



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock September 2008

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## News & Notes

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churches for  
**Chalke Talk**

## How God made us to be ...

The congregation in Nunton Church has more than once been surprised to see my cat Sylvester (the tabby adventurous one) wander into church. He is quite a character and a natural explorer. I often joke that my two cats cost me a fortune – they have the most expensive dry food, and refuse anything else! But not in summer. When it was warm and dry, they didn't rush for breakfast and in fact spent long mornings fast asleep on the sofa. Why? They had been out catching mice all night! As a friend remarked "What do expect? That's what God made cats for!"

I often think if we remembered what God made US for, we'd be a whole load happier! How are we meant to live? How did God make us? One of my theories is that God didn't make us to live impersonal lives in large cities where we don't know our neighbours. God made us for community and for relationships. We are meant to watch out for each other, and to look after each other.

That's why I really like living in the country, and in a village.

We are also meant to remember our relationship with the rest of God's creation. We can't live apart from the natural world, and need to live in tune with it.

Harvest is the time when we give thanks for the wonderful world around us and also (I hope) reflect on our use of it. (I for one am a great fan of recycling and love the black boxes!) We are to be careful stewards of creation. Why? Not because it's the trendy agenda these days, but because that's what God made us for! (See Genesis 1).

*Alison Williams (01722 330628)*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Trinity 16	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	CH ACFT DH DH
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Trinity 17	11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Matins BCP Family Service Harvest Thanksgiving (see page 3)	Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Nunton	AT AW AW
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept. Trinity 18	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW DH
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Trinity 19	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion - Harvest Family Service Matins BCP - Harvest	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	AW ACFT AW
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Trinity 20	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Parish Communion - Harvest Family Service Parish Communion Evensong BCP - Harvest	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW AW

DH = Revd Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton

AT = Mrs Annabel Tier, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

## **St Peter's Churchyard**

Britford churchyard contains a lot of very old graves and headstones, and is very difficult to maintain! There is always a tension between trying to keep the grass mown and tidy, or natural and wild which encourages wildlife and flowers. Recently, there have been one or two adverse comments in the Visitors' Book. We are trying to do our best but would appreciate some more help. If you would like to help look after our pretty churchyard, please contact Roger Ladbury (tel 01722 410844)

And if you have a family grave in the churchyard, please feel free to trim the grass around it, and look after your little patch! Thank you.

## **Charity Cycle Ride**

I have decided to start off my gap year doing something slightly different and am going to follow, or more likely lead, my mad mother on a cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

We set off on LEJOG in early September and will spend some 10 days in the saddle and will cover almost 1000 miles. I am keen to raise money for a local charity which means something to me.

Some of you may know that I have been fortunate to be able to enjoy horse riding. At an early age I visited the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Pembroke Centre at Wilton and was impressed by the fantastic opportunities this organisation offers disabled people of all ages. Seeing the smiles on the faces of severely handicapped youngsters riding on the ponies was deeply moving. For many of these children it is a most special and wonderful experience, developing their self confidence and helping them with their balance and co-ordination. Many continue to ride with the RDA as adults. The Wilton group is one of the largest in the country and is run entirely by volunteers. It relies solely on fund raising and donations to raise the £45,000 per annum it costs to maintain the Centre. The riding therapy is free which avoids placing a financial burden on families, many of whom have very difficult circumstances.

If you feel you could sponsor me in my endeavour I would be very grateful. I will be cycling (of course) around the villages with a form but in the meantime please feel free to contact me to offer any amount, no matter how small. It all adds up..

Very many thanks in anticipation,

Oliver Warley Tel: 01722 322541

Email: warley.oliver@bryanston.co.uk

## **History Weekend - 4th/5th October**

Broad Chalke welcomes you to this event which is planned to appeal to all ages and interests and to make the history of church and valley communities really come alive.

On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October between 11am and 4pm, living portrayals of historic characters will include a medieval knight, the C17th socialite John Aubrey, and the famous C19th cleric Rev. Rowland Williams. Explore the effects of the First World War on local soldiers, families and communities. Learn how medieval and Tudor food was prepared.

At All Saints' Parish Church there will be frequent lively tours of churchyard and bell tower, you will be guided through church history from Saxon Times and challenged by puzzling architectural features. Historic documents, some dating from medieval times, and photographs of church and people, some displayed for the first time, will be on view. For children we will have displays of your work, your own guide and a special quiz. We will show you how we care for this Grade I listed building, our plans for the future and, weather permitting, include a lime-slaking demonstration. Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be served in the Village Hall.

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, a Quarter Peal will be rung on the church bells after the Harvest Festival Service which begins at 9.30am. At 3pm join us at All Saints' to celebrate Church Music, Poetry and Prose through the Ages on a variety of instruments and voices. Tea and biscuits will be served during an interval. For further information please contact Mrs J Truluck (01722 780858).

### **Cleaning Blitz for Britford Church & Churchyard**

**Friday, 19th September from 2.30 pm.**

Everyone welcome! If you would like to bring cleaning or garden tools, that would be a great help! Thanks.

### **Pretty but unkempt garden by the river in Britford seeks reliable Garden Help**

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## **Charlton All Saints Garden Society**

The Society will meet at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Church when Marion Emery will give a talk entitled "From Capability to Bumps. William Morris - not just another role of wallpaper". Non members welcome. Enquiries to Barbara Box on 01725 510758.

## **Housing Development**

*Bryan Rycroft, District Councillor*

You all will receive, by post, the booklet "Our place in the future". It is your consultation leaflet relating to the housing development plans for Salisbury and South Wiltshire. Please read it and send your views. The consultation period is from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> October. Here are the dates of the local exhibitions: 1<sup>st</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Guildhall, Salisbury and 5<sup>th</sup> September at St Laurence's Church Hall, Downton.

## **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

*Ann Thompson (Publicity)*

Our next meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Broad Chalke Village Hall. Irene Hickson will be the Demonstrator, and her subject will be "Music of the Night". We should be in for some light-fingered exercises!

A visit to Waterperry Gardens is planned for 10th September. Please contact Sue Combes if you wish to come along.

Gardeners' Question Time is the plan for the October Meeting in Coombe Bissett Village Hall, on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30 pm (*see page 4*)

We are always very pleased to meet visitors at our Meetings, so do bring your friends.

## **St Mary's Church, Odstock**

Re-decorating in St Mary's Church, Odstock is planned to begin on 8<sup>th</sup> September and while it is being done all Sunday services which would normally be held there will be at St Andrew's, Nunton. It is expected that the work will continue through September and October.

## **Charlton All Saints Organ Restoration**

Following a resolution of the Parochial Church Council an appeal was launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, whereby everybody in Charlton All Saints, whether they are churchgoers or not, and in fact including some kind people who come to our services from other villages, received a personal letter pointing out the parlous state of the church's organ and inviting everyone to try to imagine the drab emptiness of a church with no organ. The loss of so much wonderful music would be, all were told, insupportable and their financial help was solicited. The response was incredible! We

needed to get at least £7,800 and within one month, and with the help of Almighty God, we had collected well over half of that sum! As of today, 1st August, and adding in the Gift Aid rebate and a grant from the Council for the Care of Churches, we have got the whole sum with a surplus that can be ring-fenced for the maintenance of the organ in the future.

The organ was the gift to the village from Horatio, the 3rd Earl Nelson, and so is not without historic interest, and it was supplied and installed by Martin, a most reputable organ-builder from Oxford. The cost was £143 plus a few shillings and pence, and that included delivery, or "cartage" as it then was back in the late 1800's.

Please would anyone who reads these lines and who contributed accept the abiding gratitude of Charlton's parishioners and the especially deep, affectionate gratitude of the original appellant?

## **Odstock Parish Council**

The next meeting of Odstock PC will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September in the Radnor Hall at Bodenham.

Issues to be discussed will include the revised Core Strategy and Preferred Options consultation document, copies of which, in a magazine format, should have been delivered to every household and business in the district during August; the provision of skips, as in previous years; the use of the Nunton Field by the Football Clubs; and the need for boundary fencing behind the goalpost at the eastern end of the football pitch. If any parishioner knows of anybody who could assist the Parish Council with this fencing requirement, please could they contact the Parish Clerk on Tel: 01794-341405 or email: OPC@SP5.INFO as soon as possible.

The cost of the fencing will be paid from the funds deposited by developers in connection with planning permissions granted five years ago.

The full Agenda for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September will be posted on the Village Noticeboards and on the Internet at [www.sp5.org/opc](http://www.sp5.org/opc) by 6<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

*Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham PCC*

warmly invite you to a

## ***Thanksgiving Service***

**at St Andrew's Nunton  
at 6.00pm on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

when along with our usual Harvest Thanksgiving we will give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy in our villages and for the people involved in the various activities.

It will be a simple service with hymns chosen by members of our community and followed by drinks.

*Please join us!*

## **Britford Primary School News**

### **The Rainbow Choir**

The Rainbow Choir was made up by three different choirs, The Fezzicia High School from Africa, The Salisbury Community Choir and the Salisbury Cathedral Junior Choir. Five Britford pupils were lucky to be part of the seventy Junior Choir members.

The Rainbow Choir did two concerts, one in Salisbury Cathedral as part of Salisbury Festival and one in the Millennium Centre in Cardiff. It was really good fun, but a bit scary, when the audience was staring at you and clapping at you. Our conductor was called Fiona Evans and she was very kind to us. She was also very funny.

*By Natasha White and Becky Oakley*

### **The Cathedral Pageant**

This summer children in Key Stage Two took part in the Cathedral Pageant, to celebrate the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral. It was really fun; we danced to lots of songs and it was very creative and entertaining.

*By Becky Oakley*

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day was great, despite the rain. We were in school houses and the house called Seahorses won with 106 points. In the races I came 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 times, 3<sup>rd</sup> two times, 4<sup>th</sup> one time and last one time. The grass was so wet we had to eat our picnic inside.

*By Kate Smith*

### **Daniel**

This year's school play was a musical called Daniel and the Lions. Most of the school took part. First of all there were auditions and all of Key Stage 2 tried for parts. The younger children in Key Stage 1 were lions; they had their faces painted and did a dance. Once everyone had got their part we all went through the script. We did lots of play practice and hard work, but without Mrs Salisbury's support we wouldn't have managed it. Most of our costumes were made by Mrs Gordon our teaching assistant. When we did our first performance we were all so nervous, but we did it. The play was really good and we all enjoyed doing it.

*By Saskia Ennew, Freya Ennew and Felicia Pompei*

### **The Leaver's Ball**

The 2008 Leaver's Ball was great. The Year 6s will be moving on to Secondary School. The Year 5s will be excited as well because they will be Year 6 in September. When the Year 6s arrived in their pink limo we all threw confetti and rose petals over them, and some people had their photo taken next to the limo. We all

danced on the dance floor and stopped for food. The ball ended at nine because it would be too late for the little ones.

Good Luck Year 6 leavers!

*By Samuel MacDonagh and Rhea Andrews*

### **Radnor Hall Players**

The Panto season is once more upon us. All the usual suspects and any budding wannabees, please contact Geoff Adair on 01722 333042.

### **ONB Fête**

Nearly all the income from Fête events has been received and all the bills are paid. The net proceeds this year will be around £5,700, which is a splendid result once again. The Committee would like to thank all those people who contributed in any way to the effort. The distribution of the balance of the proceeds, after the usual contribution to the church, will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

#### *Chalke Valley Flower Club*

### **"How does your garden grow?"**

Gardeners' Question Time  
chaired by 'J' Claypoole

**On Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 at 7.30pm  
in Coombe Bissett Village Hall**

Have you any questions to put to our panel of experts?

Andy McIndoe - Hilliers, Irene Bowron - MacGregors' Plants, Kevin Hughes - Heale House, Susie Edwards - Floral Designer and National Demonstrator.

Everyone is welcome to join for what we hope will be a fun evening!

Admission is £2.50

Questions and Enquiries please to Viv Thornton on 01722 780869, [viv.thornton@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.thornton@btinternet.com)

### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

#### **Visits to local groups/ events**

If you are involved in a local group or organisation and would like a member of our NPT to visit a meeting or event – please let us know.

We welcome the opportunity to publicise the work that we do and gather feedback about developing problems or issues which effect local people.

#### **Contact us**

To report a crime or non-emergency incident you should phone us on 0845 408 7000 – our contact centre staff will deal with your call.

They will take details of any crimes or ongoing incidents and this information will be passed to local officers who may be nearby.

Our switchboard can tell you if a NPT member is on duty and can take a message for an officer to contact you or you can email PC Matt Holland at: [matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

## Local Crime Reports

### *Britford*

- total of 10 reported crimes at Salisbury District Hospital – no other reported crime during this period

### *Odstock*

20/07/08 – Theft of handbag from parked vehicle – Odstock Down

20-23/07/08 – Burglary to stable – Nunton – strimmer stolen

### Thefts of fuel/ domestic heating oil

Wiltshire police have recently seen an increase in the theft of household heating oil from tanks. This type of theft is becoming more desirable due to the increasing global prices of oil, along with easy access to the storage containers which are usually housed in people's gardens.

Crime Reduction Officer, Claire Rooney from Wiltshire Police said "Many homes, especially those in rural locations throughout Wiltshire are served by this form of heating, and their oil is stored in large tanks in the garden, with the average oil tank costing £1000 to fill, I would urge anyone with an oil tank to take some basic crime prevention measures:

- Ensure the tank is as out of sight as possible, if you are unable to do this camouflage as best you can
- Conceal exterior pipe work, padlock the filler caps if possible, keep front gates to your property shut and any side gates locked
- Check your tank regularly and report anything suspicious to your local police as soon as possible
- A metal cage can be used to protect the tap

Anyone with information is urged to contact us. If you require any further information on Crime Prevention, please contact the Community Affairs Department at Salisbury Police Station via 0845 408 7000

***Yew Tree Inn, Odstock***  
**Real Ale Festival**  
**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
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### Kerbside recycling of Plastic and Cardboard

It is expected that blue-lidded wheelie bins for the two-weekly kerbside collection of plastic and cardboard will be distributed in the Salisbury area during the second half of October. Initially, collections will be on the same day as the current cardboard collection. Then from November a new collection schedule for waste and recycling will be introduced to improve the service residents receive and reduce the numbers of vehicles on the road. Details of the changes will be sent to all households in October.

*Please join us*

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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 on 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (recycling area), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.40am (4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> September) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.15 – 10.30am (12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> September) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 1 <sup>st</sup> October)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard

## Diary Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Odstock Parish Council, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	“Drowning on Dry Land” at the Salisbury Playhouse with the Samaritans, 8.00pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Nunton, 6.00pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Britford Cleaning Day, 2.30pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Real Ale Festival, Yew Tree Inn ( <i>see page 5</i> )
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, Church, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Radnor Hall Opening Evening, 6.00 to 8.00pm ( <i>see page 5</i> )
4/5 <sup>th</sup> October	Broadchalke – History and Harvest weekend - music, dancing, displays, teas etc. ( <i>see page 2</i> )
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Gardeners' Question Time, Coombe Bissett Village Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, Nunton, 2.00pm