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Radnor Hall Players

PANTO ~ Mother Goose ~ COMEDY
SUPPER

At the Radnor Hall, Bodenham

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
29/30 November, 1 December 7.30pm

PANTO only Matinée Saturday, 1 December 3.00pm

Tickets - Evenings £7.50
Matinée - Adults £5.00, children £2.50
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Church Services

Sunday 4 November 4 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington
	6.00 pm	Patronal Festival Evensong (BCP)	GS/SW	Charlton
Sunday 11 November 3 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Nunton
	10.55 am	Remembrance Service	WC	Coombe
	10.55 am	Remembrance Service	GS	Charlton
Sunday 18 November 2 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Odstock
	9.30 am	Morning Service	GS	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	GS	Coombe
Sunday 25 November Christ the King	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	WC	Odstock
Sunday 2 December Advent 1	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	* Evensong (BCP) *		Homington

* This is the last occasion that our Team Rector, the Reverend Canon Syd Willcox, will be at a service in the eastern part of the Chalke Valley.

From the Editor

The Radnor Hall Players have paid for this month's edition - thank you, and good luck with your production at the end of the month. The monthly photocopying cost for *News & Notes* has risen to £40 - if you would like to sponsor an issue, please get in touch with Neil. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. 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 December issue is Friday 16 November.

Holy Days

- 1 Nov All Saints Day, 8 am Holy Communion at Charlton All Saints.
- 30 Nov Saint Andrew the Apostle, 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

From the Registers

Burial

On 27 September at Nunton:
Marion Patricia Smart.

Women's Institute

Diane Wait

The 8th October open meeting was very well attended by members and a number of visitors, including some brave gentlemen guests who had come to hear Mr Julian Johnson give his long awaited talk on the three Islands in the South Atlantic, which he and Jill visited last year. Mrs Sue Bourne (President) greeted everybody and was delighted to welcome a new member, Mrs Anne Newton, who had decided to join as a direct result of our September promotional meeting. Mrs Pat Smart, who sadly died recently, was remembered by members with a minute's silence. This was then followed by Mrs Vi Bath reading out the WI prayer. The President's table looked very attractive with a lovely pink and mauve flower arrangement created by Mrs Jennifer Cowan.

Mrs Jean Van Hagen read out the minutes and correspondence. There are several interesting events to look forward to, mainly with a Christmas theme. These include a visit to the Downland Group meeting on November 5th in

Alderbury and a visit to Whiteparish for their Christmas meeting on November 21st. Mrs Julia Joynt (Treasurer) then read out the Treasurer's report and was delighted to inform us that at last we had won £20.00 in the "200 Club". This is our very first win but hopefully not the last. Mrs Joy Saunders confirmed the various theatre outings and she is also making a booking for the superb annual Christmas lunch at Salisbury College. I recall last year it was excellent and we are looking forward to this occasion with great relish and hopefully with no thought of calorie counting on the day!

Mrs Jackie Feltham was truly delighted to win flower of the month competition with her very pretty pink Busy Lizzie. She said this is the first time she has won after many times of trying. Well done Jackie.

After the coffee break we were all looking forward to hearing Julian talk on the subject of Ascension Island, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. After a minor technical hitch with the projector, which did cause a few moments of alarm, he proceeded to give us a most enlightening and informative journey to these three remote and very different locations. I, for one, was very ignorant about these three very individual Islands but came away from the meeting with a lot more knowledge and understanding of what it must be like to live and work in often trying and inhospitable conditions. Julian and Jill received a wonderful welcome from the islanders and enjoyed their varied and sometimes strenuous experiences. They felt very privileged to have been able to participate in this wonderful adventure and have many exciting memories. Julian showed us slides depicting the harsh and softer sides of the islands and also some very old slides showing life as it was a number of years ago. It probably has not changed much to this day. Following the talk Julian answered many varied questions from the floor and was then given a witty and grateful "vote of thanks" by Mrs Doreen Osmond. She did say her preference was for dry land - not for her this hopping on and off different boats in often mountainous seas!

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12th November in the Radnor Hall when we will have another interesting speaker, Mr Rex Sawyer. He will give us a talk on the history of the Deserted Village of Imber. Can't wait for that one. Guests will again be very welcome to come along and enjoy his talk.

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Odstock Primary School News

As some of you will be aware the school now has a new headteacher, Mrs Ann Bernard, who started at the beginning of the term. In addition to being the head of the school, she is also the junior class teacher and is working hard getting to know all her new charges and sorting the organisation of the school.



In September, Mrs Judy Barke, kindly came in to judge our Chrysanthemum competition. Photographs of the winning children with their plants were sent off in order to enter the national phase of this competition. The winner of the 4 to 6 year old category was James Harris and the runner up was Morgana Henderson. The winner of the 6 to 8 year old category was Sarah Jane Harris and the runner up was Patrick Henderson. The winner of the 9 to 10 year old category was Charlotte Smith.

The school held a Harvest Festival on Monday 15th October, led by Wesley Cole. Donations of tinned and dried food provided by the children were given to St Barnabas' Hostel for the homeless in Salisbury.

The school is starting to grow with a reception intake this year of 10 children. In order to ensure the best possible education for these children a specialist early years' assistant has been appointed by the school to assist the infant class teacher, Mrs Marsh. The infant class will move into their new purpose built classroom when it is completed. Building works are due to start shortly after half term, together with a total rewiring of the school.

Please continue to support our school by using the paper recycling bin in our car park. This will help our school raise much needed funds. We are also collecting Nestle Box Tops for Education. These can be found on most Nestle cereal boxes and each token is worth 10p to the school. If you have any please put them in an envelope and drop them into school. Thank you.

Downton Primary School News

Millie Penny, Year 3 School Councillor

In our school there have been a lot of changes over the summer holidays. First of all, we have had an extra tarmac playground where our green grass playground used to be. Now there is lots of room to play even if the ground is wet.

Secondly, we are having a new hall built for us. It is looking good so far and we hope it will be finished by the end of March. We are going to have new furniture for the school office and classrooms.

We are considering having a breakfast club. This means that children go to school early and have breakfast at school, and you can see your friends earlier!

Years 3 & 4 have recently had a trip to Waitrose to make sandwiches. It was great fun. We learnt about healthy food, and that you should have at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day.

Each year, a lady visits us to talk about children who do not have any Mums and Dads or anywhere to live. She tells us about Operation Christmas Child boxes. What we do is find a medium sized shoe box, and cover it with Christmas wrapping paper, so that it looks pretty. The lady suggested that we put in the box some wrapped sweets, gloves, a pencil case with pens and pencils and a sharpener in it and a notebook (so that the child can go to school). One of the most important things is something like a teddy bear to cuddle, because they don't have anyone to cuddle like we do. I have put a Christmas card in my box.

Canon Syd Willcox - Retirement

Any contributions to a retirement present for our Team Rector, Canon Sydney Willcox, may be given to Graham Southgate at The Vicarage, Nunton. A presentation will be made at Homington Church on 2nd December after Evening Prayer, beginning at 6 pm.

Salisbury Conservative Association

Judy Barke

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Guildhall, Salisbury on Saturday 24th November at 9.30am. Once again our branch will be responsible for the Produce Stall. Last year the stall made £450. We would be most grateful for contributions of any of the following: vegetables and fruit, flowers (dried or fresh), jams, chutneys, cakes, biscuits and bread, pates and savouries, groceries, game, eggs etc. Contributions can be delivered to Melstock, Nunton (tel 01722 329734) or The Old Rectory, Nunton (tel 01722 324910) or let us know if you would like us to collect.

Downton WI

While the apples still lie on the ground and chrysanthemums and michaelmas daisies still make a splash of colour, the WI Market has some splendid CHRISTMAS News! Due to the popularity of our yearly Christmas Market we shall be holding two this year. The dates will be December 7th and 14th. You will have a fascinating choice from our Craft Stall - so many different gifts to choose from. The flower and plant ladies make the most eye catching dried flower arrangements - a perfect gift. Holly, mistletoe and Christmas decorations will also be available. A limited number of wreaths and door garlands will be made TO ORDER ONLY. Delicious Christmas cakes can be ordered and this year we will be offering decorated tops to pop onto the cake of your choice. Chocolate Logs and mince pies and many other Christmas goods to tempt you, including a variety of preserves and chutneys. Orders for Christmas goods are welcome - come and see what we have to offer on our order table and talk to us about any special requests. So mark the dates in your diary December 7th and 14th CHRISTMAS MARKETS in the Memorial Hall, Downton. Normal markets are held every Friday morning 9.45am - 11am.

Golden Jubilee Of Her Majesty The Queen

Denis Blake

A Meeting was held in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday, 15th October, to discuss what, if anything, the village would do to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

25 people attended and it was very heartening that the age-range of the meeting extended from those of such an age that they were earning a living or in HM Forces (or both!) at the date of the Accession, let alone that of the Coronation, to

those who were not even born at the time of The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977!

A good range of possible activities was discussed, once it was unanimously decided that some sort of celebration should take place. Equally, several dates were mentioned in order that the summer Half Term for schools should not be overlooked, as well as taking into account the National Jubilee Weekend with its Bank Holidays on 3rd and 4th June, 2002.

With wholly commendable speed, a Committee of genuine volunteers was formed and it will meet for the first time on Monday 22nd October: in other words it will have met by the time this little article is published.

So that Charltonians may know who their delegates - if that is the right word - are, here is the list:-

Nicky Strickland	Jane Combes
Jonathan Somers	Darren Fenton
Anne Simmons	Denis Blake

The use of the barns at Charlton Farm was discussed, and of course the appropriate authorities will be approached; Malcolm Findlay was extremely helpful on this issue. Financial assistance from outside the village was mentioned but it would be incorrect and inappropriate at this stage to record sources or amounts in this little note. False hopes and expectations should not be raised. Many ideas were put forward as to the nature of the Village Celebration but it was left to the Committee to select on our behalf what should be attempted and organised.

The following gallant people offered to help the Committee in practical ways as and when the time comes:-

Anne Blake	Sheena Ross
Clare Penny	Dorothy Roblou
Brigitte Fry	Charles Morrell
Rob Combes	Paula Strickland
Pam Cox	Leanne Smithson
Elizabeth Cutter	

When one tries to organise a meeting such as that on the 15th, it is always somewhat fingernail-biting because one never knows what sort of support will be forthcoming and it really was a huge relief to find that so many people were prepared to give up their time at the end of a working day - and a rather warm one at that - to come and air views and offer services. I am sure that the Committee for the Jubilee will produce something that we can all enjoy and have a really great time! Thank you for reading this and, if you were at the meeting, then bless you!

Charlton Garden Society

Never before in its history has a topic attracted so many people to the Garden Society. Dave Manston's talk on Sweet Peas was thoroughly entertaining. His enthusiasm for and knowledge of the subject had to be heard to be believed.

The next meeting is on Monday 26th November in Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Steindale Bennet will be the speaker.

Charlton Autumn Fair

Very many thanks to everyone who turned out their cupboards and donated items to sell, to everyone who spent their money on the day, and especially to the gallant band of collectors, pricers and stall holders. We raised a total of £463 towards church funds.

Charlton Bonfire Night

Saturday 3 November at 6.00 pm

Bonfire in the field behind The Old Vicarage
Food, Music & Dancing in the Courtyard Barn

Tickets from Barbara Box on 01725 510758,
Jackie Somers on 01725 513190,
Anne Simmons on 01725 510048

£5.00 for adults £2.50 for children to include food

Radnor Hall

Harry Joynt, Chairman Radnor Hall Committee

The accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2001 have now been "published" and a copy is displayed at the shop in Bodenham - delay regretted.

Here is a summary of the financial year and of grants plus donations and repairs plus renewals for the following three months:

Year 1/4/00 to 31/3/00	£
Funds at 1/4/00	2888
Income inc grants & donations	7732
Expenses inc major repairs, renewals	4435
Resultant funds at 31/3/01	6185

Period 1/4/01 to 30/6/01

Grants & donations	3949
Expenses on major repairs, renewals	8427

All "stage one" repairs and renewals have been completed and "stage two" will, we hope, include a new driveway and extra parking, a new stage and perhaps improvements to the hall lighting.

The next "big event" will be the Panto-Comedy-Supper at the end of November. Come along to enjoy the show and to see the hall.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (2, 16, 30 November): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays (6 & 20 November): Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

3 November	Fireworks & Bonfire, Charlton, 6.00 pm
24 November	Conservative Association Christmas Bazaar, Guildhall, Salisbury 9.30 am
26 November	Charlton Garden Society meeting, 7.30 pm, Charlton Church Hall
29, 30 November/1 Dec	Radnor Hall Show
7 December	Downton WI Christmas Market, Downton Memorial Hall 9.45 am
11 December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton Church Hall
14 December	Downton WI Christmas Market, Downton Memorial Hall 9.45 am