

News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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Chalke Talk

Beating the bounds

As advertised last month, the Odstock Parish boundary was well and truly "beaten" on Saturday, 16th May. This was the day before Rogation Day which is the traditional day for this activity. From the weather point of view, this turned out to be very good timing. Around thirty folk, mostly parish residents but with a few welcome visitors, set off from Nunton and Odstock to walk the first part of the route which, after Odstock, skirted Britford, took us through Longford Park and Bodenham and brought us a field away from the end of Shelve Lane, Nunton. There we divided with around half the walkers, including those with dogs, returning to Nunton. The remainder, at varying speeds, carried on up to Clearbury, across to Great Yews, down towards Homington and back to Odstock and Nunton where most quenched their well-developed thirst at the Radnor Arms, generally agreeing what a success the day had been.

Many thanks are due to Odstock Parish Council for promoting the event and particularly their Chairman, Rod Poynting, who played a major role in the excellent organisation. We are also most grateful to Lord and Lady Radnor for allowing us to walk through Longford Park and other parts of the estate not normally accessible, which enabled us to keep pretty close to the Parish Boundary and contributed greatly to our enjoyment of the occasion. The whole walk served to remind us what lovely surroundings we enjoy.

Editor

Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 th June Trinity Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AW AW ACFT JT
Sunday, 14 th June Trinity 1	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	CH JT DB
Sunday, 21 st June Trinity 2	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Britford Homington Nunton	JT RR JT
Sunday, 28 th June Trinity 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 5 th July Trinity 4	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service/Baptism Songs of Praise	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AW JT AW AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,
RR = Revd Roger Redding, DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

WI Meeting 11th May 2009

Flizabeth Cutter

Sue Bourne, President, opened the business meeting by thanking Sandra Moody for the lovely flower arrangement of Aquilegia for the President's table. She announced the death of Joan Dickson, a former member, and thanked everyone for their sponsorship of her son who had completed the London Marathon in 2 hours 40 minutes, an excellent result, to raise money for Help for Heroes.

Val Martyn confirmed the next theatre group outing to The Importance of Being Earnest on 18th May and asked people to book for the Stage 65 production of The Wizard of Oz on 15th June. The skittles group had met for an informal game which had been great fun – the next is on 27th May. Reports from the Book Group and Walking Group followed. Unfortunately the last walk to see the bluebells in Grovely Wood had been cancelled due to rain and there would be no walk in May. Invitations from other WI groups and future County events were discussed. The Treasurer gave her report then advised members that the 2010 calendars and diaries were now available to order.

The Keep Britain Tidy clear up, due to happen on 13th May, had been postponed as the Council had beaten us to it! The President asked for donations and volunteers for the June Garden Party. As it is 65 years since the branch was formed, Gill Dodd said that The League of Fitness would provide the entertainment to remind us of 1944 – she had even managed to get volunteers to join in! The Flower of the Month competition was won by Mary Coward with a blue Veronica.

Suzie Appleford proposed three options for the Summer Outing on 15th July, Blenheim Palace, Loseley Park and a combined trip to Painshill Park and Denbies Wine Estate. Blenheim Palace was the clear winner of the vote.

After coffee Suzie Appleford presented this year's resolution 'SOS for Honey Bees'. Despite the recent government promises of an extra £10 million to fund research into all insect pollinators the resolution is still relevant as honey bees are by far the most important, pollinating around one third of all our food. Bees need urgent, well funded research into their accelerating decline in the U.K. and also concrete action by individuals, communities and local authorities to encourage their growth. Our guest Graham Rendall, a local bee expert, gave more detail on possible reasons for their decline including toxic chemicals and pesticides, diseases and viruses and the veroa mite, which has been in England since 1992. Gill Dodd thanked him for his expert knowledge. The vote to support the resolution,

which had originated in a Wiltshire WI and would be put to the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall on 3rd June, was unanimous.

The next meeting is the Summer Garden Party at Melstock on 8th June at 2.00pm – let's hope for good weather!

Charlton All Saints Organ

Denis Blake, Churchwarden

The appeal for the restoration of the organ in the church of Charlton All Saints was so successful that we have been able to go ahead and have the work done. The instrument is now in fine fettle and as you will see below we are having a Celebratory Concert on 28th June.

HOWEVER, **WE ARE £800 SHORT.** The necessary follow-up work and future maintenance demand that we raise this sum as soon as we can.

CAN ANY OF YOU OUT THERE BE SAINTS AND HELP US? If you can, please could you send a cheque, payable to Charlton All Saints P.C.C. and Gift Aided, to me, Denis Blake, at Yew Tree House, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury, SP5 4HQ, as soon as you feel able? All gifts will be personally acknowledged, I promise. God bless you all.

Charlton All Saints Concert

A Celebratory Concert to be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 28th June, in Charlton All Saints church, will specifically rejoice in the complete restoration of the organ. There will be some form of wine, soft drinks and "nibbles" in what will be a very informal evening.

The following people have already very kindly agreed to perform: Dr Richard Seal, Mr Arthur Willoughby, Miss Sheena Ross, all organists, and also Miss Rebecca Lyles (Salisbury Cathedral chorister) accompanied by a member of the Cathedral School Staff (subject to confirmation). Should circumstances permit, there will be a short contribution by Denis Blake, trumpet, accompanied by Mr Arthur Willoughby.

Everybody will be welcome and there is no charge for admission. Nor will there be anything other than the most voluntary of collections taken in the most informal way - a sort of trumpet voluntary, as it were! Do please come. The organ really does sound magnificent now thanks to the generosity of local donors and to the skill of Mr Peter Munro, organ builder, of Devizes who will be the Guest of Honour.

Minerva String Quartet

A reminder that the Minerva String Quartet are planning a Summer Concert for 18th July at the Radnor Hall starting at 7.30pm. More details next month.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête

As you may have seen, our theme for this year's Scarecrow competition is "Characters from history, legend or fiction". We suggest that scarecrows are displayed any time from Saturday, 28th June but please make sure yours is on display by Wednesday, 8th July to insure it is included in the judging.

Then, some contact details for various aspects of the Fête and related activities:

- Peter Pod (10/7) tickets from Brian Clake on 01722 340261 after 9th June.
- **Grand Draw** donation of prizes, please, to Keith Bradford (01722 329740)
- Books for the book stall may be left in the porch at St Andrew's, Nunton. Call Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862, if you need any help.
- **Bric-à-brac** to Diane Berry (01722 323648)
- Classic Vehicles enquiries Colin Blackaby (01722 329989)
- General offers of help to Keith Bradford (01722 329740).
- Raft Race enquiries and entries to Jon Packwood on 01722 329527

.....and, of course, put 1.30pm, 11th July in your diary and come to the Grand Fête!

London Marathon - Help for Heroes

William Bourne

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored me for the London Marathon. As a result of the exceptional generosity of you, my family and other friends I have managed to raise over £8,000. This money will make a huge difference helping the rehabilitation of our wounded servicemen.

For those who are interested, I have lost 1 toenail and completed the 26.2 mile in 2 hours 47 minutes - so there is still a bit of life in the old dog!

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box (01725 510758, <u>oldcharlton@btinternet.com</u>) Meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm

26th October – *Victorian Christmas* with Marion Emery

(Summer Outing and September meeting to be arranged.)

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

Come to an "Al Fresco" evening on 24th June at Broadchalke Village Hall. Starting at 7.30 pm you'll be entertained to a cookery demonstration by Sarah Whitaker. You might have seen her on Meridian TV or in local magazines. To carry on the seasonal theme Maggie Sales will amaze you with her flower arrangements. Two shows in one evening will be sure to introduce lots of good ideas and make you want to try some of the presentations yourself.

Guest tickets are £5 at the door so if you would like to come and try us out then we look forward to welcoming you. We are a very friendly local club.

BRITFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 3rd June 2009 at 7.00pm at Britford Memorial Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and we are hoping to have a speaker on the subject of speed awareness.

The Council is also pleased to announce that Mr Bryan Rycroft will be taking over the duties as Parish Clerk in early June.

BISHOP'S GARDEN PARTY CAKE STALL

Following last year's success, "The Chalke Valley Team Benefice" has again been asked to run the Cake Stall at the Bishop's Garden Party in the South Canonry, which will, this year, be held on Sunday, 14th June.

Contributions of home-made cakes and biscuits would be very gratefully received by Margaret Henley and her helpers and they can be brought to the URC Chapel in Broad Chalke between 2.00p.m.and 4.00p.m.on Friday, 12th June or on Saturday, 13th June between 10.00a.m.and 12.00noon. If you would prefer your contribution to be collected please contact Sheila Collins on 01722 780357.

Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club

Next meeting 15th June, 7.30 p.m at Coombe Bissett Village Hall Orchids and House Plants – Mrs Sue Robinson

> Please telephone Roger Stockton 01722 780866 or Email Coombebissettgardenclub@live.com for further information.

or see our Website <u>www.Coombebissett.com</u> select Clubs then Garden Club

Car Boot Sales

Sunday, 7th June at 12.00 Noon

All proceeds to Salisbury Diabetic Branch

Sunday, 28th June at 12.00 Noon All proceeds to ONB Fête

The Football Field, Nunton

Admission £5 & £7 – Traders Cars & Vans, 30p Public

Broad Chalke Charity Open Gardens

Sunday, 21st June 2009 from 2pm to 5pm

The charities we are going to support are the Chalke Valley Play School and CARE International UK. The latter charity cares for disasters throughout the world including Daufur, Burma, Zimbabwe, etc.

Everyone is very welcome to come to Broad Chalke to visit nine beautiful gardens spread throughout the village varying from large to small. Some have never been open before this year. Reception and teas will be in the Village Hall, South Street. There will be other displays, bell ringing and recitals in the Church.

The cost per adult is £3. Children under 13 are free. A map with a description of each garden will be available at the village hall reception. All gardens and places to visit will be signed as well as car parks. Car parks are available throughout the village.

Please put it in your diary and bring along friends and your family for a pleasant afternoon out.

Any queries to Ian Nason 01722 780296 or nasonig@aol.com Mount Sorrel Farm, Broad Chalke.

Linking Local Learning

You are invited to the Linking Local Learning event at the Trafalgar School at Downton on Tuesday June 30th, 2009 from 3.30 until 7.30pm.

We will be exploring and celebrating local learning for 0 to 19 year olds. Come and find out what it is like to learn in 2009, how nursery and pre-school leads to primary school, secondary school and beyond. Learning is changing all of the time. How does the babbling of a baby become the singing in the school choir? Our toddler's scribbles become the detailed drawing of a GCSE student? Those first wobbly steps become the sure-footed dancer or athlete?

We will be offering exhibitions, taster sessions and real life learning experiences for everyone.

We have linked with the local nurseries, preschools, primary schools and agencies who support children and families locally to offer a taste of school life.

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Sunday 14th June from 2pm Longbridge Field, Broad Chalke



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Crazy cow racers in competition (9)

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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.), 7.30pm, 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 (11 th & 25 th June) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (5 th and 19 th June) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (10 th June)			
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			
<u>Diary Dates</u>				
4 th June	Polling Day (see below)			
7 th June	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00noon (see page 4)			
7 th June	Woodgreen Gardens Open from 10am - 4pm, £5 tickets from the Woodgreen Community Shop			
11 th June	Italian Night, Radnor Arms 7.30 (see page 4)			
14 th June	Chalke Valley Duck Race, Longbridge Field, Broad Chalke, 2.00pm (see page 4)			
15 th June	Coombe Bisset and Homington Garden Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)			
24 th June	Chalke Valley Flower Club, Broad Chalke (see page 3)			
26 th June	Starters and Puds, Radnor Arms, 7.30 (see page 4)			
28 th June	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00noon (see page 4)			
28 th June	Celebratory Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 6.30pm (see page 2)			
30 th June	Linked Local Learning, Trafalgar School, 3.30 to 7.30pm (see page 4)			
4 th July	Charlton All Saints Barbecue, The Courtyard, 6.00pm			
10 th July	Dancing to Peter Pod and the Peas, Nunton Field 8.00pm (for tickets from 10th June - 01722 340261)			
11 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, Nunton Field 1.30pm, Raft Race 6.00pm			
18 th July	Summer Concert by the Minerva String Quartet, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm			
25 th October	Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm			
26 th October	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm (see page 3)			

More than 350 candidates to stand in elections for the new Wiltshire Council

Nominations from 357 would-be councillors have been received as *Wiltshire Council* prepares to go the polls for the very first time. **Polling takes place on 4th June.** The full list of candidates can be seen on the council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections.

At the election, voters will be electing 98 councillors for the new Wiltshire Council which came into being on 1st April. This single unitary council replaces the five former district councils and county council in Wiltshire. **Elections** to the *Salisbury City Council* and the *European Parliament* will also take place on 4th June.

The nominations for *Wiltshire Council* are made up of *BNP* (12), *Conservatives* (99), *Devizes Guardians* (4), *English Democrats – Putting England First* (5), *Green* (9), *Independents* (29), *Labour* (56), *Liberal Democrats* (95), *UKIP* (48). There are also 54 nominations for the new *Salisbury City Council* made up of *BNP* (1), *Conservatives* (11), *Green* (1), *Independents* (2), *Labour* (16), *Liberal Democrats* (23).

More than 300 polling stations will be open from 7.00am to 10pm on 4th June. The actual count will take place on the following day at four venues - City Hall, Salisbury, the Olympiad, Chippenham, Devizes Leisure Centre and the Civic Hall, Trowbridge.

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