



News and Notes

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

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Politics and Religion!

I've just come back from Salisbury having heard Paddy Ashdown address a group of his party's followers. He was encouraging them in their efforts to gain support for their local candidate and the party generally. I must say that I was one of a number of other interested folk who went to listen. I suppose I'm what you'd call a floating voter with, perhaps, a slight list to port.

I was interested to see the complete list of candidates for the forthcoming election which, to prove News and Notes' unbiased approach, looks like this:

Tom Gann (Labour), *John Philip Glen* (Conservative), *John Holme* (Independent), *Frances Howard* (UK Independence Party), *King Arthur* (Independent), *Nick Radford* (Liberal Democrat), *Nick Startin* (Green Party), *Sean Witheridge* (British National Party).

Plenty of choice then on 6th May for one who floats!

Incidentally, I'd like to say at this point that, from my relatively impartial point of view, I feel we've been very lucky in this area to have had Robert Key as our Member of Parliament. I believe he has displayed those qualities which we would like all our politicians to have, whichever party they represent.

One thing that struck me, while Mr Ashdown was speaking from the Guildhall steps, was the similarity between his approach and that of one type of religious preacher. He was passionate as he urged his listeners actively to promote what they believed.

It's odd, isn't it, that we express the view that, in certain contexts, politics and religion are taboo subjects which should be banned from conversation. Perhaps we should allow ourselves to discuss both these important topics a little more than we do. After all, in their different ways, each can have a significant impact on our lives.

Editor

Church of England Services

2 nd May Easter 5	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT DH RR
9 th May Easter 6 Rogation	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	JT Lay Led DB
16 th May Easter 7	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW CH
23 rd May Pentecost Whit Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service & Baptism Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW LB
30 th May Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	AW

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton,
JT = Rev Jenny Taylor, RR = Rev Roger Redding, DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

WI Meeting - 12th April 2010

Anna Treseder

The meeting was opened by Elizabeth Cutter our new President who welcomed a "full house" including three visitors. On arrival, members were required to register at an attendance table to collect their name badges. Newsletters and Wendy Duke's Events List will also be distributed in this way at future meetings. Peggy Knight had arranged beautiful spring flowers for the President's table. The theatre outing was confirmed for 12th April, followed by Peter Pan on 14th June. A friendly skittles match will take place on 13th April as the league competitions are now over. Two final Scrabble matches will be played during April, against Laverstock WI and Winterslow WI. The next Book Club meeting is on 19th April and the next Walking Group outing is on 26th April to see the bluebells at Groveley Woods.

On 29th March a Flower Arranging demonstration was given at the Radnor Hall by Christine Powell, Peggy Knight, Isabel Stone, Anne Waight and Judy Barke all of whom created breath-taking arrangements so quickly and cleverly that we were inspired to go away and have a go ourselves! The large audience was full of admiration for their skills. The ensuing raffle raised over £80 for funds.

Jean van Hagen and Pam Trubshaw read out details of forthcoming events, including the Downland Meeting, Alderbury WI, Quizzical Pursuits, Lady Denman Cup for story-writing, "Fantastic Plastic" talk, "Visiting South America" Day, and the WI Real Jam Festival. Over 20 members are going on the Buckingham Palace and Clarence House visit. There may still be places available on the trip to East Anglia in September.

Suzie Appleford is organising the Summer Outing for July and welcomed venue suggestions. Peggy Knight is holding a Cake Bake afternoon on 30th April from 2.30pm to 5pm at her home in Britford to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers. Wendy Duke takes tours up the Cathedral Spire; contact her if you have a group of 12 people who would like to do this. An Educational Fund of £200 per year has been set up. Members can apply for 25% of the cost of educational events while funds last!

There were many entries for the Flower of the Month competition (well done!). The winner was Anne Waight with a delicate miniature narcissus.

After coffee Mrs Patricia Elkington from Little Court in Crawley gave a talk entitled, "More Secret Gardens of Hampshire". Patricia is the Inspector for Hampshire for gardens in the National Gardens Scheme Yellow Book and had

some remarkable slides and very detailed knowledge of the gardens and their owners and exhorted us to visit on Open Days or by Appointment. Over the past 10 years the NGS has raised over £25 million, which is distributed to many caring organisations such as MacMillan Nurses and Marie Curie. Carol Stratton thanked her very much for her interesting talk.

The next meeting is on 10th May at the Radnor Hall at which the national WI Resolution will be presented by Liz Hardman followed by a discussion. There will be a "Bring a Book and Buy a Book" Stall.

Britford Parish Council

Bryan Rycroft Parish Clerk

The Council met at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 7th April 2010 at the Memorial Hall.

Subjects discussed were;

- The A.G.M.
- County review of Speed limits on A and B roads
- A bus shelter on A 338 for people travelling to Downton
- Amalgamation of Britford and Odstock schools
- The puddle on A 338 by Park and Ride
- Control of the Rabbit population. High Road area. The Green
- Two planning applications for tree lopping.
- Work of the Parish Steward

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wed 2nd June at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome. The name of the speaker will be announced. The normal Parish Council will follow the Annual meeting.

Britford Wedding

Rod Shipsey

There will be a Wedding at the Old Forge, Britford on Saturday 15th May. We sincerely hope that we will not disturb our neighbours.

THE RADNOR HALL

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Help For Heroes Supper

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Help for Heroes charity supper held at **The Radnor Arms** in March. It was a great atmosphere and everyone enjoyed themselves. Over 43 people sat down to a beautiful supper provided by Kenny and Cathy and listened to a talk from Capt Lorna Bartlett AAC about her experiences flying in Iraq. Lorna had close links with the villages as she had attended Odstock School as a child and indeed looked as though she had only just left! The whole evening, including a raffle, raised £1,725.00.

This was a fantastic effort and again special thanks to Kenny and Cathy who worked so hard and donated all proceeds to Help for Heroes.

Charlton All Saints Garden Club

Barbara Box (01725 510758 oldcharlton@btinternet.com)

On 29th March a goodly number of members, old and new, turned out to hear John Trim talk enthusiastically and knowledgeably about potatoes, dispelling the myth that Sir Walter Raleigh brought the vegetable to England. Photographs of old, possibly original, potatoes revealed a tuber quite unlike the modern varieties. With some varieties, the phrase "you can't tell a book by its cover" came to mind.

Next meeting 26th May. Marion Emery to talk on Gertrude Jekyll.

Half Term Highjinks!

Come to the Summer Fête at Heale House, Middle Woodford, on Thursday 3rd June (2pm to 4.30pm), in aid of **Riding for the Disabled**, Wilton Group.

There will be lots of activities for children: Ride a Pony, join in the weird and wonderful games and races or get messy in the art tent. Bring your dog along, enter the 'tricks' contest and have a go at agility.

There will be teas, displays to watch and all kinds of stalls – don't miss it!

RDA Wilton Group has brought a wonderful element into the lives of hundreds of disabled children and adults, giving them a feel for the independence most of us take for granted every day.

Entry £2 per car. For more information, please contact Sue Ayling on 07970 283222 or ayling.sue@btinternet.com

Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust is launching a project to turn derelict land at Bemerton Heath into a community garden, to give people with mental, social and physical difficulties the opportunity to learn gardening skills, as well as generating funds and encourage healthy learning.

They are looking for gardeners who can spare one day a week to help run the garden, or for the less green fingered, partnering a "supported volunteer".

They would welcome tools and any seedlings surplus to requirement.

A JCB has been lent to get the project started, but muscle is needed to help transform the land into a workable garden.

For more information:

mark.ward@trusselltrust.org 01722 427112

Sponsored Events

Just a couple of reminders of sponsored events featured in the April edition of News and Notes.

Walk the Wight

On 16th May, Dave Ings (01722 323713) of Nunton and Colin Berry (01722 323648) of Odstock are taking part in a charity walk across the Isle of Wight, known as "Walk the Wight" to raise funds for the **Earl Mountbatten Hospice appeal** (www.iwhospice.org/WTW).

If you would like to support their efforts please access the web link www.justgiving.com/toolbank and pledge your donation. Please note, they are part of the Toolbank team, but you can still aim your donation and comments at Dave or Colin. They would also be happy to accept any other form of monetary donation

Charity Cycle Ride across the USA

Edward Pickup (19) of Odstock is cycling solo and unsupported across America. It's a journey of some 4,300 miles.

He is supporting the **Special Boat Service Association** following support they have given to his family.

During the challenge he is keeping a blog <http://transamcycle.wordpress.com/> and there is a link to my 'JustGiving' page in the charity section. Alternatively, if you would like to make a contribution without using the internet, funds may be sent to Chalk Pit Cottage, Odstock, Salisbury SP5 4JE.

(I can recommend Edward's blog which makes for very interesting reading and viewing. Editor)

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 9th May

10.30am Sellers, 11.30am Buyers

The Football Field, Nunton

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

All proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds

Swindon Male Voice Choir to perform in Salisbury for Stars Appeal

Swindon Male Voice choir are to perform a charity concert at the Blackledge Theatre in Salisbury for the Stars Appeal on Saturday 22nd May. The event, which is organised by the Rotary Club of Amesbury, will include traditional and classical songs as well as some from popular shows.

The choir which was formed from workers of the Swindon Steam Railway Works celebrated their 90th anniversary last year. Throughout this history, they have maintained a high standard of both singing professionalism and competition acclaim. They have been awarded the Pride of Swindon Award and performed at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts where they came first in two classes.

Rotarian Graham Browning, organiser said "The Rotary Club of Amesbury is proud to be associated again with the Stars Appeal Caring 4 Kids campaign and especially when helping towards the dedicated Children's area in the Accident and Emergency department and a Family Accommodation Unit for the parents and siblings of premature and critically ill babies. The Swindon Male Voice Choir who are performing at the Blackledge Theatre are a very versatile, accomplished and award winning choir who will delight the audience. We hope for a sell out to support this extremely worthwhile appeal."

Tickets are £12.50 each and include a glass of wine. They are available from Rotarian Graham Browning on 01980 622038, 07802 360 259, graham.browning67@btinternet.com and Rotarian John Bunnis 01980 611363.

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 16th May

10.00am Sellers, 11.00am Buyers

The Football Field, Nunton

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

All proceeds to Salisbury Diabetic Group

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fête

Planning for Grand Fête surrounding continues.



this year's and events. The first thing if you would

to say is that like to register an interest in helping or participating in any of the events please send an email to onbfete@yahoo.co.uk. If you do not have access to email, please drop a note into Florida, Nunton Drove. In any event, there will be more detailed information in subsequent editions of News and Notes.

Help is *always* welcome with a whole range of different aspects of the Fête such as running sideshows, parking cars, helping with teas, taking money at the gate, manning stalls and clearing up on the Sunday to name but a few. There's a lot to do, a job to suit everyone and it's fun! Also, if we know that you're interested in joining in one or more of the activities detailed below, we can make sure you have all the information you need.

If you're involved in a local business and are interested in advertising/sponsorship at the events, please get in touch as above.

Please note the following in your diaries. There will be a **Fête Car Boot Sale** on *Sunday, 13th June*. We are planning to run a **Rounders Competition** on the weekend before the Fête (*3rd/4th July*). On *Tuesday, 6th July*, there will be a **Quiz Night** in the Yew Tree Inn at Odstock. We will be dancing to **Peter Pod and the Peas** in the Marquee on the evening of (tickets on sale from 1st June).

The **Grand Fête** itself with arena events including birds of prey, stalls, sideshows and refreshments is on *10th July* and there'll be a scary mask competition for those under 13 and cake and flower arranging competitions for those (both men and women) a little older. As always, the Fête will be followed at 6.00pm by the **Raft Race** starting from the bridge at Odstock.



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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

26th May at 7.30pm in Broadchalke Village Hall is the big annual event for the Chalke Valley Flower Club. More of that below.

Meanwhile at the club's last meeting the members entered a competition entitled "A Petite Arrangement", the winner being awarded The Dawkins Cup. In order the results were Sue Taylor, Emily Broomhead and Sam Webb. Centrepiece of the evening was Sue Scott's demonstration entitled 'Little Things Mean A Lot'. The various containers used reminded her of meaningful events in her life. The first one used was a very large cocktail glass. This reminded her of having a drink with a friend who convinced her that she should train as a demonstrator. The flowers used included lilies, roses, hyacinths, iris and orchids. They complemented the containers wonderfully and filled the stage with a delightful perfume.

For our "open evening" this year we have local demonstrator, judge, speaker and teacher Michael Bowyer coming to Broadchalke for an evening of flower arranging and entertainment.

Michael has won individual and group medals at the Chelsea Flower Show and other prestigious events, designed flower festivals, has demonstrated and spoken across the world and many will have seen him on TV with Alan Titchmarsh in The Great British Village Show.

Tickets at £7.50 per head are available from your correspondent (01722 780448) or from Jan Pickford (01722 718587). The date is Wednesday, 26th May. Doors at Broadchalke Village Hall open at 6.45pm and the show starts at 7.30.

'Blitz' Day at St Peter's, Britford

St. Peter's Church is holding a 'Blitz' Day on Saturday, 8th May. Please come and help if you can. Secateurs and shears may well be useful, as well as items for cleaning and polishing the interior.

CVSC Treasurer

The Chalke Valley Sports Centre Committee are looking for a new Treasurer to take over for the year beginning 1st April 2010. There would be nothing to do until after the Annual General Meeting in May. We do need new enthusiastic people, but the job is by no means arduous! Please contact Anna Weaver on tel. 780618 if you would like any information or our Chairman Peter Trickett at heartstone@tiscali.co.uk

Odstock Parish Council

At the South Wiltshire Area Board meeting in February, Odstock Parish Council was awarded a Community grant of £3,000 towards the planned refurbishment of the Pavilion in the Nunton Field. At the Parish Council meeting on 10th February, members considered quotations from five local building contractors and awarded the contract for the Pavilion project to the tender having the most merit. The grass-cutting contract was awarded to an Amesbury firm and it was resolved to adopt the King George V Jubilee Telephone Kiosk at Odstock rather than contribute to its running costs.

The next scheduled Odstock PC meeting will be the **Annual Council meeting on Wednesday, 12th May. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the same evening starting at 7:00pm in the Barker Room, Nunton.** A Parish Meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. Notify the Parish Clerk at least seven days before the meeting of any proposed agenda items, please. Agendas will be published on the village notice boards and at <http://www.sp5.org/odstock/opc> - The Parish Clerk can be contacted about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794 341405 or eMail: OPC@SP5.INF

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Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team

Some extracts from the Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – April 2010

Downton NPT Priorities

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- * Anti-Social Behaviour in Downton – NPT officers are carrying out increased patrols in problem areas and will be working a series of later shifts (into the early hours) on weekends to target ASB – please ensure any issues are reported to police promptly.
- * Speeding – across all Parishes Local officers continue to carry out regular speed enforcement checks and are actively promoting the extension of our Community SpeedWatch scheme. Please let us know if you are interested in starting a SpeedWatch scheme in your area.
- * Introduction of regular Police ‘Surgeries’ - Surgeries are currently held in:
Woodfalls (Post office – Mons 9am-10am)
Coombe Bissett (Church – Weds 11am-12noon).
We will also hold surgeries in Downton once Library Police Office is opened.

Please let us know about any developing problems in your area.

Rural ‘Beauty Spot’ Car crime

As the weather improves into Spring/ Summer, we traditionally see an increase in thefts from vehicles parked in rural car parks and areas favoured by walkers. Local hotspots include:

- * Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett
- * Odstock/ Clearbury Down
- * Nomansland and nearby New Forest car parks

The vast majority of New Forest car parks fall within Hampshire but we will continue to work closely with our colleagues ‘across the border’ to target the criminals who commit these thefts.

Please remember not to leave any valuables in your car. Even an innocent bag of rubbish or a blanket or coat under your seat may look like something of value to a criminal and may result in a smashed window.

Hiding valuables underneath seats or in the glove box is not enough to prevent this type of crime.

Contact us

To report a crime, or incident requiring police attendance, phone Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000. In an emergency, always phone 999. You can also email Downton NPT with non-urgent enquiries using downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

More information available at:

- * Wiltshire Police website – local policing information/ online crime reporting/ news and appeals - www.wiltshire.police.uk
- * Home office crime reduction site – useful crime prevention advice - www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk
- * Fraud Alert website – useful advice re fraud (internet/ lottery etc) - www.met.police.uk/fraudalert
- * Police FAQ – answers to many frequently asked Police questions – www.askthe.police.uk
- * Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch website - www.nhw-wilts.org.uk
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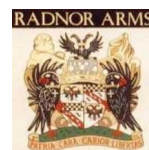
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The Radnor Hall

Your village hall at Bodenham

For private functions, meetings, community events

Capacity: 100, seated 80

Special hire rates for residents of Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock and for regular users

For bookings and enquiries, please contact the caretakers on 01722 329760

email: theradnorhall@hotmail.co.uk

Babysitting and Domestic help

16 year old girl immediately available for babysitting services, dog walking and housework.

Any domestic tasks considered. Please ring 01722410977 or 07891596632 or email hannabanana08@hotmail.co.uk

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.), 7.00pm, 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 (13 th & 27 th May) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (7 th and 21 st May) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (12 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

Diary Dates

9 th May	Car Boot Sale (<i>for Radnor Hall funds - see page 3</i>)
12 th May	Odstock PC Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, Barker Room, Nunton (<i>see page 5</i>)
15 th May	Radnor Hall AGM, 10.30am, Radnor Hall (<i>see page 2</i>)
16 th May	Car Boot Sale (<i>for Salisbury Diabetic Group - see page 4</i>)
23 rd May	Garden Open for NSPCC, Matrimony Farmhouse, 2.00pm (<i>see page 5</i>)
26 th May	Charlton All Saints Garden Club, Church, 7.30pm (27/9 & 25/10)
2 nd June	Britford Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, Memorial Hall (<i>see page 2</i>)
10 th June	Chalke Valley Preservation Society AGM, 6.30pm, Old Rectory, Odstock (<i>see below</i>)
3 rd July	Charlton All Saints BBQ
9 th July	Peter Pod and the Peas, the Marquee, Nunton Field (<i>see page 4</i>)
10 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête, Nunton Field, 1.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>)

*Who cares
what happens
to our valley?*



*We all do...
and we are
here to help!*

THE CHALKE VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Visit us at www.chalkevalley.com to find out what we do, & maybe join us too!

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO COME TO OUR AGM!
At The Old Rectory, Odstock (behind Odstock church), June 10th at 6.30pm