



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock November 2010

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## News & Notes

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### Deadline

18<sup>th</sup> of each month

## Shopping Days

In times gone by, there was a difference between *days* and *shopping days*. When one or other part of the media announced how many shopping days there were to Christmas, the calculation would exclude Sundays. Now, every day is a shopping day, so not only, thanks to the supermarkets, does the run up to Christmas start earlier and earlier, but you don't get any days off either!

I must confess I regret both developments and try to resist them by avoiding Sunday shopping, although I'm not blameless here, and by not starting any Christmas preparations until December.

There's no doubt, though, that my approach does create one of those rods which somehow adversely affect your back. Ideally, on 1<sup>st</sup> December, I would throw myself enthusiastically into the whole process and get on with the buying, wrapping, card writing and posting, without having to feel under the pressure that inevitably comes when I finally get round to things quite a few days later. You have to be on the ball to get a card to your old school mate who lives in Lewisburg, West Virginia or buy, wrap and send gifts to your legions of nieces, nephews and godchildren, if they are to arrive before Christmas rather than some time in the New Year.

So I guess I'm writing about Christmas in the November edition of News and Notes as a reminder to me and others like me that, in fact, a slightly earlier start might, sadly, be helpful.

And when producers are looking for contributors to the Christmas Special edition of Grumpy Old Men, I'm here, ready. Then, I can bang on more about how much I dislike the protracted performance we seem to have made of celebrating Christmas. And then there's the birth of Jesus to think about too!

Editor

## Church of England Services

7 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT JT JT
14 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	10.55am 10.55am	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Odstock Coombe Bissett	CH AW
21 <sup>st</sup> November Christ the King	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW JT
28 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW DH
5 <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	JT ACFT AW AW

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,  
CH = Revd Charles Hatton, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

## Odstock Bodenham & Nunton WI

*Gillian Dodd*

The October meeting was held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. Our President, Elizabeth Cutter, welcomed new members and visitors, one of whom was from New Orleans. Jennifer Cowan provided a beautiful autumnal flower arrangement for the President's table and the flower of the month, a red rose, was won by Barbara Stevens.

The business section of the meeting covered our financial position, which was good. Thanks were given for the support of the members at the Ploughman's lunch last month.

Forthcoming events of the Book Club, Walking Group, Skittles, Scrabble and Theatre were given. They are all flourishing.

"Share a Skill" meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November. This is a new venture for the fifth Monday in a month.

County events were announced and a group will be attending the annual council meeting.

We are re-joining the Downland Group of WIs by popular consent.

Rex Sawyer, our speaker, then gave us a social history of the Ebbles Valley. His detailed knowledge and stories of the people who have lived there were amazing and their activities in life amusing.

A vote of thanks was given by Lesley Meader.

Next month we will be having "Women on the Home Front 1914" by Major L Bohana.

## Remember our Sudan Lent Project?

Hear the latest news from Caroline Lamb who returned to Sudan in September.

She has some amazing pictures and stories to tell. Why not come and hear!

*Coombe Bissett Chapel* - 7.15 for 7.30 - 9pm

Thursday 11 November (with wine & nibbles)

*Charlton All Saints* - 10.15 for 10.30 - 11.30am

Saturday 27 November (with coffee & cake)

Everyone welcome! Just turn up!

More details from Alison Williams (330628)

## Wool Required

- ❖ Two local ladies are looking for donations of wool
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- ❖ The blankets are given to orphans and the needy in Bulgaria
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## The Charlton All Saints 2010 Bonfire Bash Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November



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01722 324097

## Charlton All Saints Gardening Society

*Barbara Box*

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, Alan Edmondson, once a National Mastermind of Gardening, came to talk about pruning, encouraging not only tidier growth of our plants, but also demonstrating how to rejuvenate straggly plants bought cheaply from garden centres at the end of the season. He was such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable gentleman that members voted to invite him to return next year.

## Chalke Valley Flower Club

*Liz Long 01722 780448*

Christmas is now beginning to fill our shops so it must be the right time to think of some new ways to decorate your home for this festive season. Come to Broad Chalke Village Hall on Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> for an Xmas Xtravaganza. This is a demonstration of real Christmas decorations and flower arrangements presented by Pam Welch. It's a show starting at 7.30pm for the evening and includes some novel new ideas to impress your friends and show off your talents to neighbours. Tickets are only £5 at the door.

There is no meeting of the club in December because we are too busy at home trying to make the Christmas lights work. Please make a New Year resolution though to come along to our 2011 meetings and have some fun.

## Minerva String Quartet, Thank You!

*Alison Williams*

Maybe when you hear '*String quartet*' you think heavy, serious chamber music, all strident strings and discordant harmony?

Well, not so with Minerva. They are sheer joy and the best of it is that you can SEE just how much they enjoy themselves! There's plenty of smiles and eye contact between them, they play a wide repertoire of music styles, and it is GOOD, very, very good.

The concert on 9<sup>th</sup> October in Nunton Church was absolute delight. From Mozart to Cole Porter, baroque to jazz, the music was charming and many in the audience could be seen tapping a foot or even humming along. So, thank you, Richard and Jane, Marion and Sara - and for raising another £266 for the Nunton Church Appeal.

## Harvest 2010

*Maggie Metcalfe*

Over 50 people gathered at The Radnor Hall on the evening of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept to celebrate and give thanks for our Harvest time.

The hall had been beautifully decorated with flowers by Debby Underhill, and posters and pictures of Harvest around the world by Alison Williams.

Alison led a simple and moving service which included an enlightening interview with Simon Martin about the reality of local farming today. Caroline Taylor and Millie Compton were newsreaders for the evening and gave updates from Christian Aid about droughts, floods and the effects of war which are having such an impact on people in other parts of the world, and their respective harvests. It was very humbling and made us feel even more grateful for our blessings here.

We enjoyed singing familiar hymns and are grateful to Arthur Willoughby for his accompaniment.

A cheerful meal followed and huge thanks are due to Debby, Stephanie Elcock and Margaret Morgan who produced delicious 'bobotie', and to all those who made apple crumbles – no one appeared to go home hungry. A tower was made of the many tins kindly donated to the Trussell Trust.

It was a delightful evening, much enjoyed, and funds were raised for Tear Fund and various Ugandan Charities (about which more next month). Many thanks to all involved.

## [www.chalkevalley.org.uk](http://www.chalkevalley.org.uk)

*Lavender Buckland*

Linking the WHOLE valley!

You've seen the trailers: and the good news is that now, hooray! The Chalke Valley website is HERE!

The website grew from the idea of an online Diary which everyone could check to avoid double-booking...

We've come up with a lively reflection of the Chalke Valley: the terrific community we live in, and showing

all the things that go on, as well as all the things that people could, if they choose, join in.

The Home Page shows some of the activities in a rolling sequence of photos – from Harvest supper in Angus and Janie Mann's Barn, to the Duck Race, and Fancy Fantastic to the Bunbury Cricket Match.

Other pages show Resources (you can check your train time, see the local weather, read a book review, ask for prayer); about joining in – Valley suppers, Men's Breakfasts, Café Church, Teddy Bears, Tuesday Groups, loads of things – and about some of the other milestones in life – Baptism, and becoming a Godparent. There's a Talent Bank for deposits and withdrawals!

The other side of all this communication is letting everyone know about our website! We've got a poster competition for the school children! And the winning Poster will be displayed all round the valley!

We've got banners to show the website address: [www.chalkevalley.org.uk](http://www.chalkevalley.org.uk), and we've even got some really smart and useful natural cotton bags with the logo on them, which you can buy for £2.

So what will your response be when you read this? Will you rush off to have a look?! Will you tell your friends? Encourage other people to see what it is all about? Check the online Diary?!

I do hope so, because it is a true labour of love, worked on for months, in the hope that it will become a much-used resource for the entire valley.

## Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team Bulletin - October 2010

### Police Surgeries/ Consultations

Recent staff sickness has led to a few missed Police surgeries over the last couple of weeks – these surgeries are important to us and we are planning ahead to ensure that we can continue to hold weekly surgeries across our Policing area.

**Coombe Bissett** – Local police will be available at the Community Coffee morning at Coombe Bissett church every Wednesday between 11am and 12. We are not just there for the excellent coffee and biscuits! Please take the opportunity to come along and discuss local Policing issues, report any ongoing problems or simply have a chat with one of your local officers.

**Downton** – Downton NPT officers are available at 'Police surgery' sessions at Downton Library – every Tuesday morning – 10am-11am, and every Thursday evening – 6pm-7pm. Please pop in and speak to us about any local policing issues or problems.

You can contact Downton NPT via the phone numbers below or email –

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Pc Matt HOLLAND – Community Beat Manager – Downton NPT



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## RADNOR ARMS



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### Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Chinese Evening

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### Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Fish and Chips

Two Courses - £10.95

### Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - Cassoulet Night

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### Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Steak Night

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To place orders for copies of the DVD (price £9.99  
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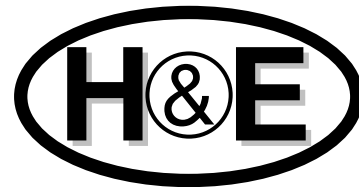
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The Nomads Tent, importers of tribal rugs and crafts, and Paddy Seymour present a spectacular selling exhibition. All are welcome and there is ample parking. Lunches (including a free glass of wine for Nomads Tent visitors) and light refreshments throughout the day will be available at the highly acclaimed King John Inn at Tollard Royal (for reservations 01725 516207).

In this selling exhibition you can find something for every pocket and Christmas presents with a difference:

- tribal rugs, carpets, runners and kilims
- cupboards, bedside tables, mirrors, kilim-covered stools, trunks and other furniture
- block prints from Jaipur, Rajasthan, cushions, bedspreads, bags and purses
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## **Chalke Valley Ladies Choir**

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All Welcome – Visitors £2.00

**Monday 15th November**

*Adventures of Four Gardeners in Chile*

Stephen Griffiths – Head Gardener at

Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens

## **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 (11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> November) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (8 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> November) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (24 <sup>th</sup> November)
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**

31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-In, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bonfire Bash, Charlton All Saints, 6.00 (see page 2)
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fair, Broad Chalke, 10.00am - 2.00pm (see page 4)
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sudan Lent Project News, Coombe Bissett Chapel, 7.15pm (see page 2)
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sudan Lent Project News, Charlton All Saints, 10.15am (see page 2)
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Candlelit Christmas, Holy Trinity Bowerchalke, 7.30pm (see page 3)
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert and Tea, Trafalgar School, 4.00pm (see page 4)