

May 1994

The Rectory  
Nunton

Dear Friend

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This month, together with all the other parishes of Alderbury Deanery, we shall be participating in a ten day series of events in the period from Ascension Day (12 May) to Whit Sunday (22 May). This venture is to be led by the Bishops of Ramsbury and Southampton with a team of people drawn from their acquaintances who have experience to offer to us.

There will be some events that are intended for large gatherings with people from the various deanery parishes joining together. There are also "home" based discussion groups to which you may wish to go. There is attached to this issue of the newsletter a leaflet that lists all the main attractions and also our own local events. Do please study it and take advantage of what is on offer. Very much planning and prayer has gone into "Opportunity Ascensiontide 1994" - there should be something for you in its diversity of programme.

In particular, may I draw your attention to the following:

1. Rock Concert "No Big Deal" at Downton School - designed for secondary school age young people. Tickets are available (price £2 to include refreshments) from me or at the door.
2. The services on Ascension Day and on the two Sundays.
3. The home groups - please contact the hosts in advance so that they know approximately how many people to expect.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

## Church Services

Sunday 1 May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Service	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 8 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Wednesday 11 May	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Parish Room, Nunton
Thursday 12 May Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Deanery Communion	ASB	St Lawrence, Downton
Sunday 15 May	9.30 am	United Parish Communion (to mark Deanery Event)	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 22 May Whit Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	11.00 am	Open Air Communion Service (Deanery Event)	ASB	The Moot, Downton
Sunday 29 May	9.30 am	United Communion	ASB	Nunton
Sunday 6 June	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Service	ASB	Charlton

## **From the Editor**

Since the last issue of *News & Notes* I have received many kind comments, words of encouragement, and a generous donation - thank you all. I am also delighted to say that Andrew Scott of Woven Electronics of Burcombe, Wilton has sponsored this edition of our newsletter, and I am very grateful to him. I am looking for sponsorship and advertising for future issues of *News & Notes*. The PCC pays for two sides of the newsletter. Each additional two sides costs £22.50 to photocopy, so for a four side issue I need to find £22.50, for a six side issue I need £45.00 and so on. If you would like to sponsor an edition in return for a half page advertisement, please contact me. Or if you have access to a photocopier and would be prepared to copy 450 copies of *News & Notes* as sponsorship, I would love to hear from you! Advertisements and 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. And finally, please send reports from your club, society, school, or anything that the villages would like to hear about 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 next issue is Friday 20 May.

## **From the Registers**

The marriage of Joanna Byrne and David Matthews, both of Charlton-All-Saints, was celebrated at Charlton Church on Saturday 23 April. We wish them both every happiness in their lives together in our community.

## **Women's Institute**

The new committee is as follows: President - Miss Denys Clarke, Secretary - Mrs Sue Bourne, Treasurer - Mrs Jean Van Hagen, committee members - Joan Dixon, Irene Harrison, Jill Johnson, Patti English, Jilly Bulpitt, Joy Saunders.

Mrs Barrow was welcomed as a new member. The speaker, Miss Ann Sevier, spoke and showed slides on "A year in the life of a New Forest Pony". Her forbears were Flemish weavers, and the family has lived near Fordingbridge for many years. Miss Sevier and her father run 30 ponies, which feed on grass and the soft tips of gorse bushes, supplemented by hay in the winter. Forest verderers carefully check all ponies regularly. Many are sold for riding, some going to Belgium, Holland, France and Finland.

The "Flower of the Month" competition was shared between Miss Denys Clarke with white cherry blossom and Mrs Angela Moules with a cowslip.

On 9 May resolutions for the Triennial meeting in Birmingham will be discussed and on 13 June we will celebrate our 50th anniversary with a Summer Garden party at "Melstock" by kind invitation of Dr and Mrs Bourne.

Angela Moules

## **Britford School**

Britford C of E Primary School offers small classes, dedicated teachers and a warm, friendly atmosphere for your child's education from 4+ to 11+. We take in children in the Autumn and Spring term nearest to their fifth birthday. We recommend that you register your child from the age of 3 to help us with our future planning.

A school prospectus is available from the school. Please feel free to make an appointment to see round the school and meet the staff. For further details, please contact the headteacher, Mrs Weeks, or the School Administration Officer, Mrs Hankinson, on 0722 327292.

Diane Weeks

## **Coffee Morning**

The Annual Conservative Coffee Morning is being held on Wednesday 1 June at 10.30 am at Melstock, Nunton (by kind permission of Dr and Mrs J Bourne). Entrance 30p to include coffee and biscuits. Stalls will include bring and buy, plant stall, nearly new, Derby sweepstake. There will also be a raffle. Come along and bring your friends. All are welcome.

Sarah Sherry

## **Caring for the Elderly**

What help is available for elderly people living on their own? If you look after someone who is disabled, where can you turn for assistance?

Of course there are several organisations whose names spring immediately to mind but I would like to mention briefly the one with which I am connected - and I have an ulterior motive! Age Concern's Care Service comes under the umbrella of Age Concern, Salisbury, but is run from a separate office in Barnard's Cross at the top of St Ann's Street. We have a dedicated band of Care Attendants who give practical help and support to elderly, disabled or physically frail adults - helping them to maintain their independence and to continue to live in their own homes for as long as possible. We can help with all manner of practical tasks, such as bathing, washing, dressing, getting up and going to bed, cooking, cleaning, shopping - to mention but a few. All these things can seem like insurmountable problems when one is unable any longer to accomplish them for oneself.

Now for my ulterior motive! Our work has increased so much that we now urgently need more Care Attendants. Our hourly rate of pay is good and we also pay a mileage allowance. A car and a telephone are absolutely essential! No qualifications are required, except for a genuine affection for the elderly, and a true commitment to their needs. All Care Attendants attend training meetings and are encouraged to go on a college course in Caring for Older People.

For more information about becoming a Care Attendant, please apply to the Organisers, Maureen Goff or Anne Blake, at Barnard's Cross, Dolphin Street, Salisbury, SP1 2BL, telephone 0722 322515.

Anne Blake

## **Jumble Sale**

The Community Group are holding a jumble sale on Wednesday 11 May at 7.30 pm at the Radnor Hall. If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac, please phone Madeline on 0722 329374 or Sandy on 0722 328497 and arrange for it to be collected.

## **Roads and Traffic News**

The road improvements on the A338 Bodenham bypass should now be completed and hopefully will result in increased safety on this hazardous stretch of road as well as a better layout of the junction of the C12 Nunton/Odstock road with the A338. Regrettably the work has carried on longer than planned, due mainly to problems in appointing contractors who then had a holiday throughout the Easter week! Meantime the residents on the upper Nunton road suffered with all the extra diverted traffic - not to mention double decker buses and heavy goods vehicles. This small road seems to have doubled in width during the past couple of months.

An announcement on the all-important speed restriction through Odstock and Nunton is due on 4 May when consultants report their findings to WCC Highways Committee. I will be keeping you informed of the outcome in the next issue.

Julian Johnson, County Councillor

## Postman Retiring

Our postman, Alex Millar (Jock), has been with the Post Office for 33 years and has been on the rounds of our villages for 15 years. He has always been cheerful, helpful and good with dogs. As a mark of appreciation on his retirement, there will be a giant postcard specifically designed for Alex by an artist. Those wishing to contribute a cheque or postal order may sign the postcard at Bodenham Post Office during the first week of May. Arrangements for the presentation are being made - notice of this will be available as soon as possible at the Post Office, Bodenham. Please make cheques and postal orders payable to Alex Millar.

Joan Dixon

## Sale

Plants, crafts and cream teas will be on sale at Britford Memorial Hall on Sunday 15 May from 11 am to 6 pm.

## Gilbert & Sullivan

Dorothy Roblou is arranging for the A La Carte Singers to present an evening of Gilbert & Sullivan and other songs on Saturday 4 June at Charlton Church at 7.30 pm. Director Pamela Bennett and accompanist Robin Bennett. An enjoyable evening for all.

## Swallowcliffe Waterloo Day

On June 18 at Stonehill Farm, Swallowcliffe there will be a country fair from 2 pm to midnight. This very ambitious event has been organised by Hugh Matthews of Sutton Mandeville, with the aim of raising £5000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the 8 Tisbury Team churches. The attractions will include: clay pigeon shooting competition (pros and amateurs), fly fishing competition and demonstration (various classes), cross bow shooting, skittles, fun dog and pet show at 3 pm, steam engine, fun fair, show organ, bouncy castle, classic and vintage car exhibition. Stalls include: nearly new clothes, country produce, giant plant sale, bric-a-brac, mega tombola, books, bottles. There will be a Waterloo Draw and a Sporting Draw with over £2000 of prizes to be won. Afternoon teas will be served and a bar has been applied for. In the evening there is barn dance from 7.30 pm to midnight, dancing to the Black Velvet Duo. Food will include a ram roast and vegetarian food. All enquiries to Hugh Matthews on 0747 870347.

## Dates for your Diary

11 May	Community Group Jumble Sale
15 May	Sale at Britford Memorial Hall
29 May	Fun Run
1 June	Conservative Coffee Morning
1 June	Britford Parish Council AGM at 7.00 pm Britford Memorial Hall
4 June	Gilbert & Sullivan Concert
13 June	WI Summer Garden Party
18 June	Swallowcliffe Waterloo Day
30 June to 17 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete Events
9 July	Fete and Raft Race

## Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Parish Room, Nunton
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Parish Room, Nunton
St Peter's/NADFAS	Third Tuesday of the month, 2.00 pm St Peter's Church
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 9.30 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Singing Group	Every Tuesday 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 0722 325862

## **Sponsored Fun Run**

*in aid of the Salisbury Journal Lifeline Appeal*

**Sunday 29 May**

10.30 am

*Starting and finishing at the Yew Tree Inn, Odstock*

All ages are welcome to take part - youngsters, adults, OAPs - running, walking or in a pushchair!

To complete a course of approximately 4 miles "around the downs" and finishing at the Yew Tree Inn

*Refreshments provided en route*

Entrance fee    £2.00 for adults  
                     £1.00 for OAPs/children (up to 16 years)

The fun run, originally planned for 1 May, has been postponed to Sunday 29 May. This year the run is in aid of the Salisbury Journal's Lifeline Appeal, providing microscopes for the gynaecology unit at Salisbury District Hospital. Last year's run was very successful and raised £600. We hope the event will be equally successful this year. Application and sponsorship forms are available from Lyn Whitley on 0722 321226 or Madeline Baker on 0722 329374.

## **Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete 1994**

Due to increasing demands, a new larger Fete Committee has been formed, with representatives from each village, with the following aims:

1. To provide financial support for Nunton Church.
2. To provide financial support for Odstock Church.
3. To provide improved facilities within the villages.
4. To make donations to village organisations ie Odstock School, the Football Club, Radnor Hall etc to preserve them.
5. To bring villagers together to improve the community spirit.

To achieve these aims the events detailed overleaf are being organised.

Help, donations, jumble, prizes, bottles, cakes, toys, scones etc are all urgently needed, so please support your villages and contact the following with your offers:

Clifford Whitley	Chairman	0722 321226
Sonia Sandford	Secretary	0722 411506

Without your help we cannot succeed.

It is greatly hoped that the villagers of Britford and Charlton-All-Saints, who support our superb churches and pubs will support these events - you will all be very welcome.

Clifford Whitley

## ***Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete 1994***

- Thursday 30 June**      **Clay Pigeon Shoot** from 6.00 pm
- Friday 1 July**      **Skittles** at the Yew Tree Inn  
**Saturday 2 July**  
**Sunday 3 July**
- Wednesday 6 July**      **Jumble Sale** at the Radnor Hall from 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 6 July**      **Skittles** at the Yew Tree Inn  
**Thursday 7 July**
- Friday 8 July**      **60s Dance** from 8.00 pm to midnight, at the Marquee in Nunton Football Field, dancing to "Peter Pod and the Peas", with a licensed bar and supper.
- Tickets at £7.50 each are available now from The Radnor Arms or the Yew Tree Inn. 60s gear is essential. You are urged to buy early as numbers will be limited.
- Saturday 9 July**      **Fete** at Nunton Football Field to be opened by John Greenstreet of Spire FM at 2.00 pm.
- There will be many new and existing events this year - don't miss the new format.
- Saturday 9 July**      **Raft Race** starting at Odstock Bridge at 6.00 pm.
- This is the continuation of the very successful event organised over the last few years by Madeline Baker (0722 329374), who should be contacted now for entry forms.
- Saturday 9 July**      **Raft Race Dance/Presentations/Barbecue/Firework Display**  
6.30 pm to midnight.
- FREE ENTRY - DON'T MISS OUT!**
- Dancing to live band "Euphoria", who have proved very popular when appearing at the Yew Tree Inn in the past.
- Sunday 17 July**      **Car Boot Sale** from 10.00 am at Nunton Football Field.

# OPPORTUNITY ASCENSIONTIDE - MAIN EVENTS

## Thursday 12th May Ascension Day

### 7.30pm Opening Services

Northern Area: All Saints, Winterslow

Middle Area: All Saints, Whiteparish

Southern Area St. Laurence, Downton

## Friday 13th May

7.30pm Youth Rock Concert Downton School  
(Ticket Details overleaf)

## Saturday 14th May

Breakfast meetings Details Overleaf

7.30pm Bourne Valley Churches Present

### **The Musical SPIRIT**

Admission by Programme Contact: 0980-611786

## Sunday 15th May Sunday after Ascension

Services in Local Churches Details Overleaf

## Monday 16th May

7.30pm. Redlynch Village Hall Play & Discussion  
(admission by ticket contact 0725- 510439)

## Tuesday 17th May

7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service at Porton

7.30pm Music & Celebrity Interview Evening  
at Whiteparish (Tickets 0794-884352)

## Wednesday 18th May

10.00am Teaching Children Right & Wrong  
At Alderbury R.C. Church

7.00pm Schools Drama Day Presentation, Downton

8.00pm Meeting at "Lions Head" Winterslow

## Thursday 19th May

10.45am Mums & Toddlers Talk-In at Pitton  
Methodist Church

7.30pm Men's Dinner at Downton with

Bp. John Southampton (Tickets 0725-511152)

## Friday 20th May

7.30pm Meeting with speaker from "Christians in Sport"  
at Landford

7.30pm Special Meeting for Church Wardens & Incumbents  
at West Dean with Bp. Peter Ramsbury

## Saturday 21st May

2.00pm May Fair, Church Tent, Winterslow

7.00pm Youth Barbecue, Nomansland. All Welcome!

7.30pm Bourne Valley Churches Present

### **The Musical SPIRIT**

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## Sunday 22nd May Pentecost

11.00am Celebration Service At The Moot Downton  
(In Downton Church if Wet!)

Followed by a bring your own Picnic Lunch

## Opportunity Ascensiontide Prayer

Father

You sent your Son

To give us life;

May we wait on you

And by your Holy Spirit

Use every opportunity

To share your love

Amen.

HOME  
GROUPS  
ARE  
LISTED  
OVERLEAF  
UNDER  
LOCAL  
EVENTS

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

### ON ALL DEANERY EVENTS

Canon Wilfred Down

Phone Salisbury (0722) 710857

SEE OVERLEAF FOR HOME GROUPS &

MORE EVENTS IN YOUR OWN AREA!

## FROM THE BISHOPS

### Opportunity Ascensiontide 1994

*Our government has been calling us to go "back to basics". This has led to widespread debate and contention. But "back to basics" is fundamental for the Christian.*

*Opportunity Ascensiontide provides the chance for us to take a fresh look at the heart of Christianity and what it offers, as well as requires of us. The Christian faith has a relevance to the whole of life. Each one of us is of infinite worth to God.*

*We and our team will be spending ten days in the area. We hope to have the opportunity of sharing our faith in Jesus Christ with you. It would be very good to see you at one or more of the events or home group meetings listed on this leaflet.*

+ Peter Ramsbury

+ John Southampton



**ALL YOUR HOME GROUPS  
& LOCAL EVENTS  
ARE DETAILED HERE**

*Prior to the event*

**Wednesday 11th May**

2.00pm Pram Service at the Parish Room, Nunton  
for babies, toddlers, Mums, Dads, Grandparents

**Friday 13th May**

7.30pm **NO BIG DEAL**

Rock Concert at Downton School  
for secondary school age young people  
Tickets £2 from Nunton Rectory or at the door

**Sunday 15th May**

9.30am United Holy Communion at Charlton Church  
with the Message in the Music

**Monday 16th May**

7.30pm House Meeting by kind invitation of  
Mr & Mrs Knight at Little Manor Farm, Britford  
0722 320259

**Tuesday 17th May**

7.30pm House Meeting by kind invitation of  
Mr & Mrs Underhill at Longford Farmhouse,  
Bodenham 0722 329769

**Wednesday 18th May**

7.30pm Meeting for members of our three PCCs  
at the Parish Room, Nunton

**Thursday 19th May**

7.30pm House Meeting by kind invitation of  
Mrs Anne Simmonds at Rivermeade, Charlton-  
All-Saints 0725 510048

**Sunday 22nd May Whit Sunday**

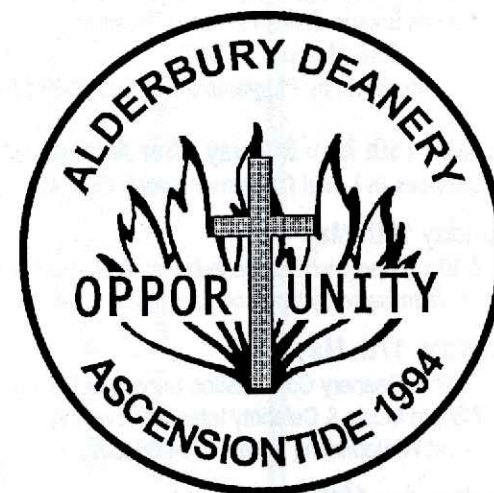
11.00am United Service at the Moot, Downton  
(at St Lawrence Church, Downton if wet)  
You will need to bring a folding chair or blanket  
on which to sit - there are no pews at the Moot!  
It is hoped that many will stay after the service  
for a picnic lunch - so please bring your picnic  
with you.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
ON YOUR LOCAL HOME GROUPS  
& OTHER EVENTS CONTACT  
YOU LOCAL PARISH ORGANISER**

Robert Hollingshurst 0722 330628  
Peter Cox 0722 329709

**SEE OVERLEAF FOR DEANERY EVENTS**

**THE CHURCHES OF THE  
ALDERBURY DEANERY  
INVITE YOU TO  
OPPORTUNITY  
ASCENSIONTIDE  
LED BY THE BISHOPS OF  
RAMSBURY & SOUTHAMPTON**



**ASCENSION DAY  
THURSDAY 12TH MAY  
To  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY 22ND MAY 1994**