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ODSTOCK, NUNTON, BODENHAM, BRITFORD & CHARLTON
CHURCH SERVICES

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Sunday,	2nd January	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 11.15 a.m. Morning Service	Nunton Britford Charlton
Sunday,	9th January	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer	Odstock Britford
Sunday,	16th January	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer	Charlton Nunton
Sunday,	23rd January	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer	Nunton Britford
Sunday,	30th January	9.30 a.m. United Communion	Odstock
Sunday,	6th February	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 11.15 a.m. Morning Service	Nunton Britford Charlton

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Dear Friend,

Many of us will have been to a Pantomime in recent weeks -at the theatre or a school or perhaps the splendid performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by the Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham group in November! It is all great fun with fairy Godmothers changing pumpkins into coaches, rats into horses, frogs into princes and young girls into beautiful princesses! Much of the Panto tradition revolves around our struggles, hopes and dreams - all of us 'cheer' the goodies and 'hiss' at the villains! Good must overcome evil!

Perhaps we have some struggles, hopes and dreams ahead of us in 1994 - some things we will be able to 'cheer', others maybe we will want to 'hiss' or 'boo'. Whatever the New Year holds for us it is important to face it all with Christ. He is the only certainty in an uncertain world. His promise is that he will always be with us. St. Paul wrote: 'If anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creature, the old has passed away, the new has come.' (2 Cor. 5:17)

I hope that the presence of Christ will transform your life, making it 'new' this New Year. He alone gives us the strength and grace to face what comes, accepting those things we cannot change, and enabling us to change those things that ought to be changed!

May his blessing be yours according to your need in 1994, finding his goodness overcoming in your struggles.

Yours,
Robert.

Mr. Harry Joynt is our new Churchwarden at Nunton Church. He is also the Parish Treasurer. Mr. Peter Jenkins has become secretary to the P.C.C.

We were sorry to learn that Anne Simmonds of Charlton had a week in hospital before Christmas. We are glad she is home and we send our best wishes and prayers.

R.H.

TODDLER TUCKER Peter, Bridget and their families would like to thank all friends and Neighbours for their kindness shown to Toddler, and all those who attended the funeral and gave donations. The sum of £400.00 has been handed to the Douglas Arter Center. He will be sadly missed by all.

FROM THE EDITOR May I wish all readers a very happy 1994.

THE VILLAGE REVUE was enjoyed by all, with much local talent being displayed and 'Jack & The Beanstalk' performed by a larger cast than ever. (No prompting needed on Saturday night!) Thanks to all especially Harry Joynt who master-minded the whole thing.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE, ODSTOCK, NUNTON & BODENHAM

Our 'Christmas' meeting was a very festive occasion when we enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies, and were entertained by Mr. Ivor Osmond who told us much about the history of champagne and port. Champagne in 1650 cost 3/6 per dozen bottles!

Judy Barke won the 'Flower of the Month' competition with a Mahonia.

On January 10th Mrs. Hartgill will talk on 'Children of the Andess'.

THE BRITFORD FAMILY SOCIAL on 4th December was a great success. Sixty villagers sat down to an excellent meal in the village hall which looked festive. We were entertained by DAN, the celebrated conjurer, and then enjoyed games and carols. A big Thank You to Peggy & David, Julia & Rod and their wonderful band of helpers for arranging such a wonderful old-fashioned evening.

On 31st October DOUGLAS RATTENBURY died at his home, The Moat. He was well loved local resident of Britford for over 40 years and will be sadly missed. Our love and sympathy go to his wife Audrey and family.

ODSTOCK CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUP

It is hoped to form a playgroup for 3 - 5 year olds for 2 - 3 mornings a week. Would any interested Mums please contact Jo Harris (322280) or Pauline Blake (338373).

May I thank all who deliver "News & Notes" throughout the villages and everybody who cares for both Odstock and Nunton Churchyards.