

News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton All Saints

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Dear Friend

Imagine you are in a party of travellers eagerly looking for the first signs of your common destination. Anxiety fills your heart and mind as the journey is long, tiring and fraught! Will you ever get there and will the destination live up to expectations? Then the leader of the party, ahead of the rest, and perhaps taller in stature than the rest, stops at the brow of the hill up ahead. "There it is" he calls back down the line..."It look truly beautiful!" Although you have not quite arrived yourself, and although you have yet to see the view, relief sets in that all is well and you are full of a new positive anxiety to see it for yourself. Tired still maybe, even fraught to some extent, but you now have a mood of hope and excitement!

That is rather like the message of Ascension Day and Whit Sunday. Our Lord leads us on a journey as we seek to follow Him. He has successfully encountered all the ups and downs before we do. Ascension Day speaks to us of His triumphant return to His Father's side in glory. Because of this we have confidence that we too shall arrive there in due course. In the meantime the Holy Spirit (whose festival it is at Whitsun) is Christ's way of calling back down the line to us. The Holy Spirit strengthens and inspires us and makes the words of Jesus real and alive. Hope and excitement increase as we discover that our destination, the Kingdom of God, is not that far away after all. It is in fact all around us and within us!

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 5 May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
Wednesday 8 May	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Barker Room
Sunday 12 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Thursday 16 May Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	ASB	Nunton
Sunday 19 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Sunday 26 May Whit Sunday	9.30 am	United Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 2 June Trinity Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.				

From the Editor

This month's edition of *News & Notes* has been sponsored by Britford Parish Council, to whom I am very grateful, as always. Any items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me on 01725 512869. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the June issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 17 May.

Britford Parish Council

The AGM of Britford Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5 June at the Memorial Hall on the High Road at 7.00 pm. We hope to have a speaker from the National Rivers Authority.

Could drivers keep their speed down on the Lower Road, Britford? There are often horses on the road, and on occasions disabled riders. Judith Sturdy

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is from 12 - 18 May. Please let me know if you are prepared to distribute and/or collect envelopes door to door. I will be glad to hear from you! RH

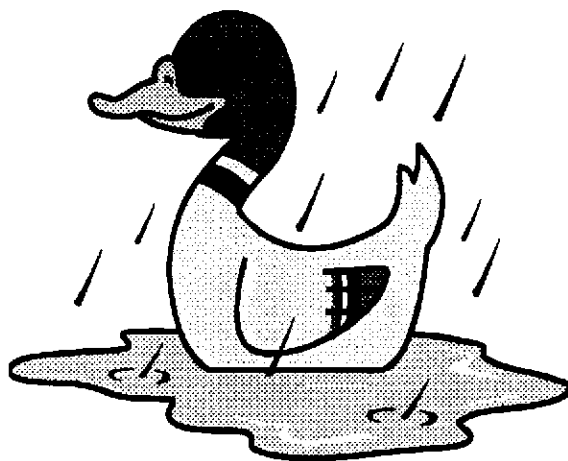
Congratulations

Congratulations to Kathy and Chris Hollingshurst on the birth of their son Matthew Rhys on Easter Day. A brother for Megan. Ed

Postcard Appeal

Angela Moules, Old Mill Cottage, Odstock is asking for anyone who has unwanted postcards. Used or unused, old or new, coloured, black & white or sepia, foreign or British - all will be welcomed and will be used to raise funds for the Sudan. I will pass them on at any time to my friend who raised £6,500 in 1995 and wants to beat then amount in 1996. Thank you.

Angela Moules



Duck Race Easter Monday

Friends of Odstock Church organised a great fun day, enjoyed by many people. It started at The Yew Tree with hot dogs and various games, followed by the Duck Race down the river. The afternoon finished with a pantomime cow in the school field for Cowpat Roulette. William Stanger won the duck race receiving £25 and there were 8 other winners of Easter eggs. £450 was raised for Odstock Church. Many thanks to all the helpers particularly Madeline Baker and family, plus Rhoddy Vorenberg and family. Peter Martin

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The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course was a very great success during Lent. It will resume for those who wish to hear more of the tapes on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30 pm in the Barker Room. It will be run for a minimum of four weeks on consecutive Wednesday nights *with the exception of Wednesday 15 May*.

RH

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At the meeting held on the 15 April, guest speaker Mr Terry House, an auctioneer from Bournemouth, gave a brief description and valuation of "Collectables" brought in by guests and members - fine porcelain, a Victorian miniature musical bird cage and a German black doll were among some of the items of interest. Mrs I Harrison thanked Mr House for his enjoyable and informative talk.

The Flower of the Month was a white hyacinth, brought along by Miss Betty Marks.

The next meeting will be on 13 May. There will be a discussion on resolutions. The chosen resolutions will then go forward to the intermediate meeting. Non-members welcome.

Rita Hobbs

We Need Your Help

Sainsbury's and Tesco's are currently giving away School Equipment Vouchers and Computer Vouchers respectively when you shop at these supermarkets. Our local primary schools at Britford, Odstock and Downton are collecting the vouchers and, if enough are collected, they can be exchanged for much needed hardware and software items. Please keep them and, if you have time, drop them in to your local school, give them to any of the local school children, or contact the school and arrangements can be made to collect the vouchers from you. All the schools will be very grateful if you can help in this way.

Odstock Church Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the beautiful array of floral decorations in Odstock Church. It was much appreciated by all.

Coffee Morning in Heale House Gardens

One of the most popular events in the calendar for the fundraising team of the Riding for the Disabled Wilton Group is the annual coffee Morning at Heale House, Middle Woodford.

This year the event will be on **Wednesday 29 May**, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. There will be bargains for all and plenty of activities for the children. Apart from superb take-away food from the delicatessen food stall, there will be stalls for bric-a-brac, books, cakes and plants and shrubs. For the children there will be pony rides, face-painting and all manner of amusing games. The nearly new clothes stall is always a special attraction.

Entrance is free, and all money collected will go to fund the Pembroke Centre in Wilton.

Any further information is available from Yvette O'Keeffe on 01722 332083 or at the Pembroke Centre on 01722 744822.

Yvette O'Keeffe



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring MIKE your local handy/oddjob man - any task considered
General maintenance inside & outside - painting - grass cutting -
driving (HGV and PSV licences held) etc

Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

Radnor Hall News

Cooker Required for the Radnor Hall. Are you replacing your old one and it needs a good home? Contact Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

Radnor Hall AGM at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15 May. Come and hear what we have been doing and how we want you to make the best use of our valuable Village Hall. Would you like to be involved on the committee?

Debby Underhill

Charlton Theatre Club

The last club event was to see "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" combined with a Salisbury Playhouse theatreday. The play was excellently performed and produced, and the "behind the scenes" presentation from the actors, assistant stage manger and lighting director provided a unique additional dimension. I would recommend the theatreday event to anyone interested in theatre and you don't have to see the play on the same day.

As I enjoy a good musical, I have reserved tickets for two further shows, although one of them does not take place until November. But to give you plenty of notice, they are:

Crazy for You - Saturday 17 August - 7.30 pm - £13.50

High Society - Saturday 9 November - 7.30 pm - £16.00

Both are at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton.

"Crazy for You" comes direct from an award winning sell out run in the West End and is jam packed with classic Gershwin songs. "High Society" is a new stage show based on the film of the same name. The cast includes Tracy Childs (Howard's Way), Michael Howe (Chess and 42nd Street) and Jackie Trent. The music of Cole Porter is played live on stage by a six piece jazz band.

Nearer at hand is the "Proms in the Park" event on Tuesday 30 July at 7.30 pm. This is a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra of popular classics set in the Upton Country Park. Discounted ticket price is £11.20.

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact me on 01725 512262.

Joanna Matthews

Dates for your Diary

1 May	Alpha Course, 7.30 pm, Barker Room
8 May	Pram Service, 2.00 pm, Barker Room
15 May	Charlton Theatre Club - Joseph
15 May	Radnor Hall AGM, 7.30 pm, Radnor Hall
29 May	Coffee Morning for RDA, 10.00 pm, Heale House, Middle Woodford
5 June	Britford Parish Council AGM, 7.00 pm, Memorial Hall
30 July	Charlton Theatre Club - Proms in the Park
17 August	Charlton Theatre Club - Crazy for You
9 November	Charlton Theatre Club - High Society

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 10.00 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Every other Friday (10 & 24 May), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am