



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock Dec 2011

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## **News & Notes**

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## **Giving with love ... and loving with gifts!**

Like most people I have been budgeting carefully for my Christmas shopping. Everything seems so much more expensive than last year! I have decided to buy less, and to choose more carefully. I am determined to try and recapture the joy of giving without the dread of the next bank statement!

Because if we pause in the rush of Christmas shopping, we come up with a paradox: Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of one who left riches behind (even all the glory of heaven!) and became poor for our sake (born in a stable or cattle-shed along with the animals). Far away from the flashing lights of shopping arcades (surely they had them when Jesus was born!) a humble birth took place which changed the world. God's Love came into the world to make it a different place. We celebrate a divine gift, the most incredible gift of all – when God gave himself to share human life on earth. He gave himself, so that we might be rich – not with earthly goods and worldly wealth, but with the treasures of heaven. This extraordinary gesture of self-giving still blows my mind, as I begin to contemplate it yet again and wonder how to share the mystery and thrill of it in our Christmas services.

And, practically, how can I respond to this love? This year I am going to try with every Christmas gift, however modest, to make sure that it is given with care, thoughtfulness and love. I want to give of myself – for surely that is the best way to remember what Christmas is all about?

“How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven”

And may I wish you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas!

*Alison Williams*

## **Church of England Services**

4 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	RR ACFT JT DH
11 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	DH AW DB
18 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Christmas Carols & Readings Family Communion Carol Service Carol Service	Britford Homington Coombe Bissett Odstock	AW DH AW KRS
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	3.30pm 6.00pm 11.00pm	Crib Service with Christingles Carol Service Midnight Eucharist	Charlton All Saints Homington Coombe Bissett	AW AW AW
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Communion Family Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	AW AW JT AW
1 <sup>st</sup> January Christmas 2	11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion New Year Service	Britford Homington	AW AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, DB = Denis Blake  
RR = Revd Roger Redding, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

## Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

### *Carol Stratton*

The monthly meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November was opened by Elizabeth Cutter, President, by welcoming everyone especially two new members, and thanking Linda Cox for the beautiful flowers she had arranged for the President's table. Announcements were made about the Theatre, Scrabble, Skittles, Walking and Book groups. All are to take place as usual and, although there are not any league matches, the Scrabble and Skittles teams both have friendly matches. Scrabble on 15<sup>th</sup> November at Sue Bourne's and Skittles on the 23rd November at the Sherwood Rooms Downton. Anna Treseder who was standing in for Jean van Hagen announced all the County events coming up in the near future. All details of these events will appear in the Diary. Gill Dodd and Maureen Ball then gave a talk about the wonderful time they both had when they went on the WI holiday to Canada. Gill talked about the trips to Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa and her highlight of the trip Niagara Falls. Maureen talked about their visit to Stony Creek which is where the WI organisation started. It was decided during this meeting that members would get together and do something towards "The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign". Because of an article in the Salisbury Journal that had highlighted the state of the skate park at Riverside Walk, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December the members will make every effort to improve this area. The speaker for the morning was Romy Wyeth who gave an interesting and amusing talk about her life as a country Policeman's wife in Codford. The vote of thanks was given by Gill Dodd. The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December, the speaker will be Mr John Pitman, "Panto in the role of the Pantomime Dame" with Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Bring and Buy and a Raffle.

## Kilimanjaro Climb

### *Editor*

Last month's News and Notes carried an article about Karen and Martin Westall's Kilimanjaro climb in aid of Camps International Trust (CIT). I am pleased to report that they both completed the climb and, if the picture they have sent me is anything to go by, were happy and in good shape when they reached the summit. I'm sure they have our admiration and congratulations!

CIT which is run by fellow Charltonian, Stu Rees Jones, are helping at the grass roots of the structural problems in Kenya, trying to bring longer term and sustainable improvements to villages there. Whilst donations to the disasters agencies will no doubt help those in desperate need in the short term, the long term solutions will only be found by donating to organisations like CIT.

Karen and Martin funded all their own travel and climbing costs, so all the money they raise will go to the Trust to help fund the amazing work they do. It's not too late to contribute. Please visit [www.justgiving.com/MartinWestall](http://www.justgiving.com/MartinWestall) to go to Martin's Justgiving page to find out more, and make a donation if you wish to. Alternatively, you can text MART88 to 70070.

## Whist Drives

### *Bernice Loader*

Due to a decline in attendance at the Barker Room Whist Drives and after much deliberation, I have sadly decided to retire from organising them.

The late Iris Fear and I, assisted by the late Bill and Grace Barker, continued to run them when the Mothers' Union gave them up in 1976. Since then we have donated £7,441 to the Church Funds.

## Thank you, Bernice

### *from the Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham PCC*

Our thanks are due to Bernice who has not only supported the church but also provided this opportunity for local whist players, so effectively and efficiently, for so long. The church and the whist players are very grateful indeed for all you've done over the last thirty five years!

## Carol Singing

Carol Singing round the villages this year will be in aid of Bible Lands, who seek to improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the Middle East.

### NUNTON

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 - 8.30pm, meet at the Bus shelter with a torch. We will start by singing to Senior residents in the Community. We will be singing in The Orchard at 7pm.

### BODENHAM

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 5.00 - 6.30pm, meet and finish at The Old Post Office, families are encouraged to join us.

### ODSTOCK

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 6.30pm, meet at Odstock Crossroads.

Please listen out for us if you can't join us!

Any questions, please ring Debby on 01722 329769.

## Britford Oil Group

### *Les Dodd*

The objective of the Britford Oil Group is to centralise the purchasing of household central heating oil from local companies and thereby benefit from potential savings with bulk ordering.

Thirteen such orders have been placed since September 2006 amounting to more than 150,000 litres. Bargaining with various oil companies and accepting only the cheapest tenders has resulted in individual savings of upwards of £14 per 1000 litres when compared with giving all the business each time to one oil company with a standing order

The organiser is not actively seeking further members but might consider applications. This would cost nothing as no money ever changes hands. For more information please email

[MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com](mailto:MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com). Regrettably you should be on the internet otherwise communication is unwieldy. Individual purchases of less than 500 litres cannot be accommodated.

## The Chalke Valley Link Scheme

The CVLS provides good neighbour support with transport and other practical help for residents. Of the five N&N villages, it covers all but Charlton All Saints.

For Transport requests, phone:  
*Anna Mynott on 01722 718780*

For Care and Support, phone  
*Debby Underhill on 01722 421270*

There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs.

Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when we do not have a volunteer available. Please give as much notice as possible.

Those in Charlton All Saints are covered by the Downton Link Scheme and the numbers are:

*Co-ordinator - 01725 513807  
Befriending and Recruitment Officer - 01725 510256*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00pm**

## Christmas Carols in Britford

Probationers from Salisbury Cathedral Choir sing traditional Christmas songs in Britford Memorial & Community Hall.

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This year's much anticipated Farmyard Nativity is a medieval-style celebration of the Nativity story, with all the characters you'd expect: Mary, Joseph, shepherds.... and some perhaps you wouldn't! This promises to be a really entertaining yet atmospheric event, with the added attraction of a roaring fire, baby animals (aaahhh!) mulled wine and BBQ.

Performances 4pm and 6.30pm.

Adults £5, Children £2.

Tickets from David & Pat Avrell 01747 829179 or on the door.

## The Radnor Hall Players present Robin Hood and His Band Of Merry Persons

a Pantomime by Peter Nuttall  
directed by Geoff Adair  
and

## Cabaret

directed by Nick Stanger

at 7.30pm

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December:  
Bar and Snacks - £8 (under 16s - £5)**  
**Friday and Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December:  
Bar and Supper - £10**  
Seating at tables of six  
*Tickets from: Brian Blake - 01722 340261  
Available from 31<sup>st</sup> October*

## Messy Church

at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room  
for parents, grandparents and child carers  
with their children from 0 - 5 years

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
from 10am – 12 noon**

Theme "Messy Christmas"

Coffee/ tea, chat, activities for the children, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch

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Do encourage your friends to come

**For more details, ring Debby 01722 329769**

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
at the URC Chapel, Broad Chalke  
**GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
10am – 12.30pm  
Coffee - Cakes - Tombola  
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## Neighbourhood Policing Team

### Lead/ scrap metal thefts

As can be seen from recent local crime reports, we continue to suffer from an increase in reported thefts of lead, copper and other metals which are attractive to thieves due to their current high scrap value. We would urge local residents and businesses to ensure that scrap metals are stored securely wherever possible and make regular checks of lead work on porches and bay windows. Wherever possible lead and other metals should be security marked to enable subsequent identification if recovered. More detailed security advice can be obtained via NPT officers or via our Crime Reduction officer at Salisbury (dial 101).

### Current local priorities:

Speeding (in particular introduction of Community SpeedWatch in Homington). NPT officers are carrying out speed enforcement checks across all parishes in areas where feedback has shown speed to be a problem.

Pc 1157 Matt Holland, Pc 655 Fritz Macaulay and  
Pcso 6237 Luke Taylor

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## CHARLTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### DOWNTON BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
at 7.30 pm**

ADMISSION FREE

Mince pies, Mulled Wine and Raffle in the interval.  
(and, of course, we get to sing Carols!)

The Collection will be divided between the Band and Charlton Church. Christmas gifts for the Women's Refuge are welcome

### **FAMILY CRIB SERVICE with CHRISTINGS**

Christmas Eve at 3.30 pm

## Charlton All Saints Church Morning Star Donations

There is a basket in Charlton All Saints Church into which people may place donations of non-perishable food items for Morning Star.

## Acorn Club Christmas Lunch

The Acorn Club would like to extend an invitation to any over 60's living in Nunton to join us for a Christmas Lunch at the Radnor Arms on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011.

Please contact Marian Hearne, 01722 335685, before 15<sup>th</sup> December for more details and to book a reservation. We are looking forward to meeting you.

## Charlton All Saints Garden Society

*Barbara Box*

On 24<sup>th</sup> October, for the last meeting of the year, we had a change from gardening. Gerald Ponting came to talk about a view of Edwardian Fordingbridge. Much enjoyed by everybody, including non-members who came along specifically to hear him.

*Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham PCC*  
invites you to throw off the Winter Blues – come and frolic frivolously at a February Fling!!!

### **A Barn Dance at The Radnor Hall on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Tickets £10 to include a light supper

Bring your families and friends

Contact Maggie and Jeremy Metcalfe for details and to book tickets - 01722 325825

# RADNOR ARMS



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Mussels & Frites

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Fish & Chips

2 courses - £10.95

## 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Steak and Kidney Pudding Night

2 courses - £12.95

## 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Steak Night

Rump or Sirloin - £9.95

## Christmas Eve

Salvation Army Band

**Christmas Eve is also the day that the Radnor Arms is due to become a Free House. This does not mean that you won't have to pay for drinks but, even better, the range of beers available will be greater!**

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PROJECTS

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## Pumpkin Competition 2011

Mike & Rebecca Smith

The rain clouds cleared just in time for the annual Pumpkin Competition weigh-in on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Radnor Arms, and Angus Paton won the trophy for a second year with a pumpkin weighing 50 lbs.

Thank you to all who supported this year's competition and helped to raise a magnificent £160 which has been donated to the Messy Church in order to purchase some much needed equipment.

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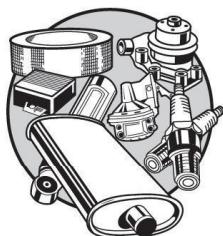
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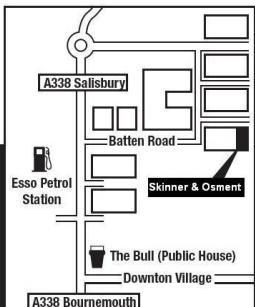
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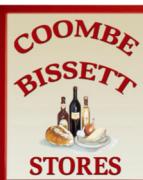
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## Regular Events

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 (8 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> December) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> December) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (21 <sup>st</sup> December)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

## Diary Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Pantomime and Cabaret, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Pantomime and Cabaret, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Pantomime and Cabaret, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Messy Church, Barker Room and St Andrew's, Nunton, 10.00am to 12noon (see page 3)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Bible Study Group, The Old Post Office, Bodenham, 7.30pm (ring Debby on 01722 329769 for details)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert and Tea, Trafalgar School, 4.00 - 6.00pm (see page 4)
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols, Britford Memorial & Community Hall, 6.30pm (see page 3)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair, URC Chapel, Broad Chalke, 10.00am to 12.30pm (see page 4)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Wonderland Concert, All Saints Broad Chalke, 3.00pm (see page 3)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Farmyard Nativity, Cross Farmyard, Berwick St John, 4.00pm and 6.30pm (see page 3)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Charlton All Saints Church, 4.30pm, tree decoration-making workshop & Christmas tree decorating session
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Donwton Band Christmas Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 7.30pm (see page 4)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Acorn Club Christmas Lunch, Radnor Arms (see page 4)
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Barn Dance, Radnor Hall (see page 4)



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