize at Christmas.

WI Christmas Meeting

Anna Treseder

The Radnor Hall saw a lively group of members at the very well attended Christmas Meeting on 8th December. Sue Bourne, President, welcomed everyone including a founder member, guests and a new member. Sadly, Angela Moules has retired owing to ill health.

Sue opened the meeting by conducting the day's business, assisted by Jean Van Hagen (Secretary), Sheila May (Treasurer) and Pam Trubshaw (Events Co-ordinator), followed by reports from the organisers of our interest groups, Scrabble, Skittles, Theatre, Walking and Reading. Sue thanked Diane Waite for the beautiful flower arrangement, a block of red and white roses; and Isobel Stone and Margaret Moody for organising the splendid raffle, and Jill Bulpitt, Louise Jeffreys and Anne Waight for manning the Bring and Buy table. There are to be some interesting outings in the new year including a trip to Derbyshire, a visit to explore Legal London, Wiltshire Weekend at Denman College, Not Strictly Dancing in Devizes, the local WI 90th Birthday Party and trips to Iceland and Austria.

After the coffee break, we were entertained by a most professional production of "Desert Island Discs", brainchild of Doreen Osmond. It was introduced by Gill Dodd and Jill Johnson acted as presenter, interviewing Julia Joynt about her very interesting life in India, Australia, Holland and various places in UK including a village called "Ugley" in East Anglia!, starting her association with Nunton in 1954. We all enjoyed her musical choices which linked in with her training in OT and her interest in music, opera, art and drama. Joyce Babbs gave the vote of thanks on behalf of a very appreciative audience.

The next item on the agenda was to enjoy delicious home-made mince pies, sausage rolls, mulled wine and friendly conversation.

The festivities continued on 11th December when thirty two members gathered for Christmas lunch at the Rose and Crown in Harnham. Suzie Appleford had arranged a delicious meal and Sue thanked her very much on behalf of everyone who attended.

The next meeting will take place in the Radnor Hall on Monday, 12th January with a talk from our favourite Pippa Warley about her 1,000 mile, 10-day charity cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

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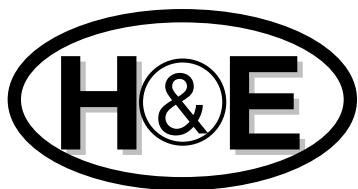
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