



News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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The Glory of the Earth

At this time of year, perhaps more than ever, we are aware of the beautiful surroundings in which we live.

We can be overwhelmed by the variety of our natural world, from spectacular landscapes to the perfect complexity of leaf and flower; changing skies from clear blue to full of billowing clouds, calm or turbulent sea and its coastlines, rivers and all that grow on and around them – all seemingly independent of our control or input.

At the same time we are mindful of human endeavour of growing and harvesting crops, managing our abundant hedgerows, fields and forests and animal husbandry, which is apparent everywhere we look.

We are also frequently reminded of the devastating effects of fire, flood, drought and earthquake which result in so much suffering for countless people around the world.

It seems entirely appropriate therefore to mark our respect for nature/our environment and its effect on our daily lives – and to acknowledge our gratitude for those who dedicate their lives to ensuring that not only are we protected from the effects of undesirable natural phenomena (planners, environmentalists, fire services etc), but also those who harness its benefits for our use.

It is hard to look out of a window or go outside without being reminded of, and humbled by, the ultimate Creator and enabler of these wonders.

There's to be a Harvest Celebration in the Radnor Hall on 26th September, with a service followed by a meal (*see page 2*). This will give us a chance to celebrate with our neighbours as we show our gratitude for the world around us and all that it provides. All are very welcome.

'For the Glory of the Earth, for the beauty of the skies, over and around us lies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our grateful hymn of praise.'

Maggie Metcalfe

Church of England Services

5 th September Trinity 14	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	DH DH LB
12 th September Trinity 15	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	JT AW DB
19 th September Trinity 16	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW JB
26 th September Trinity 17	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion/Harvest Choral Matins Harvest Celebration	Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Radnor Hall	AW AW AW
3 rd October Trinity 18	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Festival	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW AW

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, JT = Rev Jenny Taylor,
LB = Lavender Buckland, JB = Jonathan Ball, DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

Letter from the Editor

Adrian Taylor

Many thanks to Maggie Metcalfe from Bodenham for her thoughtful front page article about Harvest. Don't forget that, every other month, the front page is available for articles from readers and I would very much like to have more. The pieces can be on any suitable subject which you feel would be of interest to your neighbours.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Debby Underhill

Seven members go to Buckingham Palace.

On 3rd August, four bus loads of WI members descended on Clarence House and Buckingham Palace from all over the country and we were in bus number 2.

We left Salisbury at 7.30am and arrived behind Buckingham Palace at 11.00am having been issued with our times and tickets and told not to be late!

After a gentle stroll around St James' Park, we found Clarence House and had our security checks. Then our guide escorted us into the house, after she had explained how the house had been developed by the various Princes of Wales and the Queen Mother. Prince Charles and Camilla use it for entertaining now and we saw the five state rooms where they do this. Family photos and favourite pictures were in abundance giving a lovely feeling of family history.

The vast dining table is sometimes taken outside under the Plane trees to the green dining area for al fresco dinner parties.

We wandered around the garden and compared Prince Charles' vegetables with our own. Then back into St James' Park for our picnic.

We made our way to Buckingham Palace for our 1.45pm entry and were lucky to get through security quickly. We were given our free audio system and proceeded to follow the instructions. We found ourselves looking out onto the square where thousands of notable people had passed.

Leaving the square we went into the throne room. The Queen and Prince Philip married in there and she came back to it at the Coronation. We went up the stairs and into the superb art gallery with Rodin and Rembrandt paintings amongst a terrific collection. Our audio system told us about a few and we wished we could find out more.

We then went into the exhibition of the Queen's year which I found very interesting. For an 84 year old lady she leads a very busy life starting at 7.30am and going on until 7.30pm daily. We learnt about the investitures and garden parties. Then we went through more state rooms including the music room where most of the Royals were baptised, and out into the gardens.

We had refreshments and a look around the shop before we went to find the bus. We managed to get our tickets stamped so that we can make a return visit for free to find out more.

We arrived home about 7.00pm having had a lovely day.

Odstock Parish Council

The next meeting of the Odstock Parish Council is at 7:30pm on 8th Sept. in the Barker Room, Nunton.

At the May meeting, it was resolved to take advantage of the Wiltshire Council offer of a Saturday morning visit by a Refuse Compaction Vehicle. This has been provisionally booked for Saturday, 2 October and will be publicised on the Parish notice boards (*and on the News and Notes website*) during September together with a comprehensive list to explain permitted use. The vehicle is expected to be available between 7:15 and 11:30am at a maximum of two locations.

Please provide feedback to determine the most popular locations prior to the Odstock PC meeting on 8th September.

An Agenda will be published on the village notice boards and at www.odstock.info at least 3 days before the meeting. Contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794 341405 or email: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Sweet Peas @ Glebe House, Odstock

Susie Voremberg

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Salisbury Arts Centre and the Salisbury Samaritans through my doorstep sweet pea enterprise - £70 was raised for each of these organisations. I am planning to do more fragrant flowers next year!

A Harvest Celebration Service at 6.00pm in the Radnor Hall on Sunday 26th Sept followed by supper (at 7.00pm)

All welcome!

Price for the supper:

£6 each, £3 for children under 12 (under 5 free)

Tickets from: Maggie Metcalfe (01722 325825)

Debby Underhill (01722 329769)

This is an opportunity to give thanks for the abundance of nature and the hard work of our farmers, and also to be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves. Our supper will have an African theme and proceeds will go to support various good causes. If you can't make the supper, just come to the service at 6.00pm.

The Radnor Hall Friday October 22nd at 7.30 pm

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Britford Parish Council

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Malcolm Hitchings chaired the meeting held on 4th August 2010.

Items discussed were;

- a. The joining of Odstock and Britford Primary schools.
- b. Mrs G Gale is to be the Council rep to the Environmental Agency re Flooding.
- c. Finance. Payment was made for two years of Internal Audit, while in Sept we will hear the result of the External Audit.
- d. The Chairman reported on the July Area Board meeting.
- e. A Planning application for the Moat House had been approved by Trowbridge.
- f. The repainting of the white lines on the A338 has been included in the Wiltshire 10/11 programme.
- g. As a result of comments by the Parish Council to Trowbridge the speed limit of 30mph on the A338 in Britford will remain.
- h. A compactor vehicle will be in Britford to receive items of rubbish on 23rd Oct. More details in the next issue.
- i. There will be an exhibition on the possible development of a Bus lane on the Downton Road. Please watch for announcement in the local press.

ONB Fête

Update

Brian Clake (01722 340261)

Although not all of the funds raised or bills have yet been received, the profit on this year's Fête is estimated to be in excess of £5,500. I repeat my thanks of last month to all those who contributed in any way to this splendid effort.

When the Fête Committee meets next, consideration will be given to the distribution of the proceeds. As always, a donation will be made to the PCC and contributions will be made to a number of local causes.

If there is any particular local organisation or activity which you think would be suitable for support from Fête funds, please let me know.

To the Fête Tea Teams and the Gate Teams

Hatty Hillier

I'd like to thank you all very much for so willingly giving time and energy to helping at the Fête. The Fête couldn't function without volunteer support. The reliability and hard work from you all was greatly appreciated by the committee and we very much hope that everyone will be happy to assist us again next year.

Stars Appeal Tidworth Runs

For details of the Tidworth 10k and 3k Fun Run on 7th November in aid of Salisbury District Hospital's Stars Appeal, please go to www.starsappeal.org.

Charity Golf Day

Nunton resident, Paula Day, is to tackle the 2,200 km Karma Enduro Rally challenge in India in November 2010 to raise desperately needed funds for *The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity and Adventure Ashram*.

As part of the fund raising programme, a Charity Golf Day has been arranged at Bramshaw Golf Club, Hampshire to which teams from local businesses and golf societies are invited. This is a great, and inexpensive, corporate entertainment option.

The fourball betterball stableford team event is being held on Monday 4 October 2010 on Bramshaw's manor course in the heart of the New Forest. Teams of four can be mixed, or all men or all ladies teams. The fourball betterball format gives even occasional players a chance to enjoy a round of golf in a relaxed way. All handicaps are welcome.

Entry is £220 per team (£55 per person) to include coffee and bacon roll on arrival and a delicious curry meal after the game. There are great team prizes and other fun competitions with a first prize of a UK golfing break for four worth nearly £1,000. You can book your team entry on-line at: www.palenduro2010.com.

The Rainbow Trust is a UK charity providing practical and emotional support to families who have a child with life threatening or terminal illness. The Trust supports over 1,000 families in the UK each year.

The UK based Adventure Ashram charity provides medical care and health education to remote village communities in Southern India and supports the development of programmes for long term and self-fulfilling change.

Scope Advertising has sponsored the cost of entry, flights, accommodation, subsistence and all running costs but donations are sought for the minimum charity fund target from each of the sixty rally teams. Every penny raised will be equally split between the two deserving charities.

For more information, to register a team, sponsor a hole or make a donation, please visit www.palenduro2010.com and click on the Golf Event link.

The Radnor Hall

Minerva String Quartet

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9th October at 7.30pm

Another chance to hear our resident string quartet - not to be missed!

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from Adrian Taylor 01722 325862 (from 6th Sept)

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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long 01722 780448

Flowers paint a picture

I just can't understand some of this so-called art, but I do like a nice picture. If you recognise that then you may well be the person that will really enjoy watching Margaret Simpson and her floral art show entitled "Saw This and Thought" She creates flower arrangements from the most surprising memories and adds a lot of style to it too. The event is at Broadchalke Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd September starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 at the door including coffee, biscuits and a warm welcome for all News & Notes readers. Organised by the Chalke Valley Flower Club the evening promises to be both artistic and entertaining.

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust



'Protecting the Vulnerable'

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity that has been supporting our communities for over 12 years. The charity offers a free security and fire risk assessment to elderly and vulnerable folk living in Wiltshire. We secure 1,300 homes a year. The Operator will upgrade your locks, add window locks, door viewers etc to your property free of charge plus give you advice on how to remain safe at home. **Do you know anyone over 60 or in a vulnerable position who would benefit from this support? If so, please call our office on 01225 794652**

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 19th September

Gates open at 10.00am

Selling starts at 11.00am

The Football Field, Nunton

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

All proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds

REFLECTIONS

An evening with General Sir Mike Jackson

Saturday, 25th September 7.30p.m.

at

Homington Church

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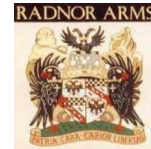
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Matrimony Farmhouse Garden

Adrian Taylor

A very big thank you to Carole and David Stratton who, on the evening of 8th August, opened their wonderful garden once again. The event was blessed with fine weather and visitors were treated, not only to a tour of the garden and splendid refreshments, but also to an instructive and engaging talk by David about growing sweet peas. A very good sum was raised for church and mission funds.

RADNOR ARMS



Friday 3rd Sept - Fish and Chips

2 Courses - £10.95

Thursday 16th Sept - Italian Night

4 Courses - £18.95

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Tuesday 21st Sept - Steak Night

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Thursday 7th Oct - Mushroom

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Downton NPT – Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin

Police Surgeries

An officer from Downton NPT will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

Mondays: 9am - 10am at *Woodfalls Post Office*
Tuesdays: 10am - 11am at *Downton Library*
Weds: 11am - 12.00 noon at *Coombe Bissett Church*
Thursdays: 6pm - 7pm at *Downton Library*

Burglary crime prevention advice

With the warmer weather here it's important that you follow the advice set out below:

- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise - visit www.immobilise.com.

New look website

Wiltshire Police has launched a new and improved website to make it more accessible to the public, with improved navigation, meaning that it will be easier to find the information that you need. You can now also register with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your area and have your say on local priorities. Log on to www.wiltshire.police.uk to see the changes and register your details for the chance to win a laptop, courtesy of Intel. The winner will be selected at random (terms and conditions apply).

Neighbourhood Watch

The main purpose of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to strengthen community ties by encouraging residents to look out for one another, particularly with regard to those who are elderly or considered vulnerable. At present approximately 20 per cent of households in the county are involved in NHW; however Wiltshire Police would like to increase this figure. If you would like more information on becoming a NHW coordinator or member, please ask a member of the NPT or visit www.wiltshire.police.uk and click on the icon 'safety advice'.

Rogue Traders

Rogue traders may knock on your door and pretend to be legitimate builders or gardeners. These callers will try to convince and sometimes pressurise you into having work carried out that you do not need doing. They may charge you extortionate amounts of money for the work once it is done.

NEVER agree to have work carried out by someone who is just passing, or believe them that the work needs to be done at all. If you have agreed for work to be carried out, do not let them pressure you into paying for the work before it is complete. Do not let them take you to a bank or building society to take out the money to pay them. Cold callers are required by law to give seven days notice in writing, referred to as a cooling off period – rogue traders do not comply with this legislation.

If you think you need work to be carried out at home, get quotes from at least three companies and ask friends and neighbours to recommend a reputable company to you.

Sometimes rogue traders look professional with printed flyers, but don't be tricked. Things to look out for are when they use 0800 numbers and mobile numbers on advertising material – the address may also not be local.

Follow the STAY OUT STRANGER advice when you get a caller at the door - Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy hole or window - Do NOT open the door if you do not recognise, or are not expecting, a caller - Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

Contact details:

0845 408 7000 - downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

People's Voice Survey 2010

Wiltshire Council in partnership with the Police, NHS Wiltshire and the Fire and Rescue Service already have a citizens panel of over 3,500 Wiltshire residents that answer surveys 2-3 times a year on important issues. The results are fed back to each organisation so that changes in policies and strategies can be made.

For the first time we are offering this through electronic means and we would very much like you to take part. All that is needed is to click on the link below which will take you to a electronic survey which should take no more than 10 minutes to fill out – once you have finished the survey you click on submit and that's it. It's entirely free and you decide whether you want to reply or not.

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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 (2 nd , 16 th & 30 th September) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (10 th & 24 th September) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (1 st & 29 th September)
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

8 th Sept	Odstock Parish Council Meeting, Barker Room, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
12 th Sept	Garden Open, Bowerchalke, 2.00 - 5.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
19 th Sept	Car Boot Sale , Nunton Field (<i>see page 4</i>)
25 th Sept	Reflections with General Sir Mike Jackson, Homington Church, 7.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
26 th Sept	Harvest Celebration, Radnor Hall, 6.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
9 th Oct	Minerva String Quartet, Radnor Hall, 7.30 (<i>see page 3</i>)
22 nd Oct	Radio Banska, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)

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