



# News and Notes

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

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## News & Notes

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## Happy New Year

So you've got a nice new diary for 2010 with loads of blank dates and you're finalising your New Year's resolutions. Some resolutions will require a bit of planning to make sure they happen, and filling some of those dates in your diary will help. I expect most readers will have "Write a front page article for News and Notes" pretty high on their list. To make sure yours doesn't clash with someone else's, please get in touch so we can agree in which month it will appear. Then you'll be able to make that diary entry and all will be well. One great advantage in getting this done will be that you'll help to reduce the number of times you'll have to put up with a front page article from the editor!

Based on past experience, you'll be expecting me at this stage to suggest that another New Year's resolution should be something like "Go to church" if you don't already go, "Go to church more often" if you go occasionally or "Take someone else to church" if you already go regularly. But don't worry. I shan't do that this time. I'll leave such thoughts entirely up to you.

I'll just finish by saying once again a huge thank you to all those who help with the production, collation, distribution, proof reading and "treasuring" of News and Notes. They all act voluntarily, and unpaid, enabling us all to enjoy our regular fix of local news, details of events and ads.

A very Happy New Year to all News and Notes helpers and readers!

*Editor*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Christmas 2	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 <sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 1	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 2	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW CH
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW LB AW
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan Epiphany 4	10.00am	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	CH
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	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

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

## **WI**

*Julia Joynt*

A large gathering of WI members and some visitors congregated at the Radnor Hall for the Christmas meeting. Sue Bourne welcomed everybody, and gave us the news that Mrs Lovesey, a founder member, had died at the grand old age of 97. Anne Waight was thanked for her unusual and Christmassy flower arrangement.

The business meeting was conducted rapidly as other things like bring and buy, bookstall and raffle beckoned, as did the mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. Our finances are healthy, partly due to the generosity of the Fête Committee who gave a handsome cheque (which goes towards the two bursaries to Denman College), in spite of the fact that we had not done so well on our three stalls at the Fête this year.

We then broke for coffee and some chatter and spent some money on the well stocked stalls.

After the break we were entertained with a carol selection, and made to sing for our supper, by the Ashburton Handbell Ringers. They gave a brief history of handbell ringing which has been practised in this country for many centuries and reached its height in Victorian times when ambitious concerts were given, playing selections from operetta, oratorio as well as popular songs of the time. After the First World War the art almost disappeared until a society was formed in the late 1960s. The Ashburton Handbell Ringers have upgraded to a three octave set of Malmark Handbells with the money donated by the National Lottery. The sound is both bright and mellow and very easy to listen to. They were thanked by Sue Amey.

The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> January, and the talk will be "Are you Legally Prepared?". Speaker Mrs Ann Orr.

## **Britford Parish Council**

*Bryan Rycroft, Parish Clerk*

Britford Parish Council met on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 when the following subjects were discussed,:

- The streetlamp on the High Road should be replaced after 7th December 2009.
- From the Environmental Agency's meeting on Flood Control, the parish need to check on the availability of sandbags. Will residents please tell parish councillors or the clerk about gulleys etc. that are becoming blocked.
- The Parish precept was set for next year, the same as last year at £550.

- Notices re the changes to Britford and Odstock schools are on display at Britford Bridge Farm shop, Lower Road notice board, and the gate at Britford Primary school until Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- A meeting is to be organised between Parish Councillors and staff at Wiltshire Council at Wilton to discuss ways of solving the large puddle in the Britford Park and Ride area on the A338.

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

A Happy New Year to all Britford residents.

## **Britford CE Primary School and Odstock Primary School**

*Shadow Governing Body*

*Britford C E Primary School & Odstock Primary School*

Good news. The recent consultation asking for views on the proposed amalgamation of our two local schools has been positive. 95% of respondents were in favour of the amalgamation.

As you may have seen in the press Public Notices have now been issued and it is anticipated that, once responses to the notices have been received, if all goes to plan the schools will be joining together from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

The closure of Odstock Primary School on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 is a technicality. Education will continue on both sites under a new name from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

Once the amalgamation is formally signed, some time in February 2010, the Governors will be consulting the local community about many important matters over the amalgamated school – have you thought about a name for the newly formed school? Have you any ideas for school uniform? You will hear further from the Governors later this winter as we want you to be involved in the decisions.

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

**12<sup>th</sup> January**

**We Three Kings:** The Magic in Legend and Art  
*by Ms Terri Pearson*

The development of the legend from simple beginnings to the complexity it achieved in Medieval times.

Visitors Welcome. Entrance £5.00.

*The Society meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 11.00am in St Francis Church Hall, Beatrice Road, Salisbury SP1 3PN. Contact phone number: 01722 780683.*

## **Radnor Hall Players**

*Hazel Docherty*

Oh no, another Pantomime and Revue. Lots of rehearsing, endless lines to be learnt, the making of props all over the house..... Surely it is just going to be like last time? Oh no it wasn't!, and come to think of it 'last time' was great in the end when all the lines were joined together and the scenery was up, and so it was again this time.

The Beauty Sleeping turned out to be a fine re-rendering of the well-known story with plenty of local allusions - as we have come to expect - the return of some of last year's newcomers and the debut of Paula Gribben as the Beauty herself, charmingly turned out in a fairy-tale white dress and tiara. Scenes in local castles and at Mother Droopy's House, including a bit of yodeling by both cast and audience, were interspersed with a delicious two-course dinner ably cooked by Alex Adair, helped by a troop of willing volunteers.

After pudding came the Revue which turned out to be a wonderful balance of the hilarious and delightful.

No one who was present is likely to have driven home too fast after witnessing the downfall of the Speeding Elcocks and woe betide any MP who might have been in the audience when all sang with great gusto and much hilarity 'On the First Day of Parliament my MP claimed to me 'I'm a hard working, honest MP'. As ever, the Old Brigade managed to surprise and delight with their dancing and there was singing and dancing of a very different kind from the 'Life begins at 40' brigade with their rendering of Abba. This was nicely contrasted by The Owl and the Pussy Cat which was a good antidote to the whisky-drinking gentlemen apparently never tempted by water and the double-entendres of Nick Stanger.

Geoff Adair and Nick Stanger, who respectively masterminded the Pantomime and the Revue, deserve a huge round of applause and a big thank you from cast and audience alike for once again bringing so many people together for a great evening out. As always they were ably supported by scene painters, make-up artists, prop providers, prompters and lighting technicians as well as Jenny and Comp, the new caretakers at the Radnor Hall, who were endlessly obliging.

## **Stars Appeal Thank You**

*Sybil & Nicola Tucker*

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has given us items for our monthly sales to the Hospital. This year we have raised £4,273 for the Stars Appeal Caring 4 Kids Campaign.

## **Radnor Hall News**

*Harry Joynt, Chairman Radnor Hall Committee*

As of interest we reproduce a recent news item in the Salisbury Journal:

### **"Hall's lottery boost**

THE Radnor Hall in Bodenham has been given £1,000 of lottery funding towards a new stage.

It means the hall committee has been able to order the £8,000 moveable stage, which should arrive in January.

The rest of the money came from a grant from the old Salisbury District Council, other charitable sources, car boot sales and a Christmas show.

Treasurer Brian Clake said: "We often put on shows, and hire the hall out for discos and other events. This new stage comes apart in sections and will be much more easily usable."

Lottery money also helped fund the hall's £50,000 extension, which opened in September last year, providing facilities for disabled people and a storage area. And it met half the £8,600 cost of a grassed picnic and play area, completed in April. "

As of further interest, over the last ten years we have raised a total £109,000 of which £36,000 through our own efforts - car boot sales, pantos, revues, Fête and other donations - £40,000 from the Lottery, £12,000 from Landfill and £21,000 from County, District and other grant sources. These funds have financed the Hall extension and, earlier on, the kitchen, furniture, lights and other improvements including the parking and grassed areas outside.

The Hall, of course, is now a great deal more used and this year we should be covering our increased operating costs without recourse to fund raising. The hire charging structure has recently been revised and simplified, with Britford and Charlton residents added as local users entitled to reduced rates.

The only further improvements that we have in mind at present are optional or cosmetic such as surface improvements to the driveway and parking areas, new curtains, repositioning of stage lights. If anybody has any ideas for new uses of the hall please contact any member of the management committee.

The new caretakers, Jenny and Comp Compton together with their family are well settled in. For bookings contact them on 01722 329760 or email [theradnorhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:theradnorhall@hotmail.co.uk).

Finally, we are most grateful to Hazel Docherty for her article above on the recent Panto and Revue staged by the Radnor Hall Players.

## **A338 Roadworks**

*Julian Johnson*

Last month I reported on the major road resurfacing programme on the A338 from Downton to the Hampshire boundary due to start on 18<sup>th</sup> January and lasting 4 months.

Since then there have been some changes to the schedule. The work will now start on 11<sup>th</sup> January and initially under temporary traffic signals from the Batten Road roundabout in Downton to the traffic lights at the junction with The Borough.

From Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January there will be a complete road closure from the junction with The Borough southwards to the County boundary. This closure will last for 6 weeks whilst major reconstruction of this section of the carriageway takes place. Diversion signs will be in place with through traffic routed via the A36, M27 and A31. It is envisaged local traffic will use the local road network.

Whilst the overall timetable has been reduced from upwards of 20 weeks down to 9 weeks, clearly such a prolonged road closure will impact heavily on our local minor roads and on the bus schedules during the winter period. Discussions are still taking place with the Highways Department to see if there are ways of alleviating such major disruption but these are the latest plans.

## **Poppy Appeal 2009**

*Lt Col Jeremy Metcalfe OBE QRH (01722 325825)*

Thank you for all the support given to this year's Poppy Appeal. Our village total was £910.50 which is up on last year. I am also very grateful for the support we receive from New Hall Hospital, The Radnor Arms, The Yew Tree and Odstock School.

All our efforts have been recognised by the Royal British Legion Wiltshire County Branch. The villages of Bodenham, Nunton and Odstock have just won the County prize for the greatest increase in collections over the last three years, throughout the whole County. I am indebted to all the villages including Britford and Charlton All Saints who also helped towards our collections at the Remembrance Sunday Services, and in particular to Mrs Susie Jenkins who was the Village organiser for two out of these three years.

The work of the RBL continues and is as important this year as it was when it was founded. Sadly we still have casualties of war and the RBL is able to support the families in many different ways. If you know of people who would benefit from this support then please do not hesitate to contact me or the RBL direct.

## **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

*Liz Long (01722 780448)*

We start a new year quite gently with our Annual General Meeting which includes a Pot Luck Supper. In truth that's an excuse to have a social evening around supper so that the club members can have a good chat after the holiday break. The date is 27<sup>th</sup> January starting at 7.30pm in Broadchalke Village Hall.

Then we shall start in earnest on 24<sup>th</sup> February with a flower demonstration evening by Carole Norman. More details in the next edition.

This new year will follow a similar pattern as before with entertaining demonstration evenings that promise to be even better than last year. We shall be mixing those with some social events too. If this is the year that you have promised yourself that you will join a club, find new friends, get a new interest or just get out more, then our club could be the place you need. Everyone is welcome and you can be just an occasional visitor or really get involved in helping to organise things. We are looking forward to greeting you.

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm

The Radnor Hall

## **Working in Africa**

Sherwood & Stephanie Elcock  
and Anna Metcalfe

**invite you to an illustrated talk about their recent experience of working in Africa.**

Sherwood & Stephanie spent a year working in a public hospital in Zululand and Anna worked for a charity in Jinja, Uganda.

Refreshments provided, no charge but a donation to YWAM (Youth with a Mission) for whom Anna was working would be welcomed.

Please Tel. the Elcocks on 01722 334398 if you would like to join us for the evening.

## **Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club**

Chairman: Roger Stockton 01722 780866  
Email: [Coombebissettgardenclub@live.com](mailto:Coombebissettgardenclub@live.com)

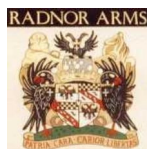
### **Annual General Meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

Coombe Bissett Village Hall  
Lunch 12.30pm

Followed by AGM and talk on  
Bees and Bee Keeping by Ian Fowler

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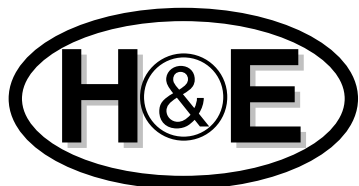
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Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> January) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> January) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (20 <sup>th</sup> January)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

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