



News and Notes

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

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Pentecost Joy!

To be let down by someone in whom you invested all your hopes – a broken relationship, or bereavement – can leave you feeling as if your whole world has come crashing down. So it was for the disciples of Jesus when he was killed. And even after news of his resurrection, they were still in a locked room “for fear of the Jews”. (John 20 : 19) All their hopes for life seemed dashed.

BUT - Jesus had not finished all his work. There was better to come. He would not leave them ‘as orphans’ - he would come to them in a new way. (John 14 :18) He told them to wait for “power when the Holy Spirit comes” (Acts 1 : 8) Indeed, one of the most striking things in the New Testament narrative is the TOTAL transformation of the apostles at Pentecost. When the Spirit came, they were so full of joy praising God that onlookers thought they were drunk!! Jerusalem was crowded with people from many nations, amazed at what they witnessed, and the good news spread fast. The great adventure of the Church had begun. And we are still part of the story.....

So do come and join in our **Pentecost Praise on 31st May at 3.00pm**. We hope some may walk or cycle to Broad Chalke, pilgrimage style, picnicking on the way. Others may simply drive. But however we travel – let us be joyful together!

Alison Williams

Church of England Services

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|---|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 3 rd May Easter 4 | 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Evensong (BCP) | Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington | AW AW ACFT CH |
| Sunday, 10 th May Easter 5 | 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Service Matins | Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints | CH AW DH |
| Sunday, 17 th May Rogation Sunday | 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am | Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion | Britford Homington Nunton | AW JT KRS/LB |
| Sunday, 24 th May Easter 7 | 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Service Matins | Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett | AW AW AT |
| Sunday, 31 st May Pentecost | 10.00am 3.00pm | Parish Communion Pentecost Praise | Nunton Broad Chalke | AW DH/AW/JT |

**Services in bold print include Alison Williams' sermon
“Living in the Light of Easter”.**

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

WI

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting by welcoming more than fifty members. Margaret Morgan provided a beautiful arrangement of hellebores for the President's table. The Flower of the Month competition was well supported and was won by Isobel Stone with a spectacular yellow spike of Epimedium.

Val Martyn confirmed bookings for the next theatre outings – Julia Joynt recommended that people going to see "Restoration" tonight read the programme notes in advance! Margaret Barrow reported that the skittles league competition is now over, but friendly matches are scheduled for 29th April and 27th May at Downton. The scrabble league is also completed and Sue will arrange a friendly soon at Melstock. Elizabeth Cutter reported on the Reading Group and welcomed more members to join in; Liz Stubbs said that the next Walking Group route will be from Wishford Church through the magnificent bluebells in Grovely Woods. Jean Van Hagen read the WI correspondence and asked members to collect Yorkshire Tea Tokens which will go towards reforestation in the Amazon.

Pam Trubshaw mentioned forthcoming events including the popular outing to Legal London and other interesting WI events including a visit to Cholderton Organic Farm and a visit to Bletchley Park. Claire Hendicott offered four spaces at a Waitrose cookery demo on 28th April. The Big Village Clear Up will take place on 13th May – volunteers meet at Melstock at 10am for coffee, binbags and safety tabards! The Summer Garden Party will be at Melstock on 8th June; members are reminded to bring plants, items for a Bring & Buy, and a Nearly New stall.

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête is on 11th July and the WI will, as usual, organise three stalls - cakes, produce and plants. Members are asked to support both the Garden Party and the Fete with donations for the stalls. Suzie Appleford is organising the Summer Outing for 15th July.

After coffee, Rev Stewart Timbrell gave a fast-paced, amusing, comprehensive talk entitled, "Herbs and the History of Medicines", drawing upon his vast knowledge of the part plants can play in the natural pharmacopeia of healing and preventative remedies. Pam Trubshaw thanked Rev Timbrell very much for his entertaining and informative talk.

The next meeting is on 11th May at the Radnor Hall. The national WI Resolution will be presented. There will also be a Bring a Book and Buy a Book Stall.

Britford Churchyard

Urgent Help Needed

If you can give some time in helping to keep our beautiful Churchyard tidy grasscutting etc, during the summer months, I will be delighted to hear from you. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to pay anyone on a regular basis. The PCC is hoping that we can recruit villagers to help. You do not have to be a church attender. We will be delighted to have your help.

I hope we can get enough people so that we will be able to make a rota which would mean you would only be required every few weeks for a few hours.

Of course any donations towards the upkeep of the churchyard would be most gratefully received as the grass is growing quickly now - I would appreciate any contact a.s.a.p.

I am sure you will agree we have a beautiful church and churchyard in Britford and I feel it is our duty to keep it in a tidy condition for all to enjoy. Thanking you in anticipation.

Rod Shipsey, Church Warden (01722 335096)

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, Mr Roger Ladbury, 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.

Grand Pumpkin Competition 2009

Pumpkin seeds are now available from the Radnor Arms, Nunton - £2.50 per pack. Weigh-in to take place on Sunday, 25th October. All proceeds this year will be used to purchase a seat in memory of Allan Ambrose who died earlier this year.

Odstock Parish Boundary Walk

Saturday, 16th May 2009

Odstock Parish Council is organising a "Beating the Bounds" Parish Boundary walk for residents of Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and friends on 16th May 2009. Only parts of the boundary are public rights of way and the walk will give you the opportunity to walk through Longford Park and areas of the West Wiltshire downs not normally accessible to the public.

The walk will start at the Nunton football field at 9.00 am, or 9.30 am at the Yew Tree car park at Odstock (for Odstock residents).

The walk will be in two parts; the half walk of approximately 6 miles will go from Nunton to Odstock over the hill to Britford, through Longford Park, through Bodenham, cross the Bournemouth Road and return to the Football Field via Shelve Lane. It is expected to take approximately 3 hours. The full walk will continue, after crossing the Bournemouth Road, up to Clearbury, over Nunton Drove to Great Yews, down to the Homington Road, along the Byway to Odstock and along the road to Nunton finishing at the Radnor Arms. The full walk is approximately 13 miles and is likely to take approximately 7 hours including a lunch stop.

If you would like to register to take part in the walk, phone or e-mail Rod Poynting at 01722 322236 / rod-poynting@hotmail.co.uk, giving the number of people and whether they will be walking the half or full walk.

An information sheet giving walk information can be collected from Rod Poynting in Bodenham, Steve Stapley (Church Cottage) in Nunton, Colin Berry in Odstock and the Radnor Arms.

Radnor Hall AGM

**Saturday, 9th May, 10.30am
at the Radnor Hall**

Items on the agenda will include:

- *Chairman's report, future plans*
- *Treasurer's report*
- *Election of Committee for next financial year*

Income last financial year was some £72,000 and expenditure £65,000. Why not come along and hear what is going on at your village hall? ALL WELCOME

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Notice of Firework Display

The Hillier family are having celebrations in Nunton on Saturday 13th June and will be having a firework display at approximately 10.45 until 11pm; they would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause to families and their animals. They are thinking of Yorkie on this occasion as they know how much he enjoyed the fireworks on previous events.

Walk the Wight

On 17th May, Dave Ings of Nunton and I are taking part in a charity walk across the Isle of Wight, known as "Walk the Wight".

This is an annual event that was started many years ago to raise funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice appeal (www.iwhospice.org/WTW).

It is almost, to the yard, the same distance as a marathon at 26.5 miles, only it's a walk not a run. At our age, just as well!

Now, if you would like to support our efforts in the name of the above charity, or out of sheer pity, then please access the web link www.justgiving.com/neildineen and pledge your donation. Please note, Neil is our team organiser, but you can aim your donation and comments at Dave or myself.

I would also be happy to accept any other form of monetary donation on the official form they have provided. Contact details below.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Colin Berry, Odstock, 01722 323648

Dave Ings, Nunton, 01722 323713

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 10th May at 12.00 Noon

The Football Field, Nunton

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

All proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box (01725 510758, oldcharlton@btinternet.com)

Meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm

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

26th October – *Victorian Christmas* with Marion Emery

(Summer Outing and September meeting to be arranged.)

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

In March we were privileged to have a demonstration by Dodie Stevens who will be arranging for the Chelsea Flower Show in May. The six different floral creations were based on castles that she had visited. By reflecting the different architectural features of buildings we witnessed fascinating designs in flowers and foliage.

There is no meeting in May but reserve 24th June for our next evening at Broad Chalke.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête

First, a reminder that this years' Scarecrow competition during the days leading up to the Fête (11th July) will have "**Characters from history, legend or fiction**" as its theme. Watch this space for more details of timing etc. Then, some contact details for various aspects of the Fête and related activities:

- **Grand Draw** donation of prizes, please, to Keith Bradford (01722 329740)
- **Bric-à-brac** to Diane Berry (01722 323648)
- **Classic Vehicles** enquiries Colin Blackaby (01722 329989)
- **General offers of help** to Keith Bradford (01722 329740).

There will be a Raft Race (6.00pm on Fête day), so get building. Entry details will follow.

Need help with anything?

Janet Roe on 01725 519242

Hannah and Stephane Barbey (Michael and Janet Roe's daughter and son-in-law) will be back in Broad Chalke mid-June and are looking for temporary work in the area until mid-September.

Hannah is a primary school teacher and can look after children, coach them in academic subjects, singing, or just keep them happy, copy-reading, research, translating (French and Spanish). She is willing to cook, clean, help out in any way.

Stephane is a music teacher (guitar and French

horn) can give French language lessons, translating (French), keep children amused, drive, cook, clean, garden. They are happy to house-sit and look after any pets/animals left behind when you go on holiday. In fact, they will try anything!

If you are interested in hiring either/both of them, please contact me.

Minerva String Quartet

An early notice that the splendid Minerva String Quartet are planning a Summer Concert for 18th July at the Radnor Hall starting at 7.30pm. Put the date in your diary and look out for more details in future editions of N&N.

Car Security Advice

from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

If your car is stolen or broken into, it could mean weeks of expensive inconvenience – and losing your no-claims bonus. Most car crime is opportunist and you can put them off with vigilance and relatively cheap security precautions. Don't be wise after the event – take the following tips to turn the tide against car crime:

- Never leave a car door unlocked or a window or sunroof open – even when just going into a shop for a moment or two.
- Never leave ignition keys in your vehicle and never leave your vehicle unlocked, even if paying for petrol at a garage.
- Don't leave any belongings in your car. A thief won't know that a bag or coat doesn't contain something valuable and might break a window to get at it. If you can't take them with you, never leave things on display – lock them in the boot.
- Security mark your stereo and if it's removable, always take it with you. Make a note of the serial number and keep it in a safe place.
- Don't leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment. 1 in 5 stolen cheque and credit cards are taken from cars.
- Never leave your vehicle documents in the car – they could help a thief sell it.
- Remove the ignition key and engage the steering lock – even when parking in your own driveway or garage – and don't forget to lock the garage door.
- Check that all car doors, windows, sunroof and boot are locked before leaving it.
- Put your aerial down to prevent damage.
- If you have an alarm turn it on every time you park. An additional immobilising device is worth considering.

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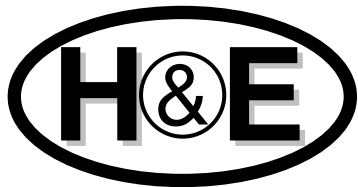
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| <u>Regular Events</u> | |
|------------------------------|---|
| WI | Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham |
| Whist Drive | Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton |
| Singing Group | Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.30pm, 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 (14 th & 28 th May) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (22 nd May) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (13 th May) |
| 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> | |
| 9 th May | Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall, 10.30am (<i>see page 3</i>) |
| 9 th May | "Spring Links", All Saints' Church, Broadchalke, 7.30pm (<i>see page 5</i>) |
| 10 th May | Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00noon (<i>see page 3</i>) |
| 10 th May | Hale Gardens Open from 10am – 4pm, £5 tickets from the Woodgreen Community Shop |
| 13 th May | Odstock Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm |
| 16 th May | Odstock Parish Boundary Walk, Nunton Field 9.00am/Odstock 9.30am (<i>see page 3</i>) |
| 18 th May | Charlton All Saints Garden Society Meeting, 7.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>) |
| 7 th June | Woodgreen Gardens Open from 10am – 4pm, £5 tickets from the Woodgreen Community Shop |
| 28 th June | Celebratory Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 6.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>) |
| 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 |
| 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 (<i>see page 4</i>) |
| 25 th October | Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm |

THINK SAFETY BEFORE DOING IT YOURSELF from Melanie Jezzard – Community Safety Advisor

As spring is upon us and summer is approaching **Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service** has issued timely advice to all would be Do It Yourself enthusiasts. Statistics and experience show that at this time of year there is an increase in calls, which are found to have been caused by activities associated with DIY. These range from fires ignited by blow torches involved in paint stripping, to electrical appliances and other equipment which may have been stored in a damp garage or shed over the winter period. Always check that the task you are undertaking is within your capabilities. Take expert advice. Many of the modern DIY Superstores from which materials and equipment are bought will offer such advice. Safety instructions should be read in full and complied with.

Always: -

- Check you have the correct tool for the job.
- Ensure children and pets are safe, with obstructions removed from your workplace.
- If you have to check or repair an electrical tool turn it off at the main. Don't be tempted to cut corners because you are some distance from the power switch.
- Always uncoil electrical extension cables fully, as these can overheat and cause a fire.
- Never use multi-way adapters when working with high amperage tools.
- Gas appliances should only be repaired by an approved contractor.
- Flammable liquids should be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, secured in containers and used in small quantities, well away from the house and other risks – naked flames or cigarettes.
- Ventilate when using adhesives and flammable liquids by opening windows and door and always ensure that no naked flames or power tools are close by.
- If you spill a substance on your clothing or overalls remove them and clean them thoroughly.

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