



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock August 2013

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News & Notes

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To be perfectly honest!

Quite frankly, a lot of people do it these days. I wouldn't be lying, if I said I certainly do. In all honesty, you may do it too.

"Do what?", I hear you cry! Well, if I'm telling the truth, what I'm getting at is the somewhat prevalent habit for speech to be punctuated with phrases which seem to attempt to dispel the notion that we do not entirely believe whatever it is we are saying. I've already used four of the phrases in this article, or, to be truthful, six if you include the title.

If you just happen to number among the folk who use these phrases, please don't view my comments as in any way critical, and, even more importantly, don't stop talking to me!

I can only speculate as to why this habit, which has always been there to some extent, has grown in recent times. Is it that we are expecting people not to trust us? Is it that we're constantly saying things which are hard to believe? Perhaps, more likely, it is merely to add emphasis to the expression of our views.

Obviously, it's better to tell the truth than to lie, although there are occasions when to be silent is better than to say what we truly believe. The TV presenter, John Inverdale, probably realises this after his scurrilous comment about the Wimbledon Ladies Singles Champion. On that occasion, he was certainly being brutally honest. (If you didn't read what he said, suffice it to say that he was less than generous about her appearance.)

Sometimes, it's quite hard to know ourselves what we really believe, and it certainly can be difficult to talk about it to others.

The church services listed below give us one kind of opportunity to explore and share our beliefs, and, needless to say, all are welcome. The people are friendly, the singing's good, the prayers are thoughtful, and quite often you get a cup of coffee and at least one biscuit after the service!

Adrian Taylor

Church of England Services

4 th August 10 th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	JT JT LB
11 th August 11 th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT DB JT
18 th August 12 th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	AH AP
25 th August 13 th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AH AT LB
1 st September 14 th after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	MT AT DH LB

DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, AP = Canon Ann Philp,

MT = Revd Michael Turner, AH = Canon Anthony Hawley

DB = Denis Blake, AT = Adrian Taylor, LB = Lavender Buckland

(BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Gill Dodd

The July meeting on the 8th was opened by the President Elizabeth Cutter. An unusual summer cottage-garden arrangement was provided for the President's table by Hatty Hillier.

Announcements were given about our various activities with particular emphasis on our summer outing to Bath and the American Museum on 10th July. Susie Appleford has been responsible for all the arrangements and we have, with guests, nearly a full coach attending.

Elizabeth was pleased to announce the success of our summer garden party on a beautiful day. Sue Bourne had kindly allowed us to use her garden and from the many "thank you" letters that we have received we gather everyone enjoyed themselves. The music provided by the guitarist was a huge success.

She thanked all the Committee, helpers and members who gave massive support to her on the day.

Also, we manned some stalls at the ONB Fête. Again thanks were given to all those who contributed to this venture.

Margaret Robinson gave us an account of her attendance at the AGM in Cardiff. She said that John Humphries and Griff Rhys-Jones were superb speakers and answered many questions. The resolution on The Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres was voted FOR by quite a large majority which had been the same as in May at our resolution meeting.

Our Scrabble team did much better this year and were invited to the final event run by Wiltshire Federation. We shall continue to enjoy the Skittles, Gardening, Walking and Book clubs which all receive support from our members. Carol Stratton had planned the new programme, printed by Sheila May. This was distributed. County Events for the Autumn were announced and we enjoyed coffee and biscuits on the new patio in the wonderful sunshine.

The subject of our speaker was Hearing Dogs for Deaf People given by Dr Ball with Bruce his pointer dog, No 4117. The speaker became deaf in 2007. Hearing aids unlike spectacles do not restore your hearing as spectacles do your sight. He said he was able to lip read but found that the dog's training could detect different reactions to different situations in the home and in normal life outside the house. His slides were very interesting and we sat for 5 minutes in silence which was thought provoking. A hearing dog is never off duty; a guide dog works only when his harness is on.

Heather Morrison gave a vote of thanks on our behalf.

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. The next meeting is at Vicarage Corner, Nunton at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th August.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box (01725 510758 - oldcharlton@gmail.com)

On 24th June, Diana Guy came from Wimborne to talk on The Cutting Garden. She was an enthusiastic and inspirational lady, impressing our gentlemen members as well as the ladies who grow flowers for cutting. All flowers can be used, including "weeds", although poppies can prove difficult. We look forward to a return visit next year.

Odstock Parish Council

At the Ordinary OPC Meeting on 4 July, it became apparent that there is still a Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor, following the uncontested election on 2 May. The refurbishment project at Jubilee Gardens had been completed and there was an expectation that the 2013 Raft Race would help to create the needed publicity for the grant providers. A photo appeared in the Salisbury Journal the following week and www.Facebook.com/JubileeGardens is an opportunity for community feedback. Wiltshire Council is addressing concern over the availability of High-Speed Broadband at www.WiltshireOnline.org and residents are encouraged to register their interest and learn about the benefits of being connected. The next OPC meeting is planned for Thursday, 5th September, where it is expected that the Vacancy for a Parish Councillor will be filled. Please contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on 01794-341405 or OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO.

Orchard News

The regular day for **Communion** at The Orchard has been changed to the **third Monday in each month**. It will still be at **2.30 pm**; Tea/Coffee and Biscuits served after. All welcome. This change has been made so that Debby Underhill can preside again after her break for treatment. We look forward to sharing Communion with Debby again at The Orchard. We would like to thank both Jenifer and Revd Jenny Taylor for kindly helping out over the last 7 months.

The Orchard Residents enjoyed last year's Jubilee Garden Party so much that they want to hold another Garden Party this year. It will, of course, not be so lavish as last year's celebrations, but we hope the delightful people of Bodenham, Nunton and Odstock, will come and join in with our **Garden Party on Saturday 14th September at 3.00pm**. Please bring a plate of something to share. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks will be supplied by The Orchard. Any questions please contact Marian Hearne at No 3 The Orchard. Tel: 01722 335685

Harvest Service & Supper

**6th October
in the Radnor Hall at 6.00pm**

Tickets £7

Proceeds for Sudan.

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ONB Fête

The Committee

A big thank you to all those who supported the Fête this year, either by helping or attending the events. We were blessed with wonderful weather, and raised in excess of £5,000 for the church and other local causes.

The committee will be meeting soon to consider how the proceeds should be distributed. Any suggestions as to which local organisations we might support will be welcomed.

Planning the Fête bears some similarity to painting a large bridge near Edinburgh, and the process for next year will start soon. Once again, suggestions as to what you would like to see at the Fête, and, even more importantly, offers to play a part in the arrangements are warmly invited.

You'll probably know someone on the Committee to talk to but, if not, please email onbfete@live.com or call Jeremy Metcalfe (01722 325825) or Keith Wilby (01722 328608).

Bible Study Group (Sep - Dec 2013)

Marian Hearne

You surely will have heard of Saint Paul, even if only to know that there is a super large church named for him in London. St Paul was a down to earth man who made tents for a living. He was also a well educated Jew who had studies the history of his people as set down in what we call "The Old Testament." He had what we might call "A fair amount of clout," and when he spoke, usually, the people listened. Love him or hate him, he's still worth listening to.

A group of Christians in this area will be meeting possibly twice a month, (exact dates to be decided at the Planning Meeting) at 7.30pm; to study the Bible and share their thoughts and insights, in an attempt to get to know God's will for us. This is what the early Christians did and we feel we should follow their example. From September through to Christmas we shall be discussing Paul's letter to the community of Christians in Rome, and trying to see if his teaching is relevant to us in our modern society today.

If you'd like to know more please phone me on 01722 335685. We would love to see you and hear your views if you feel you could join us.

Broadband is coming.....or not!

Alan Pollard

As a retired IT professional I am an avid IT user and advocate of computers and the internet. My wife and I are also newcomers to Odstock having moved here from Hampton Park in the city in July 2012. Just as we left Hampton Park, BT Infinity (fast broadband) was being rolled out to my neighbourhood. The delights of village life in Odstock weighed heavily against staying put purely on IT grounds!

At present my BT broadband connection here in Odstock is a maximum of 2.5Mbps on a good day and frequently hovers around 1.5Mbps. Enquiries to BT suggest that it will be some time before BT Infinity is rolled out to the villages. I contacted the Wiltshire On Line office and had a very full and courteous reply,

reassuring me that Odstock and Nunton were "*in our programme intervention area*" and that this means that "*our project is able to invest in and survey your area.*" However, the reply emphasised that a survey was only the start of a long process and I was not able to ascertain any forecast whatsoever of the start of any survey far less any infrastructure improvements. The current economic outlook for Local Government funding would tend to suggest that I should not hold my breath!

Of course running fibre optic cable out from the exchange in the City to a street cabinet or to the home is a very expensive undertaking and commercial realities these days mean that no supplier can afford to undertake infrastructure work unless there is a viable commercial case based on likely return on investment. However, a reliable, fast broadband service is becoming a necessity these days and would certainly help local businesses to flourish and residents to enjoy the full scope of benefits of internet access and communication. As more and more Government services require online access and everyday activities such as shopping, banking and entertainment are increasingly internet-based, it is smaller communities like ours that will lose out more and more.

When considering commercial viability, however, an equally significant factor in the equation is consumer demand. Inevitably, small villages like ours that are geographically dispersed cannot separately hope to constitute a concentration of demand in one place sufficient to attract supplier investment. If, however, we were able to combine our efforts then (to misquote a phrase) united we might stand a chance!

Driving through Pitton recently I saw a large poster by a company called Gigaclear advertising the opportunity to sign up for a village initiative to bring fibre broadband to the Pitton and Farley and Firsdown area. I must stress that I do not work for this company and there are doubtless other similar suppliers. However, a look at this particular initiative's website shows what can be done when a community pulls together.

<http://www.gigaclear.com/communities/farley-pitton-and-firsdown/>

It is clearly important to assess demand and special local needs. For instance, the Odstock and Nunton area includes a significant agricultural and farming community alongside thriving small businesses, holiday homes and tradespeople. A formal survey would need to capture all this. As a first step, however, I am prepared to act as a "post box" for your views, ideas and thoughts. If you feel strongly enough about this (even if you want nothing to do with computers!) do please get in touch. You can reach me either by post (Old Stable House, Odstock, Salisbury, SP5 4JA) or (for those with the necessary means) through a special email address I have set up (wewantbetterbroadband@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing your views. If the response is positive I will investigate producing a more detailed survey. In any case, I will keep News and Notes updated in due course.

The Chalke Valley Flower Club

The Flower Club has had a very busy few months. Our Outing to Pam Lewis' Garden, despite the rain, proved to be extremely enjoyable; a most beautiful garden, which opens again on 15th September. It is well worth visiting. Pam also gave us a home made supper, very welcome, it was also an opportunity to dry off!! 'Put your garden on a Plate', was a demonstration by Coral Gardiner, most entertaining with lovely flowers and lots of raffle prizes. This month we held our Club Fund Raiser at Jan and Hugh Pickford's Lodge. Wonderful weather added to the beautiful setting and we thank them very much. Our Speaker on 'Women in the Oman', was Terry Edwards; she had lived in the Oman for many years as the wife of a teacher. She regaled us with many very interesting tales of her time spent out there supporting the local tribeswomen. The evening and meal were thoroughly enjoyed by Club Members and their guests. In the meantime we are working on the organisation of the Bishopstone Harvest Flower Festival on 5th and 6th October, more details of which will be in next month's N&N.



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Wednesdays - 11am - 12noon - Coombe Bissett - Church (at existing coffee morning)

Thursdays - 10-30am-11am - Downton Library, Church Leat, Downton

Pc 1157 Matt Holland and Pcs 6237 Luke Taylor – you can contact us by telephone, 101, or email – southernwiltspnt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk



Flower Festival



In aid of St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone and local charities

To coincide with Harvest Festival on the **5th and 6th October 2013**, the Chalke Valley Flower Club will be arranging a Flower Festival in St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone

There will be a preview evening on Friday 4th October at 6pm to 7.30pm during which time Richard Seale has kindly agreed to play the organ for us.

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Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Messy Church	10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Marian on 01722 335685. Next Meeting: 2nd September</i>
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (15 th & 29 th August) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (28 th August)
Acorn Social 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

Diary Dates

15 th August	Village Prayers, Vicarage Corner, Nunton, 7.00pm (see page 2)
14 th September	Garden Party, The Orchard, 3.00pm (see page 2)
14 th September	Open Day, Bridge Farm and Old Stables, Britford 1.00pm to 4.00pm www.bridgefarm.co.uk and www.the-old-stables.co.uk
24 th September	Open Evening, Trafalgar School (see page 4)
25 th /26 th Sept.	Open Mornings, Trafalgar School (see page 4)
28 th September	Harvest Supper, Charlton All Saints
5 th /6 th October	Flower Festival, St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone (see page 4)
6 th October	Harvest Supper, Radnor Hall, 6.00pm (see page 2)
10 th October	Farrant Singers, Charlton All Saints