



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock October 2009

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## News & Notes

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## Going to church?

I've had news from our Team Vicar, Alison Williams, on her sabbatical. I am feeling very envious of her week on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, sinful though it is to envy! Alison describes her walks all round the coastline with its "totally deserted windswept beaches with crashing waves and wild sand-dunes". She also talks of attending four or five services a day. By my reckoning, that amounts to somewhere in the region of thirty services in a week, more than most of us manage in a year!

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, many churches up and down the country will have celebrated "Back to church Sunday". The idea is that existing churchgoers should invite those they know who had once been church attenders to come back again and join a service that day. A couple of the Chalke Valley churches, from up west, agreed to give this a go and it will be interesting to hear how they got on.

In the meantime, it goes without saying that anyone and everyone would be more than welcome at any of the services at our eastern end churches whether they have been church attenders in the past or not.

In addition to spiritual nourishment, being a churchgoer can provide an opportunity to meet neighbours and enhance one's sense of community.

If you feel that you would like to come to a service at one of our churches, please feel free to contact me. I will put you in touch with someone from the appropriate church who can answer any questions and make going to church an easier step to take. I'm not saying that one visit will lead to your attending thirty services in a week, but I would like to think that you will be pleasantly surprised at what will result.

My contact details are in the left hand column.

*Editor*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 17	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Harvest Praise	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	CH JT DH
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 18	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	CH JT DB
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 19	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Britford Homington Nunton	CH KRS DH
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 20	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AJ LB AT
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov All Saints	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	DH ACFT JT LB

AJ = Archdeacon Alan Jeans, DH = Canon David Henley,  
LB = Lavender Buckland, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, CH = Revd Charles Hatton,  
DB = Denis Blake, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, ACFT = Adrian Taylor, AT = Mrs Annabel Tier,

## **WI**

*Anna Treseder*

Sue Bourne, President, welcomed a full house to the meeting at the Radnor Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Maria Amey provided a spectacular arrangement of sunflowers for the President's table. Sue thanked Suzie Appleford for arranging the excellent summer outing to Blenheim Palace; a photo and article feature in Wiltshire News, thanks to Elizabeth Cutter. Sue thanked Gill Dodd, assisted by Doreen Osmond for organising the new programme and Sheila May for printing the booklets.

Val Martyn outlined bookings for forthcoming theatre trips. Celia Maidment and Margaret Barrow have a team for the Skittles League and will provide dates soon. We have joined the Scrabble League. A friendly Scrabble game will be held at 2.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> October at Melstock. All welcome!

Elizabeth Cutter confirmed that the dates for the Reading Group are included on the Calendar. Wendy Duke was thanked for her work producing the Calendar. Peggy Knight is arranging the Walking Group excursion this month, meeting at the Green Dragon at Alderbury.

Jean van Hagen, Secretary, read out the correspondence with details of future events, including invitations from Redlynch & District, Downton Evening, Lockerley & East Dean, followed by Pam Trubshaw with the Head Office correspondence outlining a further five social events. Ten tickets are available for the Council Meeting in County Hall in October.

Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report. Members were reminded to give Jean van Hagen any address or telephone amendments. 17<sup>th</sup> December has been provisionally booked for the Christmas lunch at the Emblems. Anne Waight won the flower of the month contest with a beautiful pink Hydrangea Veitchii.

After coffee Group Captain David Greenway OBE entertained us with a talk about the Queen's Flight. Flying members of the royal family all around the world safely and efficiently is a great responsibility but his slides and personal highlights and anecdotes illustrated what fun it had been too.

We then enjoyed a delicious Ploughman's Lunch with wine or soft drinks followed by a selection of puddings. Sue thanked the Committee and everyone else involved in setting up the event and providing floral decorations and food, especially Margaret Barrow.

The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> October when Mrs Diana Goetz will talk about Shaftesbury.

## **Britford Parish Council**

*Bryan Rycroft, Parish Clerk, 01722 334186*

The audit for the Parish Council accounts for March 2008 to March 2009 has been received and they have been approved. A copy of the accounts will be displayed in the notice board at Net House. People may view them by contacting me. People can also have a copy for the payment of a fee.

## **In Memoriam**

We note with sadness the recent deaths of two Nunton residents.

*Jack Eysers* on 10<sup>th</sup> September

*Robin Stanger* on 13<sup>th</sup> September

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

## **Chalke Valley Link Scheme**

### **Change of Contact Numbers**

Please note that, with immediate effect, the contact telephone number for the Link Care Service has changed to 01722 718830. Also, those living in Bishopstone who require assistance with transport should now phone 01722 718780 and NOT 780800.

## **Grand Pumpkin Competition**

Don't forget that the 2009 Grand Pumpkin Competition weigh-in takes place on Sunday 25 October at 2.00pm at the Radnor Arms, Nunton!

*The Radnor Hall*

# **JAZZ EVENING**

**Helen Barrett**

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## **School Open Mornings**

Our two local primary schools are holding Open Mornings in October and the details of each follow. You will also find below a Wiltshire Council press release broadcast on 21<sup>st</sup> September about the proposed amalgamation of the two schools.

### **Odstock Primary School**

Odstock Primary School warmly invites you to its Open Morning.

**We will be open from  
10am – 12 noon  
on Tuesday, 6th October.**

Come to see our village school in action and join the children's learning.

We enjoy small classes. Individual attention to children's learning and a dedicated and experienced staff have helped to give us our good reputation.

Last year, we were inspected and Ofsted identified good leadership and good quality of teaching and learning combined with a stimulating curriculum as key strengths of our school. Pupils told Ofsted how much they enjoy learning, especially when it is 'first hand'. The children talked very enthusiastically about their projects.

Provision in the Foundation Stage is good, especially in the use of outdoor play to support children's learning. Pupils' good personal development and well-being are underpinned by strengths in the quality of care, guidance and support.

Several parents are particularly pleased with the way the school helps their children who have medical needs. Behaviour is good as are pupils' relationships with each other.

Visit our web-site for a full and interesting picture of the school:

**<http://www.odstock.wilts.sch.uk/>**

Better still, please visit us on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

This is an exciting time as Odstock plans to join with Britford School to form a two site village school under the leadership of one Headteacher.

We want you to see our school and all the good things it offers.

*Headteacher: Mr Derek Buckle  
Odstock Primary School,  
Odstock, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4JA  
Tel: 01722 329701*

## **Britford Primary School**

Come and visit Britford Primary School, where you will find a warm welcome in pleasant surroundings. We have an Open Morning where you can see us at work.

**OPEN MORNING  
on Wed 7 October 2009  
10.00 A.M. – 12.00 NOON**

Britford Primary School is a small school with caring staff, where children are able to develop self-confidence and have the individual attention needed to develop at their own pace with their own requirements. We have interactive whiteboards in every classroom and modern teaching methods, though we believe in traditional values. Our pupils are taught to be respectful towards each other and to adults and to be kind and generous.

Britford Primary School is only 5 minutes drive from the city centre and part of a beautiful village just outside Salisbury. We have wonderful views of the cathedral and the water meadows next to the River Avon. Our school playing fields are surrounded by lovely countryside.

Some things we are proud of:

- Excellent teaching in small groups including specialist music teacher
- High academic achievements and success rates in the 11+
- Participation in regional sports festivals
- Ofsted report in Sept 2008 and PE Ofsted in July 2007
- An excellent working environment for pupils to develop fully
- High expectations of pupil behaviour.

*Headteacher: Mrs K Graves  
Britford C of E (VC) Primary School  
High Road, Britford, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 4DS  
Tel: 01722 327292*

## **Wiltshire Council Press Release**

### **Consultation begins on school amalgamation**

Parents are being consulted on whether to amalgamate two schools near Salisbury, while keeping both sites open.

Wiltshire Council and the governors of Britford C of E Primary School and Odstock Primary School are considering plans to bring the two schools under the control of Britford Primary School headteacher Kate Graves, while keeping the two existing school premises open.

The proposal has been put forward because both schools, which are situated within two miles of each other, have relatively low pupil numbers due to the falling birth rate in rural areas.

### **Council press release re schools (cont.)**

Britford school currently has 41 pupils and Odstock school has 29 all aged from four to 11. Consultation papers were sent to parents on Friday (September 18) with meetings for the whole community planned on September 23 at Odstock School and September 24 at Britford School both at 7pm.

Kate Graves, who has been headteacher at Britford school since 2001, said: "This is a really exciting opportunity.

"This would have huge educational benefits for all the pupils and when you look at the amount of children in each school it just makes educational sense. I hope everyone will study these exciting proposals carefully and take this opportunity to comment."

Should the plans go ahead, a new governing body would be formed to oversee the setting up procedures of the amalgamated school. This governing body would be independent of the two existing governing bodies but could contain members of both of these. It would comprise of representatives from both of the village communities. The acting headteacher of Odstock school will not be made redundant because he is on a temporary contract.

Nigel Hunt, Wiltshire Council's head of school buildings and places said: "We believe that an amalgamated school would give the pupils a better school experience through the opportunity of mixing with more pupils of their age and that it would be easier to match teaching to pupils' needs and raise standards.

"It will also mean that the continuation of education provision in both villages will be more secure."

There will be a period of up to four weeks during which views about the proposals can be expressed. People will also have the opportunity to put across their views at both the public meetings in September. At the end of this time, the proposal will be considered by Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for education and youth development.

If Wiltshire Council decides to proceed with the plan to form an amalgamated primary school, statutory notices would then need to be published outlining that plan. These statutory notices would be published for a period of six working weeks during which views on the proposal could be sent in writing to the council and a final decision would then be made.

Further copies of the consultation are available at both schools and on the Wiltshire Council website: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

## **The Charlton All Saints 2009 Bonfire Bash**

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November**



From 6.00pm next to the Village Barn  
Traditional Bonfire Refreshments  
£5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children (5-14 years)  
For tickets contact Graham & Jackie Barrett  
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### **Lost Pet**

At the beginning of the summer one of our terrapins escaped from our garden in Odstock and we have been unable to find it. There is a possibility that it has been living "wild" in someone's pond or garden, but as autumn approaches its chances aren't so good, so if anyone has seen it or knows about it then please do let us know. It has a green shell (yellow underneath) approx 3" in diameter and green and yellow striped head and limbs. It goes by (but won't answer to!) the name of Rhett - there is a Scarlett at home waiting for it! Thank you from The Coopers, Holly Lodge, Odstock Tel: 324915.

## **Car Boot Sale**

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October  
at 12.00 Noon**

**The Football Field, Nunton**

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

*All proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds*

## **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

**Liz Long 01722 780448**

After the photography presentation that we enjoyed in August and the day out that the club has just spent at Arundel we shall be concentrating on flower arranging in October.

We are lucky to have Nicky Heal presenting her show "Inspirations" at Broad Chalke Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us for a sociable evening as well as a good entertainment. You will be made welcome and this is a good way of trying out something different. Tickets for guests are £5 at the door.

### **Chalke Valley Fellowship hosts The Christmas Fair**



***in aid of Morning Star***

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 2.00pm**

**Broad Chalke Village Hall**

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## **Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service**

With the colder nights starting to draw in, many of us will be looking to light our fires and wood burners to keep the cold out.



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- Ensure your chimney is swept regularly.
- Make sure embers are under control and put out properly when you go to bed.
- Be careful when using open fires to keep warm.
- Make sure you always use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.

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**19<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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Meeting Starts at 7.30 pm

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Dr Peter Shakespeare

(You are welcome to bring your own apple samples for identification)

Open to non-members cost £2.00

## **News and Notes Website**

There is a new look to the News and Notes website. It's not a great feat of web design but, rather, aims to be as simple and useful as possible.

In addition to News and Notes related things, it has links to all sorts of other websites of general and local interest and, as before, is supported by adverts from local businesses.

There is a page of welcome to the new site just one click away from the Homepage and amongst other things it invites feedback, which would be most welcome. As the introductory note says, the site would make a useful homepage and it could become even more useful if it is refined and improved by request.



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This service is for everyone.

*If you are a singer, or a musician of any portable instrument, do come to the workshop/rehearsal at the Chapel at 2pm, however rusty your playing may be. (Tea will be served afterwards)*

This service is JUST FOR FUN --- so come along to sing and play under rather rustic instruction!

Those attending the afternoon workshop should indicate their intention by e-mailing Michael Roe [mj.roe@virgin.net](mailto:mj.roe@virgin.net) or phoning 01725 519242.

The general congregation should just come to the service at 7pm, as normal (i.e. full of good cheer).



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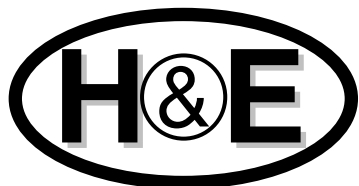
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# PILATES

## ***What is Pilates?***

Pilates consists of low impact exercises and movements designed to strengthen and lengthen muscles safely

## ***What are the benefits?***

- Primarily, it results in good posture and great body shape
- It reduces stress, increases blood circulation and improves strength and flexibility
- It increases bone density and improves joint mobility
- It promotes relaxation and correct breathing



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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.), 7.00pm, 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 ( 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> October) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (28 <sup>th</sup> October)
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

## **Diary Dates**

6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Odstock Primary School Open Day, 10am - noon, ( <i>see page 3</i> )
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Britford Primary School Open Day, 10am - noon, ( <i>see page 3</i> )
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Noon ( <i>see page 4</i> )
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Jazz Evening, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Coombe Bissett and Homington Garden Club, 7.15pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chalke Valley Flower Club, Broad Chalke Village Hall 7.30pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash, 6.00pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fair, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 10 .00am – 2.00pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert and Tea, Trafalgar School, 4.00pm ( <i>see page 6</i> )