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The Rectory
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Dear Friend

At The Rectory we have just replaced a worn out electrical appliance with an identical machine. The replacement is "new" but we do not expect anything different from it than the old one could not provide. I wonder how you view 1995, the replacement for 1994? You may be content for it to be much the same - you may hope it will be very different.

Much will happen in the new year that is beyond your control, but there will be areas where your actions and responses will direct or fashion events for good or ill. In either case may you find a new or renewed faith in a great and faithful God. He can and does help us face what comes. It is as we bring what happens to us in the passing years to the infinite God that we can make sense of life, and find purpose.

A man once said that he discovered a whole new world because Christ made him a new man. Why not look for that kind of newness this New Year.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 8 January	9.30 am 11.15 am	Parish Communion Morning Prayer	ASB ASB	Nunton Charlton
Wednesday 11 January	2 pm	Pram Service		Parish Room, Nunton
Sunday 15 January	9.30 am 11.15 am	Parish Communion Morning Prayer	ASB BCP	Odstock Britford
Sunday 22 January	9.30 am 11.15 am	Parish Communion Morning Prayer	ASB BCP	Charlton Nunton
Sunday 29 January	9.30 am	United Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
Sunday 5 February	8.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Prayer	BCP ASB BCP	Nunton Britford Odstock

If anyone wants a lift to any of the services in any of the parishes, please telephone Debby Underhill on 0722 329769.

From the Editor

Firstly, may I wish you all a Happy New Year. Secondly, if you've been considering sponsoring an issue of *News & Notes*, now is a good time to give me a ring! Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other ads are charged at the rate of £2.00 per 30 words per issue or £20.00 for 12 editions. Please send items for inclusion to me, Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton-All-Saints SP5 4HF or telephone me on 0725 512869. The deadline for inclusion in the February issue is Friday 20 January.

Rita Hobbs - Soft Furnishings Upholstery, fabric and wallpapers including Warner, Baker, Hills & Knowles, Monkwell, Jane Churchill and Ametex. Also Sunway Blinds. Contact Rita Hobbs, 210 Homington Road, Odstock 0722 334106.

Carol Singing and Christmas Day Collection

A merry band of 24 Charlton choristers, accompanied by Denis Blake on his trumpet, braved the cold and ice to sing carols and raise over £50 for Hillcote, our local children's charity. When added to the Christmas Day collection, a cheque for £174 will be sent to Hillcote. After the carol singing, we were all treated to a sumptuous and most welcome supper at The Bell House. Our sincere thanks go to all who sang, all who donated, and particularly to Alex and Barbara Saunt for their most generous hospitality.

Clare Penny

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On 10 December at our "Christmas" meeting, the President welcomed Miss Nancy Steel who spoke about "Longford Castle, a Family House" from 1230 to the present day. Lorenz Day Bouverie fled from Holland to Frankfurt, and established a silk factory. It is a fascinating story. Later in 1700 young Edward returned to England and bought Longford Castle for £6,000! The "Day" was dropped and became Pleydell Bouverie. The heirs, from that time, are alternately named Jacob and William. In 1785 the Prince of Wales came to Salisbury Races and stayed the night at the Castle. Queen Victoria also visited the Castle.

There was a very successful Bring & Buy Sale and a raffle, and the Committee served mulled wine and hot mince pies. On 9 January Mrs Perry will speak about Heale House and gardens. Non-members welcome.

Angela Moules

Odstock Church Appeal Fund

On Friday 9 December the appeal was launched with a "Silent Auction" and raffle at the Radnor Hall. A small group of people had worked very hard and produced 115 items for the auction. Hot mince pies and wine were served and we were delighted to find that £975.50 had been raised. Mr Rhoddy Voremberg spoke about our appeal. Mrs Madeline Baker (and her family) must be thanked for her Herculean work, as well as everybody else who helped. Diocesan records show rectors in Odstock from 1297 but there must have been many before this time - we are determined to try and save Odstock from being declared "redundant".

Angela Moules

Odstock School Concert

The Headmaster, Mr Paul Niblett, is in hospital - we all wish him well. Miss Marvelly welcomed everybody and the children performed a hilarious pantomime, with poetry, singing, music, a raffle and mince pies and mulled wine. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Angela Moules

Britford Village Social

A most successful evening enjoyed by all. After all expenses were paid, a cheque for £70 was sent to the Children's Hospice Appeal.

Julia Shipsey

Road and Traffic News

At long last the speed limit for Odstock and Nunton is approaching reality. The official notices have been on view around the villages for the past month and hopefully there will be no objections to the proposals when the deadline falls on 9 January. The 30 mph signs should be in place by end March/early April. The speed restriction will encompass both villages, as well as the approach roads and the entire stretch of the C12 between the two villages. Altogether a good measure and welcomed by all of us living in the area. I mentioned the A338 in the December issue. We duly had our meeting with Hampshire and Dorset County Councils and the decision was taken not to dual 2-carriageway the entire Ringwood-Salisbury section mainly for environmental and cost reasons. Hampshire however plans to upgrade the Bickton and Ibsley sector as originally proposed.

Julian Johnson, County Councillor

Education

Whilst Odstock village school was cleared from threatened scrutiny under the review of smaller primary schools, it seems that Britford school was concerned that they might be included in this review. I am pleased to say that this is not the case and that Britford is included in the list of schools - like Odstock - where there are no reasonable or practical alternative options and therefore no review is necessary. I am sure staff, parents and pupils will be pleased to hear this news.

Julian Johnson