



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock January 2014

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From the Revd Jenny Taylor

Christmas and the New Year have come and gone; the weather has veered from one extreme to another and I suppose if we are honest, we are all feeling a little bit down in the dumps. The children sing a song in their school collective worship about just such a feeling, and the advice given is "count your blessings, name them one by one". Easy to say and rather a glib comment, which is designed to make you feel worse! However, it really is true that if we think about what we DO have and what we ARE instead of what we DON'T and ARE NOT, we do begin to feel marginally less "down in the dumps"!

One thing we all are is part of that great story we have recently celebrated – the story of God loving us all so much that he came among us as a baby, to grow up, to live, to feel, to share all the things that humans do and are. And that story is still going on and WE are still part of it. Before too long we shall come to the time when we focus on the sacrifice that only supreme love can make – what we call Lent, Holy Week and Easter. You will all be receiving a Chalke Valley team Ministry leaflet on what is happening in Lent and I really do encourage everyone to take your part in this story as much as you did the Christmas one.

So, if you are a bit "down in the dumps" or "feeling blue" please take heart that you are part of the world that God loved so much that he gave us his only Son, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him. (*John 3: 17*)

Lent Leaflets

In her article above, Jenny has mentioned leaflets which are due to come from the Chalke Valley Team Ministry, giving details of activities during Lent. With this edition of News and Notes, you'll find a leaflet relating to just one of those activities, A Retreat in Daily Life. This is a week of what's called Accompanied Prayer and details are in the leaflet, including the closing date for entry.

Editor

Church of England Services

5 th January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT AT RW JT
12 th January Baptism of Christ	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	RW DB JT
19 th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	JT DH
26 th January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins ((BCP)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	RW SP JT
2 nd February Candlemas	10.00am	Benefice Communion and Farewell to David and Margaret Henley	Broad Chalke	DH

DH = Canon David Henley, RW = Revd Rick Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor
AT = Adrian Taylor, DB = Denis Blake, SP = Sylvia Parrett
(BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

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Carol Stratton

At the meeting on 9th December, Elizabeth Cutter, the President, opened by welcoming everyone, especially a new member, and thanked Hazel Docherty for the beautiful flowers she had arranged for the President's table. The usual business meeting followed with announcements of all forthcoming events.

This being the Christmas meeting, it had been decided to have some in-house entertainment instead of the usual speaker. Anna Treseder had made a wonderful job of devising her version of the word game "Call my Bluff". She must have spent many hours collecting together some very obscure words and making up four definitions for each word. Teams of four were asked to read out the different definitions for each word and then the audience was asked to guess which was the correct one. Many thanks to Anna for all her hard work.

The morning was then made to feel very Christmassy with the serving of mulled wine and mince pies supplied by the Committee. The A.C.W.W competition this month was a handmade Christmas card and was won by Diane Crump. The meeting ended with a Christmas raffle.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th January, and the speaker will be Phil Holt with a talk called "Concord the Legend".

Table Top Sale

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Back-Up Volunteers

Keith Bradford

As readers can see from the entry above regarding Table Top Sales at Radnor Hall, we are endeavouring to continue organising local events to raise funds for charity causes within our community. To operate these very local events e.g. Annual Fête, Car Boot Sales, Table Top Sales etc, we have a hard core of enthusiasts which in general operates well. However, we are always looking for new young(ish) volunteers to help us. In particular we are trying to set up a list of back-up volunteers who may be able to step in when sickness or holidays strike.

We are not requesting any financial assistance but we are asking you occasionally to provide a little time for the benefit of your local community. Anyone who may be interested, please give me a ring on 01722 329740 or email me at keithbradford22@googlemail.com.



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Barn Dance Diary Date

1st March at the Radnor Hall - details to follow in February News and Notes.

David Henley

Just a reminder that our Team Rector, Canon David Henley, is retiring, and will take his last service on 2nd February 2014 at 10.00am at Broad Chalke. As David and Margaret will be moving and downsizing, the gift from the Chalke Valley will be in the form of cash, to help with that process. Gifts may be passed to your PCC Treasurer, or direct to Roger Ladbury, the Benefice Treasurer, as soon as possible please.

At this end of the Valley, there will be the opportunity to say goodbye to David and Margaret from **7.00pm to 9.00pm on Monday, 20th January in the Radnor Hall**. There will be wine and finger food. All are very welcome.

Christmas Tree Shredding

Porton Garden Centre

Sat. 4th January, 2014, 9.00am to 4.00pm

Sun. 5th January, 11.00am to 4.00pm

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Diane Fray

Those that knew Diane Fray, will be very sorry to hear that she died, at home in Nunton, on Christmas Day.

Help and support for people who care

According to the last census, there are 47,608 people in Wiltshire providing care and support to a relative, child, partner or friend who would not be able to manage on their own.

There are many reasons why someone may not be able to cope unaided, including physical or mental disability, old age, long-term illness, special educational need, eating disorder or a problem with drugs or alcohol.

It is estimated that 3 in 5 people will become a carer at some point in their lives. The problem is that most people will not identify themselves as such – people simply consider themselves as a spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or friend doing what they would be doing anyway. Many also mistake the word 'carer' with those providing *paid* care work in a residential home or domiciliary agency capacity.

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We will shortly be running a monthly carers café in Salisbury where you can come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two.

To find out more about us, or to register for some support, please visit our website www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

Panto catering

Pippa Warley

I would like to thank everyone who helped provide the meals for the Arabian Nights panto. Enormous thanks go to Shell Martin who, as usual, did all the thinking, shopping and chopping. I am not sure that News and Notes circulation includes Verbier in Switzerland *, but James Martin, who is now off working as a chalet man, also made a huge contribution to the preparations - a lot of onions were chopped.

The delicious brownies and waitressing/washing up duties were all provided by the following lovely ladies: Ann Lofts, Paula Gribben (the whirlwind whose Rocky Road went down very well), Debbie Postlethwaite, Hayley Thornton, Liz Stanger, Debbie Vyas, Sheri and Sophie Start. Huge thanks to you all.

It was great fun being part of such an excellent community event.

Finally, a big thank you to Jenny at the Radnor Hall, for cups of tea, calming encouragement and for washing all those tea towels!

(* Through its website, see below, News and Notes has worldwide coverage, so James should be able to access his commendation! Ed.)

Radnor Arms

Chris Whalley

As I am sure you are aware, Longford Estates have found a new tenant for The Radnor Arms who is Jason Schinkel. He is currently the tenant at both the Bat and Ball at Breamore and the Horse and Groom at Woodgreen. Jason's intention is to manage The Radnor Arms from day one, with one of the chef's from the Bat and Ball.

Ken and Cath Jelfs will be leaving The Radnor on 27th January 2014, and I hope everyone will continue to support them to the 'bitter' end!

The pub will close for as short a period as possible for a very basic facelift. Let's all look forward to the grand opening in early spring.

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Sat 4th January - Seafood Paella

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Tue 7th January - Steak Night

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Fri 10th January - Fish and Chips

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Sat 18th January - Burns Night

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Poppy Appeal 2013

Lt Col Jeremy Metcalfe OBE (Retd)

Thank you for your generous support to the 2013 Poppy Appeal. The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham village collection was £1,031. I am also very grateful for the support we receive from New Hall Hospital, The Radnor Arms and The Yew Tree.

The Poppy Appeal continues to be the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. There is still an increasing need to help the men and women who are serving today - the Afghan generation - as well as ex-Service people and their dependants. Your generosity enables the Legion to continue with this valuable support.

Revd Rick Williams

It's clear that there are many strings to our new Missioner and Team Vicar's bow, in addition to the thespian skills he displayed at the Pantomime in a dress!

I've been passed, not by Rick himself I hasten to add, the following details of activities in Southend before he came to the Chalke Valley:

"At the Southend Council STARS Award, the 2012/13 Winter Night Shelter partnership (the Council's Housing Options Team, HARP and the 7 Churches) won the Excellence in Partnership Award.

The Nightshelter was run by seven Southend Churches, each opening one night per week from 1st November to 28th February to provide homeless people with a hot meal and somewhere to sleep for the night. Housing Action Resource Project (Southend's main homelessness charity) acted as the referral agency and the Council provided funding.

Rick's role was to recruit the churches (and volunteers where these did not come directly from the churches themselves), to plan the project and set up the structures and training. Once the project started he was centre manager for one of the seven churches."

Congratulations, Rick. This seems like wonderful recognition for an extremely valuable job well done.

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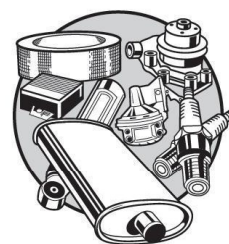
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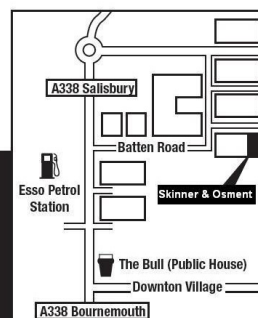
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Regular Events

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Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Zumba...	.. <i>Dance Fitness Class!</i> Radnor Hall, Bodenham on Thursdays, 7.30-8.30pm. zumbakmw@gmail.com
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (2 nd , 16 th & 30 th January) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (15 th January)
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to villageprayers@live.com or come along. Next meeting: 7.00pm - 16th January - Barker Room, Nunton

Diary Dates

16 th January	Village Prayers, The Barker Room, Nunton 7.00pm (<i>see above</i>)
19 th January	Table Top Sale, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, 11.00am (<i>see page 2</i>)
20 th January	David Henley's Leaving Do, The Radnor Hall, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
24 th January	Pop Up Pub, Britford Memorial and Community Hall 7.00pm - 11.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
1 st March	Barn Dance, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham (<i>see page 2</i>)



to all News and Notes readers!
Here's hoping 2014 treats you well