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Dear Friend

The gap between Christmases seems to get shorter the older one gets! I remember as a child there seemed to be an eternity stretching ahead when the decorations were put carefully back in their boxes in the attic before they would see the light of day again. Now, if the years don't exactly race by, they go pretty quickly!

Now as 1996 gets underway there have been nearly 2,000 years since the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - that is a *very* long time no matter how quickly some of the individual years have flown by! In that time mighty world rulers and empires have risen to prominence and faded away - movements for good have done their best and gone, and forces for evil have tried to do their worst and have been withstood and repelled. Through it all the Kingdom of God has remained, as it always will, and men, women and children still worship and dedicate their lives to its ruler, born in humble and stark conditions.

Our Lord's message of sacrificial love and service, so often mocked and pushed to the margins by society in all generations is the domain that endures. All who sincerely endeavour to respond to that message belong to his eternal Kingdom and have his life in them.

As we approach the millennium, let us remember that it is above all our Lord's moment, his hour, as he is set to reign, not just for another thousand or so years, but for ever.

I am sure if we enter 1996 with that perspective in mind we will enter it with hope and confidence, humility and peace.

A very happy New Year,

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

### Church Services

Sunday 7 January 1996	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	<b>NO SERVICE</b>		Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
Wednesday 10 January	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Barker Room
Sunday 14 January	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 21 January	9.30 am	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Sunday 28 January	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 4 February	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock

If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

**Please note** that, because of maintenance works to the building, there is no 9.30 am Service at St Peter's on 7 January.

## **From the Editor**

A Very Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you had a peaceful Christmas. This month's issue was again paid for by the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Parish Council, to whom I am very grateful. If you have any items that you would like to be included in next month's newsletter, please send it to me, Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton-All-Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me on 01725 512869. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the February issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 19 January.

## **Welcome**

Welcome through baptism to Francesca and Annabel Warley, twin daughters of Anthony and Pippa, and sisters of Oliver and Imogen. RH

## **RIP**

There were several deaths in the days before Christmas. We send our love and offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following people:

Puck Hawley - son of Faith Hawley

Chris Moules - step-son of Angela Moules

Ralph Dudman - husband of Sylvia and father of Brian

Clem Dymond - husband of Sylvie

Geoffrey Ackerman - who survived his wife following her death six years ago. RH

## **WI**

The President, Miss Denys Clarke, welcomed members and guests to the Christmas meeting. The Speaker was Mr L W Atkinson, who gave an illuminating talk on 'Fashion and the House of Christian Dior'. The Committee served mulled wine and mince pies. There was a bring and buy stall and a raffle. On 8 January Mrs Gill Coveney will talk about the Wilton Carpet Factory - past and present. Angela Moules

## **Charlton Theatre Club**

Thanks to all members and their guests for joining us to see "The Nutcracker" last month. All enjoyed the performance tremendously and it was an excellent scene-setter for the Christmas season. All reserved tickets for "Table Manners" at the Salisbury Playhouse on 12 February have been taken and a small number of members will be going to see "Barnum" at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on 6 January.

By popular demand, I am organising a trip to see the ballet "Cinderella" performed by the English National Ballet Co at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. Seats have been reserved in the centre of the stalls at £24.50 each and in the balcony at £14.50 each. (Discounts may apply.) Transport at an estimated cost of £6.00 per person can be arranged.

I have also been asked to mention the Bishop Wordsworth School/South Wilts Grammar School production of "Oh What a Lovely War" at Salisbury College Drama Studio. Seats have been reserved for club members for Wednesday 7 February at £5.00 each (£3.50 concessions).

Please contact me on 01725 512262 or Jan James on 01722 324097 by Friday 19 January if you are interested in either of the above events. Look out for future club events in the next edition of *News and Notes*. New members are always welcome. Joanna Matthews

## **Recycling**

There are recycling bins beside The Radnor Arms for plastic bottles, newsprint/paper and cans. No glass bottles, but there are bins for these in town.

## The Radnor Hall Players - Old Tyme Music Hall

On the evenings of 24 and 25 November a packed house was entertained by a brilliant display of local talent in the manner of Old Tyme Music Hall. The whole concept was devised and produced by Harry Joynt, who was Master of Ceremonies to a vocabulary of expansive words to the Ooh's and Aah's of the audience, dressed up for the occasion. The ladies of the cast were arrayed in a variety of exhilarating dresses and hats, and the gentlemen in tails and sporting a carnation which was available from a very debonair doorman in the guise of Keith Jeffrey, complete with straw boater and bright striped jacket who then assisted back stage. The lighting was most competently controlled by Andy Walton.

The format was, of course, very musical with as much audience participation as possible, solo acts and sketches, and throughout the evening the anchor was a faultless piano more than ably controlled by Peggy Oxendale and for the sketches by Nickie Bond. A group of eight "Scena" Singers, organised by Julia Joynt, made up the backbone of the show, these being Nickie Bond, Dorothy Darton, Julia Joynt, Pippa Warley, Peter Docherty, Tom Gambold, Nick Stanger, Adrian Taylor plus an interloper Anthony Warley. Several gave splendid interpretations of solo songs and all led the chorus singing. Denis Blake treated us to a trumpet solo, Claire Chitty on the violin and Josephine Healy on the flute and a very competent performance by each, while Liz Stubbs brought along some friends and provided a sequence of some very delicate Scottish dancing professionally executed.

One duet of cat miaowing complete with tails to Rossini was brilliantly portrayed by Julia Joynt and Dorothy Darton after Julia gave us her rendition of a beautiful picture in a beautiful frame which by the end was reduced to pieces.

The sketches, directed by Harry Joynt, were dramatically portrayed by Rachel Underhill, Peter Docherty, Alexander Joynt, Sherwood Elcock, Diane Berry, Hazel Docherty, Julian Johnson, Melanie Ferris and John Ferris. One of these was a classic innovation by way of an old flicker film type show and on demand from the audience for a re-run the film had to be re-wound with all the characters - Sherwood Elcock, Hazel Docherty, Julian Johnson and Diane Berry - doing their act in reverse and then forward again at speed until the projector jammed bringing this to a sudden statue pose - very cleverly executed.

During the evening various visits were made by a regal Queen Victoria, portrayed by Madeline Baker - who was "not amused". A super back curtain and drapes - made by Rita Hobbs - was on display for the first time, and the stage manager for the event was a tireless Cliff Whitley. Lyn Whitley was the make-up artist whose skill was evident for all to see. Everyone was served with wine or beer from delightfully dressed ladies - namely Debby Underhill and Sandy Jeffrey, assisted by wench Stephanie.

Sponsors for the event were: The Longford Estate, Nunton Farm, Ringwood Brewery and New Hall Hospital. We are so lucky to have so much talent in our parish and it really was a wonderful show. The Radnor Hall will benefit to the tune of £500 for this splendid evening. Peter Ford

## Whist Drives

£320 has been donated to church funds during 1995, from proceeds of the weekly whist drives held in the Barker Room. The organisers thank those who attended during the year, and those who kindly gave prizes for the Christmas whist drive. Bernice Loader



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## **“... dilemma of delightful devoted doughty doctors . . .”**

Sadly, Queen Victoria was “not amused” when, on a woefully wet windy winter weekend, a dilemma of delightful devoted doughty doctors and a glorious galaxy of golden girls ( to name but a few) took the Radnor Hall by storm. Everybody enjoyed an entertaining evening. Harry Joyst our charismatic Chairman, had imported some new talent as well as many “old timers”. Having run out of alliterative adjectives, it would be invidious to single out any one act; there was murder, mystery, melodrama, Scottish dancing and the cast sang their hearts out, with not a song sheet in sight. (One incident on Saturday night nearly made my watch stop....!) Thanks, too, to all the “backstage” workers, seen and unseen, but essential. It’s an anti-climax to go home, remove make up and climb the stairs with a cup of cocoa - but once again Sherwood Elcock and Stephanie welcomed all the cast and their families to “round off the evening” at his cottage. It’s all over for another year.

Angela Moules

## **Charlton Village Appraisal**

Here’s a reminder for the 12 good men and women who agreed to join the Village Hall Steering Committee, that the first meeting is on Monday 15 January at the Church at 7.30 pm. If you were unable to come to the village appraisal meeting but feel you would like to be involved with the Village Hall Project, or the Gardening Society, Parish Footpath Map, Newsletter, Youth Club, Photography Group, Music Society or Knitting Circle, please don’t be shy - telephone Chris Whalley on 01722 329733 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869.

## **Downton Band Christmas Concert**

On 7 December The Downton Band gave us an evening to remember - a splendid performance of Christmas music and carols. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success - they include Alison for her delicious mulled wine, the ladies who provided the food, and the people who gave prizes for the raffle. After the interval, John, the band’s musical director, amused us all with his chatter and encouraged us to sing carols requested by members of the audience. It was a truly enjoyable way to start the Christmas season. My thanks to all who came.

Peggy Oxendale

## **Carol Singing**

The Charlton Carollers met at the Bell House on the Wednesday before Christmas, by kind invitation of Barbara and Alex Saunt. Fortified with gluhwein, we set off into the cold for nearly two hours carol singing, which raised £50 for the Wessex Children’s Hospice Appeal. We returned to the Bell House for a delicious supper which was very much enjoyed by all. On behalf of all the carol singers, I would like to say a big “thank you” to Barbara and Alex for entertaining us so well, and to all who donated to the good cause, and made the evening so worthwhile. Clare Penny

## **Dates for your Diary**

10 January	Pram Service, Barker Room 2.00 pm
15 January	Village Hall Steering Committee meeting, Charlton Church 7.30 pm
7 February	Charlton Theatre Club event “Oh What a Lovely War”
12 February	Charlton Theatre Club event “Table Manners”

## **Regular Events**

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 10.00 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Every other Friday (5 & 19 Jan), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am