



News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton-All-Saints



December 1995

The Rectory
Nunton

Dear Friend

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Christ is born! - that is the real message of Christmas, rather than Christ *was* born. Our Lord is alive today and worthy of our undivided attention and adoration. We find him, this helpless babe, in our and other people's vulnerability. We find him in the marginalised - those for whom society has no room. We find him among the innocent victims who spend their lives trying to flee from this world's pride and cruelty. We find him when people quietly and reverently accept the yoke of God's providence, as did Mary and Joseph. Humble shepherds, wise kings, men, women and children of all ages and of every age are called to the ongoing nativity of God born into our flesh. Emmanuel - God with us - God within us. This child of God is in our midst to give us new hope and a new direction. He had come from heaven to lead us away from our griefs and sorrows and in the direction of heaven. Each year we are always ready to celebrate his coming. Are we ready to follow his lead?

Our Christmas services begin **early** in December to avoid having two special services on the same day. Our first, the very popular Christingle, is on 10 December at 3.00 pm at Charlton. Please see the diary for the times and places of the main services. I look forward very much to seeing you.

May The Lord Jesus Christ be your joy, comfort and strength.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 3 December	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Nunton
Advent Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Odstock
Sunday 10 December	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Nunton
	3.00 pm	with Holy Baptism Christingle Service	Charlton
Sunday 17 December	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Charlton
	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Odstock
Sunday 24 December	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Odstock
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Nunton
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Parish Communion	Charlton
	10.30 am	Family Service	Britford
Sunday 31 December	9.30 am	United Communion	Britford
Sunday 7 January 1996	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Odstock

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

Pram Service -There are so many extra events in December that we have decided not to have a Pram Service. However, don't forget the Christingle and come to that if you possibly can!

From the Editor

This month's issue has been paid for by the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Parish Council, to whom I am very grateful, as always. 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 January issue of *News & Notes* will be circulated slightly later than usual, and the deadline for it will be Thursday 28 December.

News in Brief

Welcome to Henry William Sebastian, born on 2 November to Peta and Edward Martin, weighing 9lbs 1oz - a fifth grandchild for Jean and Peter. AM

Welcome also to Cheryl and Dave Dunford, their sons Patrick 3½ and Edward 1½ who live at Mossiel, Shepherd's Close, Odstock. AM

RIP Jim Lovesey of Nunton (and formerly of Charlton) died last month after a period of illness and time in hospital. He served for many years on the PCC, and in earlier days his fine voice made a valuable contribution to the church choir. We shall all miss his presence in and around Nunton. We offer our deepest sympathy and love to his wife and family. RH

WI

On 13 November, Miss Denys Clarke, our President, reported that 54 members of Bath Evening branch of NADFAS visited Longford Castle after which some of our members gave them a delicious tea at the Britford Memorial Hall. We charged them £2.00 a head and they gave us a £14.00 tip!!

The Downland Group Winter meeting at Downton was well attended. Mr Gerald Ponting gave an excellent talk, with beautiful slides, on "Nancy Thring's Country Diary". Landford and Redlynch tied in the Archbold Cup competition and we came third. £24.59 was sent to County HQ for the ACWW. Then Mrs Vi Bath, one of our members, gave a very brave and moving account of the work of her daughter Joy who went to Zimbabwe as a trained nurse, midwife and missionary - and became Matron of the 100 bed Elim Hospital in the African bush. One night 36 armed terrorists came to her house, demanding medical supplies and drugs. A large percentage of the hospital patients suffered from AIDS and Joy tragically contracted the disease from which she later died, after many years of devoted service to the hospital. Joy, when she came home, was treated at Southampton Hospital and she has written an account of her work - "No Greater Love".

On 11 December, Mr L W Atkinson will speak on "Fashion and the House of Christian Dior" at our Christmas meeting. This will be held at the Britford Memorial Hall. There will be a bring and buy stall, a raffle, and mulled wine and mince pies. Members are asked to bring a guest.

The "flower of the month" winner was Mrs Sue Bourne with a beautiful "Elizabeth of Glamis" rose. AM

Charlton Village Appraisal

Following the Charlton Village Appraisal questionnaire, and the summary report leaflet which was sent to all residents of Charlton, the committee formally reported to the village at a meeting on 13 November. Jacky Nicholas and Phillipa Read of the Community Council for Wiltshire came to explain what we do next and what grants are available to help us. 12 people agreed to join the Village Hall Steering Committee, which will meet for the first time on Monday 15 January at the Church. If you put your name down for this or any of the social groups, you will be contacted by letter from Chris Whalley. If you were unable to come to the 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

The Downton Band will give a Christmas Concert of seasonal music with carols at 7.30 pm on 7 December at Charlton Church. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. There is no entrance fee, but there will be a collection for the band. Peggy Oxendale



Carol Singing

The Charlton Carollers will meet again this Wednesday 20 December, by kind shall sing our way through the village, and seasonal refreshments. If you live in ready with your purses and wallets!



year at the Bell House at 7.30 pm on invitation of Alex and Barbara Saunt. We then return to the Bell House for delicious Charlton, keep your ears open for us, and be ready with your purses and wallets!

Radnor Hall Hallowe'en Disco

The disco on 28 October was a great success. Everyone dance the night away and had a good time. A grand profit of £345 was made which will help towards the repairs on the Hall. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Anne Wadey

Britford School Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 2 December at 2.00pm at Britford School

Father Christmas • Tombola • Cakes • Teas • Chestnuts
Handicraft Stall • Children's Toys and Books • Draw for a
Christmas Hamper



Charlton Theatre Club

Good news! The response to our planned second event to The Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to see "The Nutcracker" has been excellent and all reserved tickets have been taken. Unfortunately - not so good - we have had to cancel the trip to see "Cinderella" at the Salisbury Playhouse due to lack of demand. Some members understandably are making their own arrangements to see matinee performances and hopefully we are learning from that. We are always willing to receive feedback on proposed theatre trips and hear your constructive comments - good or bad!

As a replacement for Cinderella we are proposing to go to the Guildhall in Portsmouth to see "Barnum" on Saturday 6 January at 7.00 pm. This is a highly entertaining family musical which had a very successful run in London in recent years. The seats are centrally located and cost £12.50 each. Coach transport will be arranged at an estimated price of £7.00 per person.

Finally, tickets for "Table Manners", one of the trilogy of plays by Alan Ayckbourn, have been reserved for the evening performance on Monday 12 February at the Salisbury Playhouse. Seats are again centrally located in the stalls and cost just £6.00. Lifts can be arranged if required.

Anyone interested in tickets for "Barnum" or "Table Manners" please contact me on 01725 512262 or Jan James on 01722 324097 for a booking form by 6 December. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for local theatre or film trips we would like to hear from you.

Joanna Matthews

Odstock Church Appeal Fund

There will be a "Silent Auction" and Grand Draw at 7 pm on Saturday 9 December at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. On 9 December last year we launched the appeal and have raised £23,000. But more is needed and we need YOUR help. First bids start 7.30 pm and final bids 9 pm. Please come and join in the fun. Admission £1.00 to include seasonal refreshments. Tickets from Madeline Baker (01722 329374), Windsor, Odstock, or Angela Moules, Old Mill Cottage, Odstock (01722 329785). If you have anything to spare for the auction or the raffle or for the Table Top Sale from 10 am to 12 noon in the Downton Memorial Hall also on 9 December - we would be very grateful. Collection can be arranged.



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Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

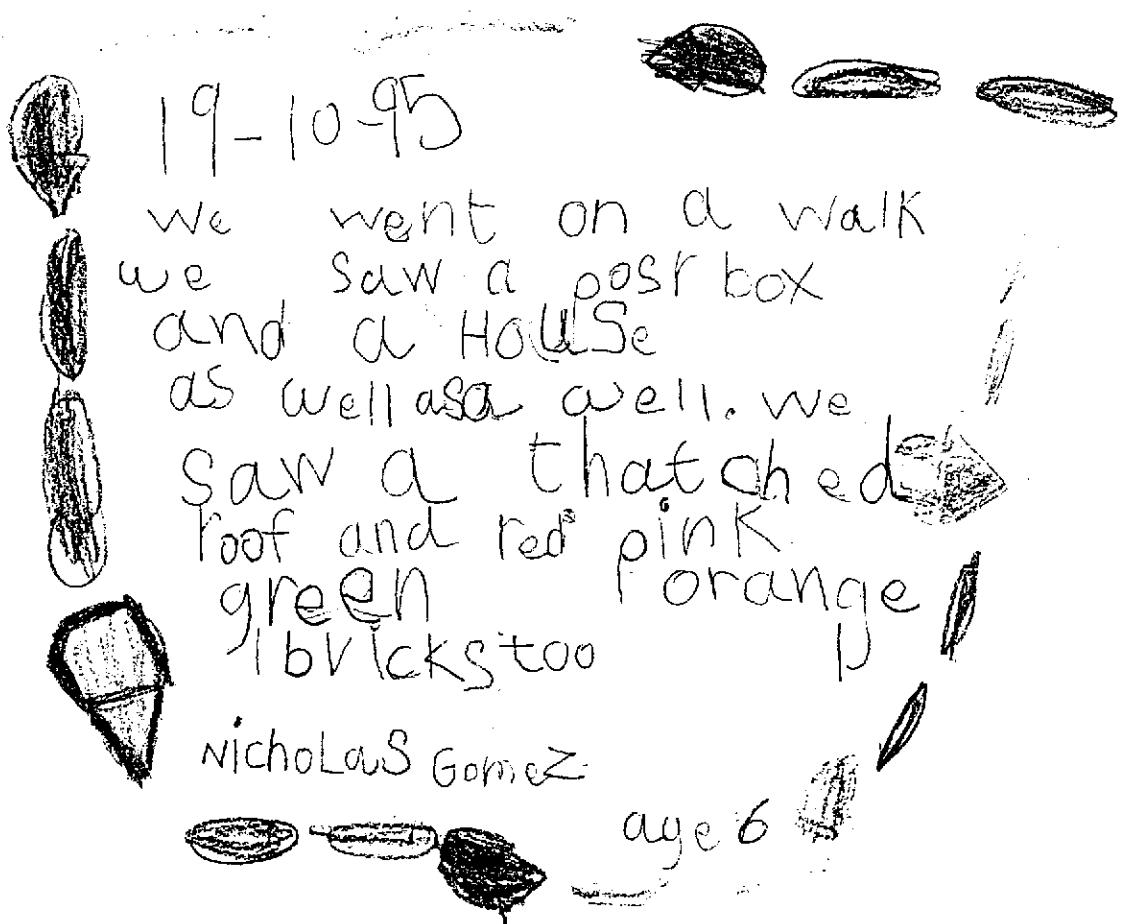
Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council

Neighbourhood Watch The Parish Council held the public meeting on 7 November in the Radnor Hall and we had interesting presentations from the Police Liaison Officer, Sgt Webb from Alderbury Section and from James Bass who is the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Bodenham. We had looked for a higher attendance, but we were pleased that 32 were able to come along and hear how these schemes operate and the benefit to the community. There are some 1400 such Watch schemes in Wiltshire and 130,000 nationwide.

As a result of the meeting Eddie Jefferson has agreed to act as co-ordinator for Odstock with Mr Durnford as his deputy. We are now look for a co-ordinator and deputy for the Nunton community and anyone willing to take on these roles, please contact either Eddie Jefferson (tel 01722 331894) or myself (01722 335877). Julian Johnson

A Walk to Britford Village

The following was inspired by a walk to Britford Village, and was written and illustrated by Nicholas Gomez, a pupil aged 6 of Britford School.



Dates for your Diary

2 December	Britford School Christmas Bazaar 2.00 pm Britford School
2 December	The Nutcracker - Charlton Theatre Club event
7 December	Downton Band Christmas Concert 7.30 pm Charlton Church
9 December	Silent Auction and Grand Draw 7.00 pm Radnor Hall
20 December	Charlton Carol Singing 7.30 pm Bell House



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 (8 & 22 Dec), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am

THE RADNOR HALL

SPECIAL HIRE RATES

Sadly, the Radnor Hall is not being used sufficiently to meet the running and maintenance costs.

To encourage usage special rates are being offered to residents of Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham, Charlton and Britford; please see overleaf.

We have a splendid village hall, which most villages would envy and few villages achieve, despite lengthy fund raising schemes.

Please use the Hall - Don't lose the Hall!

The Radnor Hall is situated at Bodenham in open countryside just three miles south of the centre of Salisbury. The Hall is a quarter of a mile from the dual carriageway on the A338 Salisbury to Ringwood road and is on several bus routes, making the Hall easily accessible. The Hall has its own free car parking.

The Hall is run by resident caretakers and is ideal for Wedding receptions, conferences, exhibitions, meetings, family celebrations, discos, jumble sales, with up to 100 people attending.

The Radnor Hall was built in 1892 and as such offers much more charm than many of the system built village halls available. The Radnor Hall offers the following facilities:-

Main Hall	-	40' x 20' (12.2 m x 6 m) with a large bay window giving useful additional space. The hall has a high vaulted ceiling and a superb polished hardwood parquet floor.
Meeting Room-	-	21' x 14' (6.4 m x 4.2 m) with sink and tea/coffee making facilities.
Kitchen	-	16' x 13' (4.8 m x 3.95 m) with direct access to the main hall.
Cloakroom	-	with front counter and space for receptionist/attendant if required.
Toilets	-	Separate ladies and gents inside toilets; modern and clean.
Equipment	-	Tables and chairs are available from a large store room off of the main hall.
Licensed Bar - Catering - Stage -	-	available on request.

HIRE RATES OVERLEAF

THE RADNOR HALL

PARISH LETTING FEES

Reduced rates for Local residents of Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford and Charlton All Saints

	<u>Parish Fee</u> £	<u>Normal Fee</u> £
Wedding Reception	40.00	50.00
Addition for subsequent Dance/Disco	20.00	25.00
Dances & Social Events	30.00	50.00
Meetings (up to 3 hours)	12.00	14.00
Meetings (over 3 hours)	22.00	25.00
Children's Parties	15.00	25.00
Jumble Sales	25.00	25.00
Exhibitions	25.00	25.00
Furniture Hire (For external events) from (Free for events held in Hall)	15.00	25.00
Community Group Rehearsal	5.00	-
Heating Levy - Main Hall	7.50	7.50
- Meeting Room	2.00	2.00
Chargeable for lettings between 1 October and 31 March		

Regular Bookings - Competitive reduced contract hire rates available by agreement.

Caretaker Clean after events - Rate by agreement.

All fees are based upon events finishing at Midnight - £15.00 per hour thereafter.

Bar and Catering can be provided by arrangement.

Conditions of Hire and Booking Forms available on request.

TO HIRE CONTACT HARRY OR JOAN BALL ON 01722 329760