

News and Notes

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

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Blowing the cobwebs away!

ODSTOCK CHURCH is closed for worship for a couple of months or so, while the organ is being cleaned and restored and improved – a chance to blow away lots of cobwebs and disturb lots of spiders. You should have seen the dust and dead flies when the workman began to remove the outer cover, and we emptied the shelves in church! The organ needs a thorough clean: you can't expect an old instrument to go on sounding good without being serviced. You wouldn't expect a car to make do with the same degree of neglect that we often give to things in our churches. (Come to think of it, most of us change and upgrade our cars on a fairly regular basis – why don't we want to do the same with church services?!)

We look forward to enjoying the refurbished organ and plan to hold a Christmas carol service in Odstock. And hopefully we shall have given the whole church building a good clean, and very soon do some plastering and redecorating too.

But, it does make me wonder what we are doing to clear away the cobwebs and refresh our *spiritual* lives. It takes time and effort to learn to pray, to practice being quiet with God, to review our lives and engage in useful self-examination, which can prepare us for confession and the joy of knowing God's forgiveness. These are all part of the spiritual disciplines – I fear they are sorely neglected in our busy lives. If we rush into church on a Sunday morning without any preparation, we will not get the *most* out of the service, nor from meeting with God.

So, if you would like to take some time to explore your faith this autumn, what better way than coming to our ALPHA course – Thursdays in Coombe Bissett, 7.45 – 9.30 pm (including supper). Give me a ring if you are interested, or see the posters in each church porch.

Alison Williams (The Vicarage, Nunton, 01722 330628)

PS In the meantime, Sunday services which would normally be at Odstock will be in Nunton.

Church of England Services

Sunday, 2 nd October Trinity 19	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion - Harvest Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP - Harvest	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW AW DH/WC
Sunday, 9 th October Trinity 20	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer Family Service - Harvest	Homington Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	WC AW DB AW
Sunday, 16 th October Trinity 21	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	AW DH RR WC
Wednesday, 19 th October St Luke	8.30am	Holy Communion	Broad Chalke	
Sunday, 23 rd October Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Morning Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Nunton	AW AW WC AW
Sunday, 30 th October	10.00am	Parish Communion – All Souls	Coombe Bissett	AW/WC

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DB = Denis Blake, DH = Rev Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole, RR = Revd Roger Redding
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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WI

Anna Treseder

Promotional Meeting - 12th September 2005

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting by welcoming many visitors including two founder members, and welcomed back two members who have been ill recently. She thanked Suzie Appleford for arranging the "terrific" summer outing to Abbotsbury Gardens and Swannery. She also thanked those who had helped with, and contributed to, the three stalls run by the WI at the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete but said that less money was raised than in previous years because insufficient produce and cakes had been donated. She proposed that there should be one combined stall in future. Sue thanked Doreen Osmond for organising the 2005-06 programme of events and Sheila May for producing the leaflets.

Judy Barke provided the beautiful floral arrangement for the President's table; Sue Bourne and Julia Joynt assisted her with the flowers for each table. Pat Reeves won the flower of the month competition. Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report and distributed bulb orders. Jean van Hagen gave the Secretary's report and read the WI correspondence. The Annual Council Meeting at City Hall on 31 October will be well attended by members. Pam Trubshawe gave details of other forthcoming events. Val Martyn confirmed theatre performances and dates, including the Pantomime. Suzie Appleford is organising lunch at the Rainbow on 20 October for those who missed the summer outing, plus any other members who would like to attend. She is also finding a venue for the Christmas lunch.

After coffee Mrs Mary Guest gave an interesting, informative talk on Embroidery Samplers through the ages with many examples of work from around the world. Anna Treseder thanked her on behalf of everyone. 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.

The next meeting is on 10 October.

Odstock Primary School

School News

At the end of term we held our summer fête and barbecue. This event was a huge success and raised over £400 for school funds. We will be using this money to fund a climbing wall for the children in the playground.

We also held a leavers ceremony where we not only wished our Year 6 children well in their continuing learning journey, but also said "au revoir" to some members of staff. One of our midday supervisors, Mary Fotheringham, decided to enjoy a long-earned

retirement after many years' service at the school and our infant teacher has joined a German school. Whilst sad to lose them we wished them all the best.

We therefore started our new academic year with new faces at school. We welcome Miss Jane Clark as the new infant teacher, Mrs Elspeth MacIntosh as a junior teacher and Mr Jon Burns who is covering the teachers' release time. We also have two new teaching assistants as well as our new children. We can now offer three small classes which is of huge benefit to our children as they can enjoy a high adult to child ratio.

Our new classroom has also now been started and progressing well. It is hoped that building work will be completed by Christmas. We will be gaining a whole new toilet block as well as a new classroom and cloakrooms. The children are really enjoying watching all the activity and it is providing us with good learning opportunities.

Following the traffic survey we did in July we will be undertaking a further traffic survey on 21 September. We will report our findings in October. As you may have heard and seen in the local news we have been awarded £4000 to help implement our travel plan. We will be looking at the best ways to spend this money to improve safety for all our children and villagers alike, and would welcome any input from community groups and individuals.

News of an "old" pupil

We were delighted to hear that an old pupil of ours, Ben Murley, has been made head boy at Downton Secondary School this year. We would like to send our congratulations to him.

Plea for Volunteers

In preparation for Family Learning Week on 8-16 October we are looking for members of the community to come into school to share skills such as jam making, flower arranging, arts and crafts, local history. If you would be prepared to spare an hour please let us know on 01722 329701.

Britford Lunch

The second Britford Lunch will be on Thursday, 20th October, Britford Village Hall, 12.30pm, £5.00 per ticket. The idea of the lunches is for people to get together on a very informal basis and have a chat. Please do come along, we will be very pleased to see you. Ring Peggy Knight 01722 320259 or Julia Shipsey 01722 335096

<p style="text-align: center;">Tony Udell Lawn Mowing/Grass Strimming Low Garden Hedges 2 Bake Farm Cottages, Coombe Bissett 01722 718247 or 07979 791499</p>
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Odstock Parish Council

At the PC meeting on 14th September, it was agreed that a letter explaining the PC's intentions regarding the Nunton Field should be circulated to those likely to be affected by the proposals that were broadly in line with those presented at the 2004 Nunton fête. The existing entrance gate will be widened but there will be no formal car parking area. It was also resolved that community skips should be placed in the villages during October. Those at Bodenham and Odstock will be in the usual places while the Nunton field entrance, off Rose lane, will be used to site the third skip. The skips will be delivered on Friday, 7th October and will be available for up to two weeks. Villagers should be careful not to use them to dispose of any hazardous waste such as tyres, chemicals or asbestos. The next Ordinary PC meeting is on Wednesday, 7th December. The full draft minutes of the last meeting will be posted on the village noticeboards.

Britford Village

For your safety and the safety of others will all motorists using the Lower Road in Britford Village please reduce their speed as there has been a number of minor incidents lately. Thank you in anticipation.

Choir for Services at Nunton

If you would like to sit in the choir stalls and sing your part with a choir at the October and November services in Nunton please call Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862.

Church Cleaning - St Andrews, Nunton

We shall be 'Autumn' cleaning the church on 22nd October. If you are able to help, please come at 10am with suitable equipment. *Churchwardens*

Charlton All Saints

2005 Bonfire Bash



Saturday, 5th November

from 6.00pm next to the Village Barn

Traditional Bonfire Refreshments

For tickets contact:

Graham & Jackie Barrett

Hollytree House, Church Lane

01722 324097

£5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children (5-14 years)

The British Food Fortnight Quiz

Saturday, 1st October 2005

Britford Village Hall

7.00pm

Teams of six players are invited to pit their wits against one another in the charity quiz of the year!

Tickets £10.00

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OPEN MORNING 5 OCTOBER 2005

10.00 A.M. – 12.00 NOON

**Here are extracts from
our recent Ofsted report*:**

'This good school provides a good standard of education'

'Pupils' personal development is very good, attitudes are excellent, behaviour is very good.'

'Links with parents and the community are very good.'

'Foundation Stage provision is good.'

'Teaching is frequently very good.'

'Children are given a good start in reception where there is a good balance of structured play and more formal opportunities.'

'Reception staff take very good care of children and this sets the tone for the school's very good ethos.'

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

* The full report can be obtained from
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports/126/126304.pdf>

The Cathedrals of
WINCHESTER & SALISBURY

A Lighthearted Comparison

on Wednesday, 12th October, 2005
at 7.30 p.m.

in Charlton All Saints Church Hall

Denis Blake will give an illustrated talk
on the two cathedrals which have played so
great a part in his life:

Winchester, the city where he was born,
and Salisbury, the city where he is now a
Cathedral Floor Guide.

Admission £5.00

A glass of wine and refreshments included
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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, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45-11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Joanne Philp on 01722 510565
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (5 th and 19 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

October Dates

1 st October	Charlton All Saints Harvest Supper, 6.30 for 7.00pm
1 st October	The British Food Fortnight Quiz, Britford Village Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
5 th October	Britford Primary School Open Morning, 10.00am (<i>see page 3</i>)
8 th October	Charlton All Saints Garden Society with Martin Garden Society
12 th October	The Cathedrals of Winchester and Salisbury, a Light-hearted Comparison by Denis Blake (<i>see above</i>)
20 th October	Britford Lunch, Britford Village Hall, 12.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
22 nd October	Church Cleaning, St Andrew's, Nunton at 10.00am (<i>see page 3</i>)
31 st October	Charlton All Saints Garden Society (<i>see page 3</i>)

Advance Dates

5 th November	Charlton All Saints, 2005 Bonfire Bash from 6.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
24 th , 25 th , 26 th Nov	Proposed dates for Radnor Hall Players performances