

News and Notes

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Welcome to the New Team Vicar

Reverend Alison Williams was appointed Team Vicar in the Chalke Valley Team at the interviews on 4th March, and will be moving into Nunton Vicarage in the middle of May. She will be Licensed by the Bishop of Salisbury at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st June in St. Andrew's Church, Nunton. We are investigating how many people can squeeze into Nunton Church for this special occasion, and afterwards there will be the usual reception in the Radnor Hall at Bodenham. In addition to ourselves there will be Alison's personal friends, a party from her present parish and clergy from the Chalke Deanery.

For the last four years Alison has been Assistant Curate in the Stratton St. Margaret with South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren Team Ministry on the outskirts of Swindon in the Diocese of Bristol, following her ordination training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Prior to that she was a French teacher and then worked in the Church in full-time lay employment for twenty years. These posts included a national organisation concerned with children and youth work, and parishes in Manchester and Bristol where she was responsible for adult training and education. She brings to us a wide range of experience and expertise. Her present Team includes two small villages and she has developed a taste for rural life.

Alison is single and lists among her interests France and all things French, music and singing, gardening and entertaining. She has contacts in Bangladesh and is enthusiastic about our Lent Project. Her first priority once she starts her ministry here will be to get out and about in the villages and make contact with people. On her initial Sundays in June she will have a chance to spend a morning with each of the parishes in turn.

Please remember Alison in your prayers as she says her farewells in her present parish, completes her move and prepares for her licensing. We very much look forward to her joining the clergy Team and I believe she has a great deal to offer to us here. I hope she will find great happiness and fulfilment in the Chalke Valley.

David Henley

Church of England Services

Sunday, 2nd May 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	WC PAC PAC WC
Sunday, 9th May 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Family Service Morning Prayer BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	WC DH DH DB/JL
Sunday, 16th May 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	WC VW WC WC
Sunday, 23rd May 7th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Morning Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Odstock	WC PAC WC PAC
Sunday, 30th May Pentecost	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion (followed by a shared lunch)	Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	WC PAC

DH = Revd Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole, PAC = Revd Pat Clegg, DB = Dennis Blake
JL = Revd Jackie Lowe, VW = Revd Canon Vernon White
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, (JC) = Junior Church

Please see back page for information about submitting articles for News and Notes, making contributions, Regular Events, Dates for your Diary and Advance Dates.

Holy Days in April

Saturday, 1st May – Ss Philip and James
8.00am, Holy Communion, Broad Chalke

Friday, 14th May - St Matthias
8.00am, Holy Communion, Coombe Bissett

Thursday, 20th May - Ascension Day
8.00am, Holy Communion, Coombe Bissett
(followed by a light breakfast)

Monday, 31st May -
Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
8.00am, Holy Communion, Homington

Deanery Confirmation Service

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service on Saturday, 22nd May at 11.00am at All Saints, Broad Chalke. Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important day.

Nunton Church Working Parties

You will see from David Henley's article on the front page that the Licensing Service for our new Team Vicar, Alison Williams, will be in St Andrew's, Nunton on 1st June. We would like to carry out a few tasks that will make the church fit for the occasion.

Four cleaning days are planned for 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th May - all volunteers will be most welcome.

We also plan to do some redecoration in the Lady Chapel which will involve preparation and painting of walls.

If you are able to help with cleaning on the dates specified, decorating at any time during May or pew polishing after 16th May (or all three!), please contact Adrian Taylor (01722 325862) or Harry Joynt (01722 329782).

Radnor Hall AGM

The Annual General meeting of the Radnor Hall Committee will be held in the Radnor Hall on Monday, 17th May at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along and hear about the year's activities and future plans for the hall.

"Mixed Music and Melody"

with the

Hemingford Ladies Choir

a concert in aid of *Christian Aid*
and *Hope and Homes for Children*

Saturday, 15th May, 7.30pm
All Saints, Broad Chalke

Tickets: £7 (includes a glass of wine)
From: The Post Office, Broad Chalke
Marianne Tomkies (01722 780052)
Janet Roe (01725 519242)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete

Brian Blake (Fete Committee Chairman)

Last month we gave warning of some of the events connected with the Fete and they are shown in the **Advance Dates** section on the back page. Further details of these will be given in the next two editions.

This month we want to appeal to those in the three villages (and outside if you're willing!) who may be able to help in any way. There are some specific things like prizes for the Grand Draw or help with selling tickets (contact Adrian Taylor 01722 325862) and plants, produce and cakes for the WI stalls (it may be time to start planting - contact Julia Joynt 01722 329872).

There will also be help of all kinds needed at various times between now and Grand Fete day (10th July) and beyond. If you feel able to participate please give me a ring on (01722 340261).

GRAND PUMPKIN COMPETITION 2004

Pumpkin seeds for this year's

Pumpkin Competition

are now on sale at
The Radnor Arms, Nunton
and Odstock School
Price £2.50 per pack
Judging to take place on
Sunday, 31st October 2004

Annual Odstock Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the Radnor Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 19th May and will be followed by the Annual Council meeting. Any local elector wishing to list a matter for discussion on the Agenda of the Annual Parish meeting should contact the Parish Clerk on 01794-341405 before 11th May.

The Agenda for the meeting will be posted on the village notice boards by 15th May at the latest and at www.sp5.org/odstock/opc/.

SPAIN - Andalucia

Traditional house in unspoilt
village on banks of River Guadiana
- Portuguese border. Sleeps 6/8.
From £275 per week. Phone 01722
780712 (evenings) for particulars.

WI

Pamela Trubshaw

The well-attended meeting held on the 13th April was presided over by Julia Joynt who welcomed everyone.

The prayer was read by Doreen Smith, after which a few moments silence was observed in memory of Denys Betts who died a few weeks ago. Denys had been President and Treasurer of the Institute and had been a great supporter of all activities even though she had lived in Bath in recent years. She will be sadly missed.

The apologies were read by Jean Van Hagen. The Minutes, available for inspection during the meeting, were taken as read and signed. Jean read the correspondence including several invitations to various other Institutes. Three members were asked to attend the Resolution Meeting on the 28th April.

Skittles: Four teams had entered the League and we had come third. More members are needed to make sure the required number can play each match.

Scrabble: Sue Bourne reported there were still two games to play. *Theatre*: The next play will be "Jamaica Inn" and the one after that "Be My Baby". These visits to the theatre are enjoyed by all who attend and we are grateful to Val Martin for making the arrangements. *Summer Outing*: Judith Johnson produced details of the lunch at The Emblems on Wednesday 19th May and the outing to Uppark House on the 14th July.

Margaret Barrow gave the Treasurer's Report. Connie Hopson reported on the Downland Officers' Meeting held on the 15th March and announced the next Downland Meeting to be held on the 10th May at Whiteparish. The Village Fete would be held on the 10th July and members were asked to produce cakes, produce and plants for the three stalls to be run by this Institute.

The Garden party would be held in Julia Joynt's garden on the 14th June and as this would be the 60th anniversary party, members were again asked to produce food, clothes, bring and buy and plants for the stalls and to invite guests to attend what is always an enjoyable afternoon. Art Classes would start again on the 22nd April and anyone wishing to join would be welcome. The meeting was then closed.

After coffee, Mr. Steve Oakes, a member of the RSPB of South Wiltshire gave a beautifully illustrated and informative talk on 'Birds in Your Garden'. Susie Appleford warmly thanked him.

The flower of the month was won by Caroline Mayall with a double cream camellia.

The next meeting will be on the 10th May when the Resolutions of the National Annual General Meeting will be discussed.

Odstock Primary School News

At the end of term Mrs Bernard, our headteacher, left the school to go exploring the world with her husband. We had a leaving celebration afternoon for her, during which the children performed songs, poems and played their recorders. She was then presented with her gifts at the end of school.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Melanie Sykes-Ellis as our new headteacher. At the end of the week we are expecting a visit from Robert Key MP as part of a national campaign to get your local MP to return to school for the day. He is only spending time at three Salisbury schools and we are therefore very lucky to have him come to us.

If there is anyone in the local community who would be willing to help run an after school club in the summer doing cricket or athletics, please could you contact the school. This would be for one hour, once a week and there are funds available to pay for time given.

Please continue to support the school by using the recycling bins for white paper and by letting us have your Tesco computer vouchers, Nestle Box Tops or Persil stars. We also now have pumpkin seeds for sale, if anyone is interested please contact the school office.

We have just received details of a fund raising scheme run by School Funds. For every purchase from any of the top online companies via "schoolfunds.co.uk" our school will collect reward points which can then be exchanged for equipment. There are no hidden costs and you still deal directly with each store. All prices, etc are exactly the same as going straight to individual websites. The only difference is they are easier to find and our school will benefit from each purchase made. Please consider using this site for future purchases and registering to support our school.

REMINDER about our annual Plant and Cake Sale on 14th May from 2.45pm at school.

Barn Sale at Nunton

Coach House Cottage

next to Nunton House

Sunday, 9th May

12 noon to 3.00pm

Garden equipment, village hall
furniture, white elephants

*Share of proceeds goes to
the Radnor Hall*

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To co-incide with 9.30am service at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (5 th & 19 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am

Dates for Your Diary

9 th May	Barn Sale, Nunton House Cottage, 12.00 noon - 3.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
10 th May	Women's Institute meeting
15 th May	Hemingford Ladies Choir, All Saints, Broad Chalke, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
19 th May	Women's Institute Lunch
21st May	News and Notes deadline
22 nd /23 rd May	Nunton Church Cleaning (<i>see page 2 for contact details</i>)
29 th /30 th May	Nunton Church Cleaning (<i>see page 2 for contact details</i>)
1 st June	Licensing of Alison Williams, St Andrew's Nunton, 7.30pm (<i>see front page</i>)

Advance Dates

27 th June	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Football Field *
1 st July	Clay Pigeon Shot, Nunton *
2 nd July	Barbecue and Skittles, Radnor Arms *
3 rd July	BBQ (Charlton)
4 th July	Bike Ride *
9 th July	Dance to Karisma *
10 th July	Grand Fete and Raft Race *
2 nd October	Harvest Supper (Charlton)
15 th December	Downton Band Concert (Charlton)

* Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete events - more details will be broadcast next month

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