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New Year

Terry Sankey

New Year's resolutions made, New Year's resolutions broken! We are still the same person, but we can relate differently.

Consider how we use our arms and hands in relationships. The clenched fist gives a clear message: "Keep your distance, you are not welcome here. Come any closer and there will be trouble."

We feel comfortable with the frightfully British handshake which can mean a number of things. To strangers it is a movement towards them and a welcome. It can also be a measured statement that this relationship will remain two feet apart! The rest of our body language speaks volumes!

Then, there are the open hands and warm Mediterranean embrace that we use for those near and dear.

God, in Christ, extends his outstretched arms to us in warm acceptance. How do we respond to those whom God embraces, when we feel like clenching our fist?

Resolutions fail, but relationships can develop and grow if they are nurtured. Hold on to your relationship with God for it is strengthened by His everlasting outstretched arms that welcome us and say: "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest."

Happy New Year.

Church Services

Sunday 7 January	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
Baptism of Christ	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	GS	Homington
Sunday 14 January	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
Second of Epiphany	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	SW	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	SW	Charlton
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service	GS	Odstock
Sunday 21 January	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Britford
Third of Epiphany	9.30 am	Morning Service	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	GS	Coombe
Sunday 28 January	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
Fourth of Epiphany	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock

Note: All Communion services are *Common Worship* liturgies, except those indicated BCP, which come from the *Book of Common Prayer*

From the Editor

This month I am very grateful to the WI for covering the cost of our newsletter. The monthly production cost of *News & Notes* is £32.50. If you would like to sponsor an issue, please get in touch! Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. 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 is 19 January.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

At Britford on Saturday 2 December 2000 - Luke Pleydell-Bouverie.

Additional Holy Days

- 1 Jan Naming of Jesus, 10.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton
- 6 Jan Epiphany of our Lord, 10.00 am Holy Communion at Charlton All Saints
- 25 Jan Conversion of St Paul, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

WI

Diane Wait

At the start of our special Christmas meeting held on Monday 11 December, Mrs Julia Joynt and Mrs Jeannie Payne received very warm congratulations from all present on their recent success in winning the Archbold Cup, which is an annual competition held for Downland Group members. They were required to produce a small book with illustrations suitable for a 4 year old. The end result was a truly delightful story written by Jeannie, which was entitled "Matilda's Hat" about a charming little mouse, and which was most beautifully illustrated by Julia. It was an enchanting little book, produced by two very talented ladies, and as a consequence received 29.5 marks out of 30 from the competition judge. It was also strongly recommended that it should be put into print at some future date.

Mrs Sue Bourne, President, then warmly welcomed nearly 50 members and their guests to the meeting, including two ex-presidents, Mrs Irene Harrison and Mrs Denys Betts (formerly Clarke). Mrs Jean Van Hagen read out the minutes and also notices of the various forthcoming events. She reported that a Skittles

Match has been arranged for 9 January at Downton Leisure Centre and a lot of members will be taking part in this event. The cost of £3 will include a tasty supper and a glass of wine, and it should prove to be a fun evening. Good luck to the various teams.

Mrs Bourne was very pleased to report that Mr Keith Wilby from the Fete Committee had sent us a cheque for £200, which was by way of thanks for our support and hard work at this year's Fete. He expressed great appreciation for all our efforts and is hopeful of the same next year!

Following the completion of the business side of the meeting, members then indulged in a bit of spending at the bring and buy sale. There was a large selection of goods on display, including some attractive stocking fillers and also bunches of mistletoe!

After the sale we were all ready for the highlight of the meeting, which was the entertainment provided by Mr Harry Joynt. We were all enthralled by his recitation of various monologues, which were both dramatic and amusing. He commenced proceedings with "The man with a single hair" which was hilarious, then followed with the more serious "Green Eye of the Little Yellow God". His wonderful rendition of the Flanders and Swann "Have some Madeira my Dear" nearly brought the house down. He was virtually word perfect, needing very little prompting, and his wife Julia provided wonderful off-stage noises to accompany his monologues. It was entertainment of the highest order, and Mrs Joan Dickson gave him a very appreciative and gracious vote of thanks.

Following this wonderful interlude we all got into the festive mood with some superb mulled wine, delicious mince pies and a very excellent raffle. There were some very good prizes on offer, and Harry was asked to pull out the raffle tickets for the lucky winners.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 January, when our speaker will be Mr David Stone who is Head Gardener at Mottisfont Abbey. He will talk about the roses at Mottisfont and this will surely be a delightful and interesting start to the new year.

On behalf of our WI, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful 2001, and to say that we really do look forward to welcoming new members to our meetings. Please do come and join us soon.

Whist Drives

Bernice Loader

Although the Barker Room whist drives have decreased in number during 2000, £220 from this weekly event has been donated towards church funds.

Ebble Community Pre-School

The Ebble Community Pre-School is having an Auction of Promises and Quiz Night on Friday 9 February 2001 at the Radnor Hall. Any promises will be gratefully received - anything from a week's ironing to mowing the grass!

Please contact either Debby Underhill 01722 329769 or Sharon Chandler 01722 329719. Tickets will be on sale in January. The price will include a ploughman's supper and glass of wine.

A Thank You to Harry

Philippa Warley, on behalf of the Radnor Hall Players

I have a neighbour, by the name of Joynt,
He must be obeyed! That is the point.
He phones you up, in mid-July,
"The Christmas Show! Well at least come and try."
He lures you round, comfy chair, big drink ...
Up pops a script and you feel your heart sink.
But what Harry achieves, with the likes of just us,
With gargantuan effort and really, NOT MUCH
fuss,
Is a spectacle that proves great fun, for one and all
That's why JOYNT rules on, mighty, strong and
VERY TALL!

Parish Council News

Sherwood Elcock, Chairman 01722 334398

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 29 November. This report is a summary of the main issues considered; anyone wishing to see the full minutes should contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Parsons on 01794 341405 (or see the Parish Web Site www.odstock.com).

Planning

Two planning matters were considered:

1. An application to fell the Lime Tree at Bodenham House Cottage, with some regret for the loss of a fine tree we reluctantly accepted that, for reasons of safety, this tree should be removed.
2. Change of use of The Old Coach House, The Avenue, Odstock to general business and office use. This application was also supported.

Grant Support For The Radnor Hall

We were pleased to support an application from the Radnor Hal Committee for a grant to refurbish the kitchen.

Playground Equipment For The Recreation Area At Odstock

We agreed to support a proposal from Colin Berry to provide a small tarmac playing area with netball posts and goalposts on this field. This we hope to fund from money received by the Council in respect of recent developments in the community.

Parish Precept

We agreed on an increase in the Parish Precept to £6000 for the coming financial year in order to meet our increased commitments.

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting has been changed from 10 Jan to Wednesday 17 January at 7.30 pm in the Radnor Hall.

If you have any comments or would like further information on anything mentioned in this letter or if there are any issues you would like discussed at our next meeting in January, please let me know. You are of course very welcome to attend that meeting.

Poppy Appeal 2000

Joan Mackenzie

I wish to thank Anne Simmons so much for helping me to visit every house on the Electoral Register of Charlton All Saints. Between us and the All Saints Church donation, our total was £258.67.

Comedy Cabaret Supper at the Radnor Hall

Hazel Docherty

Those who packed the Radnor Hall on the nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday 23, 24, 25 November were given a double feast - one of music and drama, and the other of food, for this year's format for the Radnor Hall's Players was a novel mix of entertainment and supper. The drama and music were, as usual, varied and entertaining and the food and drink were much appreciated as they allowed plenty of time to socialise as well as providing everyone with an excellent supper.

On arrival guests received a glass of mulled wine prepared by Debby Underhill and had time to settle in to their tables and buy raffle tickets for a fabulous array of prizes organised by the Trubshaws, before the curtain went up on item number one, which was a short modern comedy ably directed by Melanie Ferris. In this, Debby Vyas convincingly played a frazzled mother who is obsessed with bringing up her children and proceeds to treat the neighbours (Stephanie and Sherwood Elcock) in much the same way. They gradually succumb to her scolding and end up

behaving as children themselves. In no time at all the lights were up and Yvette O'Keeffe, in her role as Supper Supremo, had conjured delicious plates of ham, salads and potato onto the tables. Alan Ambrose had filled the glasses and the merry buzz of talk filled the hall. The next excitement was the Cabaret which opened with a spectacular rendering from a scantily clad Pippa Warley of the song Cabaret, professionally accompanied by the band led by Nicky Bond. Graham Southgate delivered a most amusing sermon with cockney expressions which was followed by a baffling conversation about the finer points of cricket confusingly described by Sam Vyas to an incredulous Pippa Crosthwaite. From the summer mood of cricket we moved to the racy ambience of "You'll find me at Maxime's" strongly sung by Simon Jackson with saucy encouragement from the 2 glamorous Pippas. Julia Joynt then used her voice to good effect as a pass  e pop singer accompanied by the stunning line-up of fishnet-clad legs of Messers Johnson, Vyas, Elcock and Ferris. Simon Jackson reappeared in the guise of a theatrical agent interviewing the incredible one-legged Nick Stanger seeking a role as Tarzan. How Nick continued to hop throughout this sketch and still continue to look cheerful and in control amazed everyone. A quieter scene followed where two well-known local yokels had a quiet and bizarre chat on the village green and we were then treated to a slice of Romeo and Juliet with a modern, medical ending. The Cabaret section was brought to an end with a marvellous surprise show of slides taken by Liz and presented by Nick Stanger. Fine upstanding citizens of the villages revealed all - well, almost all, in very professional pictures. This varied, fun cabaret had something for everyone to enjoy and it was particularly nice to see some new faces among the cast.

The audience then had time to talk over what they had seen while enjoying a further glass of wine and delicious home-made apple pie and cream before the final chaotic comedy about a village fete, this time directed by Harry Joynt. We recognised all the characters, admirably portrayed by a strong cast of regulars - Peter Docherty as the publican and fete organiser, Pippa Warley as local school teacher in charge of teas and fianc  e of John Ferris the cub master. Julian Johnson was the very bumbling vicar and Jill Johnson the unlucky special guest invited to open the fete. The weather, the electrics and the energetic cub scouts ensure that nothing went to plan!

These well-attended evenings involved the time and talents of many local people who helped behind the scenes as well as on stage and it is largely thanks to the dedication and experience of

Harry Joynt and Melanie Ferris, together with Nick Stanger's splendid contribution as director of the Cabaret, that so much and of such a high quality was presented once again.

PS from the Producer Harry Joynt

There were more people involved one way or another in this production than in any other over the past ten years or so. Feedback suggests that the idea of food and drink together with stage entertainment went down very well. Hearty thanks to everybody - on stage, behind stage, providing supper, helping in other ways - and I calculate that the profit going towards upkeep of the Radnor Hall runs into four figures. Well done one and all!



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Community Transport Conference

*Saturday 3 February 2001 at The Corn
Exchange, Devizes from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm*

If you have a bright idea on how to solve your community's transport problems, why not come along and meet other individuals and groups who want to make it easier to get around in Wiltshire. There will be people from community transport groups, local schemes, local authorities and bus companies to give you ideas and information on setting up a scheme in your area. If you would like to take part or book a place, please contact Caggy Canning, the Community Transport Officer on 01380 722475, fax 01380 728476, email ccanning@communityfirst.org.uk

Salisbury Diabetic Retinal Screening

Bernard Stubbs

The Salisbury Branch of Diabetics UK is raising money for the above fund. If anyone is willing to buy and/or sell raffle tickets, please contact Bernard Stubbs on 01722 330006. The main prizes are a week's caravan holiday in June worth £220; Advet mountain bike; 3 nights' hotel accommodation for two; Sunday lunch for two; 6 driving lessons at AI Roadcraft, and many more! Tickets cost £1 for a book of five.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

On 13 November, Mrs Jane Balfour gave a very enlightening talk on "Harold Peto and his Italianate Gardens, including Heale House". She has only recently started talking about gardens, but has obviously become deeply involved with the above subject and was a joy to listen to. We look forward to inviting her again.

The next meeting has yet to be arranged.

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Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Ebble Pre-school	Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Parent & Toddler	Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am, Ebble Pre-school mobile, Odstock School
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (12 & 26 January): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

17 January	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
3 February	Community Transport Conference, Devizes
9 February	Ebble Pre-School Auction of Promises and Quiz Night, Radnor Hall

