



# News and Notes

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

March 2009

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**Chalke Talk**

## Fully Alive ...

After a wonderful 'proper' cold winter, there are now signs of spring! Daffodils are pushing up, and from my kitchen window I can see new shoots on the clematis. New life is all around. I love to see people enjoying life - children playing and laughing together; older people out walking, or just sharing a joke over a meal together. Living life to the full.

Some people think Lent is a time for giving up things, glum faces and no fun! But not so! Lent may be a time of *discipline*, but the word only means 'learning', so Lent is to help Christians learn to be spiritually more aware, more alive. We look forward to a series of Cathedral Lent talks entitled "Fully alive", given by Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe (who is *very* lively!) and inspired by words of St Irenaeus that "the glory of God is a human being fully alive". God made us for life and Jesus promised "life in all its fullness". The Bishop has invited all of us to make this year a time when we become more *fully alive* as Christians. I think this is a great idea. Do consider popping into the Cathedral for the mid-day talks, or coming to the Vicarage on Tuesday evenings to chat together over the theme\*.

*Alison Williams (01722 330628)*

PS. I am thrilled that Charlton All Saints organ is now repaired so we can hold Sunday services. Singing praises to God is a great sign of being spiritually alive!!

\* **Lent Talks** – all in the Cathedral, Wednesdays in March (4, 11, 18, 25) 1pm  
Speaker: Fr Timothy Radcliffe. Everyone is welcome – no tickets – just turn up!

\* **Discussion group**: 7.30 – 9pm Tuesdays 10, 17, 24, 31 March in the Vicarage. Everyone welcome – just turn up, join in or listen as we discuss the theme!

\* **Communion Services** each Thursday in Lent – 12.30pm in Broad Chalke Chapel – everyone is welcome.

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	9.30am <b>11.00am</b> 11.00am <b>6.00pm</b>	Parish Communion <b>Parish Communion</b> Family Service <b>Evensong (BCP)</b>	Britford <b>Coombe Bissett</b> Nunton <b>Homington</b>	AW <b>AW/DH</b> ACFT <b>DH</b>
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	CH AW DH
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Britford Homington Nunton	AW AW CH
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 5	9.00am* 11.00am	Holy Communion Benefice W/E Parish Comm.	Nunton Broad Chalke	AW DH/TS

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

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, CH = Revd Charles Hatton  
TH = Tom Stuckey, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

\* note early time

## WI

*Julia Joynt*

The President, Sue Bourne, opened the meeting, thanked Audrey Elliott for her flowers, and welcomed three new members, Norma Pratt and Ulla Whitty, also Mary Goward who has rejoined after many years.

We then held a few moments silence to remember Dorothy Darton who had died two weeks earlier, and whose bubbly enthusiasm and enjoyment of everything, (especially singing), was contagious. She will be very sadly missed.

The business meeting continued with reports on theatre, scrabble and skittles activities, and the new walking and reading groups. The financial report was satisfactory, and thanks to the Fête Committee's donation, two names for bursaries to attend a weekend course at Denman College were then drawn. A certificate, marking this Institute's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has been received from Wiltshire Federation headquarters. The winner of the flower of the month was Doreen Scott with a polyanthus.

This month's speaker, Ann Levick from the Wiltshire Air Support Unit, then gave us a most informative, and at times fairly horrifying, talk on the work done with helicopters and their highly qualified crews of aeromedics (who also have to be navigators.) She gave a short history, from the beginnings in 1925 with a fixed wing plane in Turkey, then the Flying Doctor in 1928, to the 1960s when it started in earnest in England, mainly for motorways. Wiltshire share with the police, which is advantageous in many ways. Photographs were shown of various accidents which made us realise what a truly life saving form of rescue this is, making it possible to get accident victims to hospital within the "golden hour". There was a great deal of interest shown and many questions asked. Ann Levick was thanked by Diane Crump.

The next meeting, to be held at the Radnor Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 will be the AGM.

### Lent Project Coffee Morning

*Barbara Box (01725 510758)*

As a change from Debby Underhill's lunch in aid of the Chalke Valley Lent Project, there will be a coffee morning and cake stall on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am** in the church at Charlton All Saints. All proceeds will go to the Valerie Taylor Trust. There will be short presentation given by Bertie and Daphne Woolnough after coffee.

Donations of Raffle prizes and cakes will be gratefully received.

## Odstock Parish Council

At the Odstock Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February, it was resolved to order one large skip for delivery to the Nunton Field and this will be delivered on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Items which should NOT be deposited in the community skip include Tyres, Fridges, Gas Bottles, Televisions, Chemicals, Asbestos, etc. If in any doubt, please contact SDC Environmental Services on tel: 01722 434319/434320 to obtain advice on the most appropriate methods of disposal. The recycling centre at Churchfields is open daily from 9:00am to 8:00pm.

The next scheduled Odstock PC meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the same evening starting at 7:00pm in the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. A Parish Meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. The Parish Clerk can be contacted about all parish matters, including highways issues, on tel: 01794 341405 or email: OPC@SP5.INFO.

## Britford Parish Council

Britford Parish Council will shortly have a vacancy for a **Parish Clerk**. The Council would like to hear from anyone who might wish to be involved in the local community. If you are interested in hearing further details about our small parish, please contact Angela Wheeler at [awheeler.bpc@btinternet.com](mailto:awheeler.bpc@btinternet.com) or telephone 01722 329766.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual General Meeting of

## **THE CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME**

This will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Village Hall, Bowerchalke. As a registered charity serving the communities in the Chalke Valley by the provision of voluntary care and transport services, the Scheme Members, (management, volunteers and users) are invited to attend as are members of the public who express an interest in the work of the Scheme. Members of the public who wish to attend should notify the Scheme Secretary, William Hillary, at Glebe Farm, Fifield Bavant, Salisbury SP5 5HT, Tel 01722 780271. Any nominations to seek election to the Management Committee should be submitted to reach the Secretary by Wednesday 4 March 2009.

## Nunton and Bodenham 'Gappers'

Maggie Metcalfe

Three young people from our villages have just embarked on some journeys of a lifetime, and adventures which may even rival some of Sue Bourne's!

Nathan Vyas left in January to explore around South East Asia – via New Zealand. He is in South Island NZ at the moment travelling with school friend Mike Flood in a VW camper van, trying out potential new hobbies such as sky diving. He is touring New Zealand till the end of February when he will travel to Thailand. He will be back early August.

Anna Metcalfe has gone to Uganda with a Christian Charity, Mission Direct. She will spend the first 6 weeks in Jinja and then go to a village in the south west corner of the country, supporting local projects and helping in orphanages, schools and building sites (!). She is then travelling overland from Nairobi to Victoria Falls (the Zambian side) with a friend, and then flying to Durban where she meets up with Tim Oliver. They may even call in and see the Elcocks for a bed and shower. They then plan to travel along the Garden route by bus, stopping off with friends and relations on the way. She is expecting to be away 5 months – may be back for Peter Pod and the Fête!

Oliver Warley leaves on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> for a few weeks in Bali – lucky chap. He then plans to travel through Indonesia before going to Singapore, Thailand and other countries in South East Asia. He is away until the end of May.

We wish them all well, safe travelling, and we look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return.

## **Inter-Village Quiz**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009

at

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## **Is this how children view many of our services?**

There are other ways of doing church which are perhaps more appealing to them. What about afternoons, comfy chairs, warm room, other young people, new songs, cartoons, games, tea...??

We would like to begin a church activity for children aged 5 – 11 in our Valley. Initially this will probably take place monthly on a Sunday at 4:00pm in Broad Chalke Chapel.

If you have children of this age, or are interested in helping, please come with your ideas and questions, to a meeting at Broad Chalke Chapel 6:30pm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Please telephone Bill Stacey on 01722 780607 with any queries in the meantime.

## **Message from Empangeni**

*Sherwood and Stephanie Elcock*

As many of you will know at the end of last summer we abandoned the NHS to take up work in a public hospital in South Africa in a town not dissimilar in size to Salisbury, but our workload is somewhat different.

In theatre, Steph sees a large amount of trauma, resulting from either inter-personal violence or accidents which takes up the majority of operating theatre time. It is not unusual for the hospital to treat several gunshot or stab wounds in a single day. There is no spare capacity for non-urgent elective work such as hip replacement surgery. In Family Medicine my work is dominated by managing patients suffering from the twin epidemics of HIV/AIDS and TB.

The Family Medicine department is newly built, air-conditioned and would be a pleasure to work in where it not hopelessly overcrowded most of the time. There are plenty of locally trained nurses but nowhere near enough doctors. Most of the South African doctors are very junior, few senior South African doctors are willing to work in the public health service and the service is very dependent on individuals like us who are prepared to live and work here.

The structure of health care is broadly similar to the NHS. A patient normally consults their GP or local clinic initially, but in an emergency goes straight to the hospital casualty department. The GPs work only in the towns and are all private and of very variable quality; there is no mandatory training for doctors wishing to enter general practice. The Health Clinics are government run and free but only able to offer a very basic service. Patients with more complex needs are referred to the Family Medicine department which provides most of the services for which you would consult your GP in the UK as well as care for HIV/AIDS and TB. Patients referred to the hospital pay a one-off fee of between 20 and 65 Rand (£1.50 - £5.00) depending on their ability to pay. A small fee for those in work but a very significant charge if your weekly pension is only just over 100 Rand. Emergency care is free but if your problem is considered non-urgent you will be referred to be seen in Family Medicine the following day.

There are no appointment times for hospital clinics, patients turn up and wait to be seen. At 7.30am there are usually 20 to 30 patients waiting for Family Medicine, by midday there are often 50 - 60 patients crowded into the department. With no air conditioning in the waiting area and the temperature last week in the high 30s the waiting can be an ordeal,

especially if you are unwell, but patients rarely complain. Patients who arrive after 1pm are sent to casualty where those with urgent problems will be seen, the rest will have to wait until the following day, many patients choose to sleep overnight in the waiting areas. Clinics should finish by 4pm but Sherwood rarely leaves much before 5pm.

Sadly, the majority of the very unwell are relatively young patients with HIV/AIDS and TB in their 30s and 40s. The older patients suffer from the usual conditions familiar to GPs in the NHS but are generally healthier than their children. A distressing scenario that Sherwood sees every day is an older parent accompanying their seriously ill adult children in the clinic, often having already lost several other children to the disease. It is difficult to exaggerate the impact of this disease on the community. In KwaZulu Natal 30 – 40% of young people are HIV positive and, although the disease can now be managed, there is no cure. These individuals face a shortened and unproductive life, at huge cost to the health service and the wider economy.

Despite all these problems, we are glad we came here; the work is challenging but immensely rewarding. The patients we manage are often wonderful characters, especially the older generation and highly appreciative of the care we can offer. We feel we are making a real contribution to the health care of a deprived community. Personal security is a concern but neither of us has felt seriously threatened and we have enjoyed exploring the local area with its many tourist destinations.

However 12 months will be more than enough and we are already looking forward to returning to our home in Nunton.

*(Many thanks to Sherwood and Steph for this. If you like to read more and see some pictures, visit <http://stephnsherwood.blogspot.com>)*

## **Charlton All Saints Garden Society**

*Barbara Box (01725 510758, [oldcharlton@btinternet.com](mailto:oldcharlton@btinternet.com))*

Meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm

**20<sup>th</sup> April** – AGM, *Unusual Perennials* with Bryan Madders

**18<sup>th</sup> May** – *What Gardens Mean in China* and a brief introduction to the Federation of Horticultural Societies

**26<sup>th</sup> October** – *Victorian Christmas* with Marion Emery

Summer Outing and September meeting to be arranged.

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

Next meeting Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 p.m. At Coombe Bissett Village Hall. Clematis – Types and Pruning – Mr Marcus Dancer. Please telephone Roger Stockton 780866 or Email [annhewlett@hotmail.com](mailto:annhewlett@hotmail.com) for further information.

### **Hale and Woodgreen Horticultural Society**

The Annual Plant Sale will be held at Woodgreen Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30 pm. There'll be a great choice of shrubs, perennials, alpines, etc. from professional nurseries & locally grown plants.

Refreshments available & Entrance Free.

### **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

Liz Long (01722 780448)

The Annual General Meeting of the club was very well attended on 28<sup>th</sup> January with over 40 enthusiastic members showing their support. Reports showed that it had been a successful past year with a good quality of activities taking place. The Committee were eager to encourage new members to become involved in sharing the work of running the club so that fresh ideas would bring healthy change.

To celebrate both the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and the 50<sup>th</sup> year of NAFAS a gift of a gold pen was made to all members present.

Afterwards we were carried off to the 1950s by Trisha Lewis with her one-woman show Keep Young and Beautiful. The show certainly lived up to the rave reports from all over the local area. Trisha was so good at imagining the 50s with her stories and anecdotes that we had a really funny evening's entertainment.

Our next event is on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> with a demonstration by Dodie Stevens called "Castles in the Air". As usual it is at Broad Chalke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Come along and try us out if you think you might be interested. We welcome everyone.



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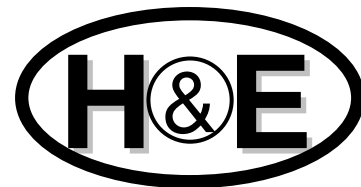
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### Regular Events

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 (19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April) Charlton All Saints (‘phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> March) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (18 <sup>th</sup> March)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard

### Diary Dates

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM, 7.30pm Bowerchalke Village Hall ( <i>see page 2</i> )
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lent Project Coffee Morning, Charlton All Saints, 10.30am ( <i>see page 2</i> )
28 <sup>th</sup> March	London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Meeting re Children’s Group, Broad Chalke Chapel, 6.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Inter Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Odstock Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebratory Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 6.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Charlton All Saints Barbecue, The Courtyard, 6.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Dancing to Peter Pod and the Peas, Nunton Field 8.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, Nunton Field 1.30pm

## Central Heating Oil - Bulk Order

There have been a number of queries about when the next oil order should be placed. In view of the colder winter it would seem to be appropriate to go for the week beginning Monday 23 March 2009.

If, therefore, you would like to order something please let Les Dodd have details before that Monday and he will do his best to get a reasonable deal. Usual proviso, of course, viz minimum of 500 litres per household and minimum combined total from the group of 10K litres.

Email any time to [MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com](mailto:MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com) or phone during the week before 23 March. Tel 01722 329341.

**From the Neighbourhood Policing Team:** We are experiencing a series of burglaries across the area. Offenders are targeting properties which are unoccupied for a few days or more, then forcing an entry and stealing jewellery and silverware. We would urge everyone to inform neighbours and police when their house is unoccupied for any length of time and arrange for someone to check the house on a regular basis. Particular care should be taken to avoid signs that the house is empty; build up of mail at front door/curtains permanently open or closed etc. If a house is to be left unoccupied for any length of time, consideration should be given to moving valuables to a place of safety where they will not easily be found during a casual search. If you require security advice or any other crime prevention advice then you can contact the Community Affairs Department at Salisbury Police Station on 0845 408 7000.