



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock Oct 2011

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News & Notes

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Deadline

18th of each month

Thank God for good roads!

I heard a lovely story of an elderly man talking with his eighty-year old neighbour:

'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yes, indeed!'

'Tell me - Is it someone I know?' 'No, I don't think so!'

'Is she good looking?' 'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?' 'No, not particularly.'

'Does she have lots of money?' 'Not at all! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!!'

Yes, getting around is so important! We value our independence, being able to get into Salisbury, go to the doctor's, or visit our family. And even if we can't drive, we are fortunate to have a good local bus service, and of course the excellent Valley Link Scheme. We may sometimes complain about the state of our roads, but on the whole, we get around easily!

This past week I have been reading the blog from the Chalke Valley team visiting South Sudan. Besides all the distressing details about the far from adequate hospitals and schools, the most dramatic contrast with our country is in the area of transport. Roads rarely have a tarmac surface, so journeys are often extremely long and very bumpy. Few people have cars, there are hardly any buses, and most people rely on bicycles. Transport is always an issue. But in the rainy season, a thunderstorm rapidly turns a track into a mud-bath, a shallow river into an impassable torrent. And for a sick person, miles from a clinic, poor transport is a very serious matter! So I can understand why prayer comes so naturally to the Sudanese. To arrive safely anywhere is not a given!

I will certainly never again take for granted my little car and the good roads round here, nor the proximity of our excellent hospital!

Alison Williams (01722 330628)

Church of England Services

2 nd October Trinity 15	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Harvest Festival Parish Communion Harvest Tea & Service Harvest Service & Supper	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington Radnor Hall	AW DH AW AW
9 th October Trinity 16	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Harvest Festival	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT DB AW
16 th October Trinity 17	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW RR
23 rd October Last Sunday in Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW SP
30 th October	<i>There'll be one service at the east end of the valley on this fifth Sunday. Details will be available soon on church notice boards and the N&N website.</i>			
6 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett	JT ACFT AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, DB = Denis Blake
RR = Revd Roger Redding, SP = Sylvia Parrett, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham W I

Carol Stratton

The Autumn meeting was held on Monday 12th September. The meeting was opened by Gill Dodd who was standing for in Elizabeth Cutter (President) who was on holiday. Gill welcomed everyone and thanked Maria Amey for the lovely sunflower arrangement she had done for the President's table. The Treasurer, Sheila May, followed with her report. Forthcoming county events were announced by Carol Stratton in the absence of Jean Van Hagen who was unfortunately unwell at the time. Claire Hendicott confirmed the next theatre visit which is "Way up Stream" by Alan Ayckbourne on 16th September, and said that she was now taking bookings for the next visit. The Book Club, this month on 26th September, will be hosted by Elizabeth Cutter and is "The Mitford Girls" by Mary Lovell. The walking group unfortunately had to cancel their last walk because of the weather and the next has yet to be arranged. The first meeting of the new Gardening Club will be on 6th October at the Radnor hall at 2pm. There will be a charge of £1 to cover the cost of the hall. The flower of the month competition was won by Claire Hendicott with a beautiful Zinnia.

The speaker for the morning was Mr Mike Read who is a professional photographer and is best known for his superb images of birds. His interesting talk called "At Home with the Robin" was illustrated by some beautiful slides. Mike gave the group some very interesting facts about our national bird, the robin, saying that there are over 5 million robins in this country and that they will often fight to their death to guard their territory. The robin is said to be our favourite garden bird. The vote of thanks was given by Diane Crump.

The meeting ended with a wonderful autumn lunch. The next meeting will on 10th October and the fifth Monday extra meeting will be a Christmas workshop on 31st October.

Harvest Celebration Service and Supper

at the Radnor Hall

Sunday 2nd October at 6pm

Tickets £7

from Maggie Metcalfe 01722 325825, Adrian Taylor 01722 325862 or Gill Smedley 01722 329488

There will be a cash bar and a raffle.

Bible Study & Discussion Group..

...starts on **Monday 26th September** at The Old Post Office, Bodenham. We are studying The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller. This 6 week course explores the characters and relationships of the two sons and their father and what Jesus was trying to teach us through this story.

We will be meeting every two weeks at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Contact The Underhills (329769) or Metcalfes (325825) for more details.

Table & Chairs for Britford Church

We are in need of a low wooden table and one or two small chairs suitable for a childrens' corner at St Peter's, Britford. If you have anything suitable and available, we shall be glad to pick it up. Please telephone Judy Sturdy (01722)3335969 or mention to any member of the Britford congregation.

Britford Memorial Hall

The recent fundraising event, in aid of Britford Memorial & Community Hall (and held at the hall) was very well attended and an audience dressed in their best looks were treated to the wonderful voices of Sarum Voices, conducted by Ben Lamb. The four course meal was well worth the £25.00 ticket price, and each course was interspersed by the incredible Jonathan Lamb reading some of his intelligent and very humorous poetry. An Auction of Promises followed afterwards and generous bidders helped towards the cost of new stage curtains for the hall. A good night was had by all and the Trustees of the Hall would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended, donated, supported and organised the event.

Our next event is the Halloween themed "Britford Memorial & Community Hall Open Day" on Saturday 29th October, 10.30am-1.30pm. It is free for all and those coming in a Halloween costume will receive a prize! For more information email: britford@live.co.uk - www.britford.net

Nunton Church Cleaning

Autumn "Spring Clean" at St Andrew's, Nunton from 10.00am on Saturday, 1st October. More people, more fun and more done! Refreshments provided.

Pumpkin Competition

Don't forget, the annual Grand Pumpkin Competition weigh-in and raffle takes place this year on Sunday 30th October at 2.00pm at the Radnor Arms, Nunton. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you

Peter & Pam Cox

We would like to thank all who came to our farewell lunch, especially to those who organised it and all who contributed to it. It was lovely to see so many of our friends there. Our thanks also for the gift you so kindly gave us. We shall spend it wisely.

With our thanks.

Nunton Honey

A limited quantity of locally produced honey is available for sale

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Lee Abbey

Once again the time has come round to book your place for the Chalke Valley - Lee Abbey 2012 visit. The dates for this weekend are 20th - 22nd April 2012. The weekend is being led by the warden and there is a separate programme for children.

All rooms are allocated in order of application – the en-suite rooms are available for those of more senior years or specific medical conditions. The normal discounts are available and there are a number of family rooms.

Application forms are at the back of most churches and in the church office. Please only return them on or after 1st October to Elizabeth Heaven Tel: 780127.

We are in need of a low wooden table and 1 or 2 small chairs suitable for a childrens' corner in Church. If you have one we shall be glad to pick it up. Please telephone Judy Sturdy (01722)3335969 or mention to any member of the Britford congregation.

Bicycle For Sale

One Ladies Bicycle. Six gears, good condition. £30 pounds or near offer. Telephone 01722 711044.

The Great TV Changeover to Digital

David Germain (01722 718351)

Our area will change over to digital TV signals between 7th and 21st March next. In the next few months everyone will receive notice of the changeover and how to re-tune their TV sets or digital set top boxes.

The BBC is running a national Help Scheme especially to help eligible people to convert one TV Set and those people should have received a letter explaining what to do (and there will be two more reminders if they don't respond!). Please do not put this letter on one side or into your waste bin, but make sure it is acted upon. If you are not quite sure what to do, ask a neighbour who may even be one of the Community Supporters.

If you are still watching an analogue television (usually an older one) and do not act, the TV signal for BBC2 will disappear on 7th March and all your other signals will go on 21st March.

Eligibility for help

A person is eligible if they are:

aged 75 or over

or have lived in a care home for 6 months or more or get, or could get, Disability Living Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or Mobility Supplement

or are registered blind or partially sighted.

The Cost

The Standard Offer of a digital box is £40 for most people but is free for eligible people receiving Pension Credit or Income Support or Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or Income based Job Seeker's Allowance. The Standard Offer includes: a) Delivery and installation to convert one TV set in your home, b) Simple demonstration, c) Signal test and, if required, a new aerial or dish

d) 12 months aftercare service. This means someone to ring on a free phone number who will help you and, if necessary, send out an engineer. Not everybody needs the Switchover Help Scheme and will help themselves. They may prefer to buy their own digital box which can be bought from around £15, and fit it themselves. Others, with Freeview already, will retune to the new digital signals.

There are Community Supporters out there to help isolated individuals. Check the local pubs, the Shop, Postman, Fishmonger, The Vicar and Churchwardens, Parish Councillors or even the local policeman etc if you need assistance to understand that Letter Offer, or perhaps to use the set with its new controller.

If help is still needed there is a Helpline at Digital UK with highly trained operators on 08456 50 50 50. Another source for computer users is at digitaluk.co.uk.

Messy Church

at

St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room
for

parents, grandparents and child carers
with their children from 0 - 5 years,

starting

**Monday 3rd October
from 10am – 12 noon**

(then on the first Monday of each month)

It will involve coffee/ tea, chat, activities for the children, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch.

Lots of fun and laughter.

There is no charge, but donations towards expenses will be most welcome.

Do encourage your friends to come.

**For more details and it would be good to
know if you are coming:**

Ring Debby 01722 329769

Charity Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 8th November
from 10am – 2pm**

at Broad Chalke Village Hall.

Do come and support the Newman Holiday Trust whilst shopping for Christmas and enjoying lunch with friends...we look forward to welcoming you!

Diary Date - Chalke Valley Autumn Supper

To be held on Thursday 20th October at Broad Chalke Village Hall, starting 7pm. Speaker: Dr. Graham Kings, Bishop of Sherborne. Subject: He will use visual images to illustrate his talk on "Prayer through Art and Poetry".

Tickets available from 1st September from: Fiona Stacey, Janet Roe, Broad Chalke PO, Katie-Jayne Jennings, Christopher Panes, Alison Williams, Debby Underhill, Wendy Duke.

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Tue 11th Oct - Steak Night

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Fri 14th Oct - Cassoulet Night

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Thu 20th Oct - Mushroom (picked by Kenny) Gourmet Night

4 courses - £19.95

Fri 21st Oct - Roast Duck Supper

2 courses (half roast duck etc) £14.95

Fri 28th Oct - Winter's on its Way Steak & Kidney Pudding

2 courses - £12.95

Please call 01722 329722 to book

Registration of Septic Tanks

In last month's News and Notes, there was an article suggesting that it was necessary to register septic tanks with the Environment Agency by January 2012. Thank you to those readers who contacted me having discovered that this deadline no longer applies, as the requirement to register is under review. The deadline did apply at the time News and Notes went to press and was subsequently removed.

I shall keep an eye on any developments and report them in subsequent editions of News and Notes. In the meantime, if you are seeking more information, the Agency has a webpage on the subject at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/118753.aspx>. Those without access to the internet may call 08708 506506 (Mon to Fri 8.00am to 6.00pm)

The Charlton All Saints 2011 Bonfire Bash



Saturday 5th November

From 6.00pm next to the Village Barn

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£5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children (5-14 years)

For tickets contact Graham & Jackie Barrett
Hollytree House, Church Lane
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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long (01722 780448)

Following on from our very successful event in September we have another major floral art demonstration in October. Coral Gardiner, a well known Area Demonstrator, is presenting a show called "From Paper to China" at Broadchalke Village Hall on Wednesday 26th October. As well as creating some fantastic displays we can expect to get some useful tips to help us all in our less ambitious home arrangements.

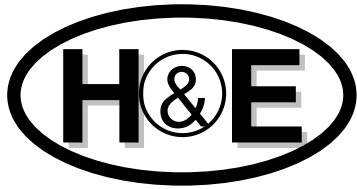
The event starts at 7.30pm, but be there in good time for coffee and refreshments. Guests pay only £5 at the door.

It promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening for meeting up with friends or making new ones. We are well known as a friendly sociable club so now could be the time to try us out. We have a busy schedule of events planned through the coming winter including talks on travel and rare plants as well as flower arranging demonstrations.

Check our new website at
www.chalkevalleyflowerclub.org.uk for even more information about our friendly club.

Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club

Monday 17th October, 7.30pm at Coombe Bissett Village Hall a talk by Bryan Madders on Chrysanthemums and Dahlias.



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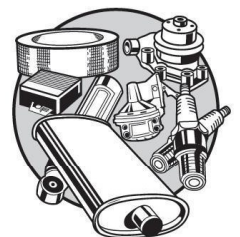
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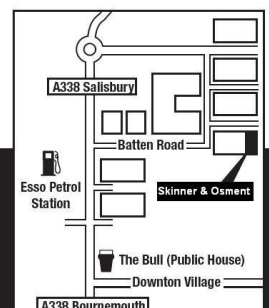
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Just a reminder that there were two calls for volunteers in the September edition of News and Notes (available online, if you've disposed of your paper copy!). They were from the **Citizens Advice Bureau** (01722 325238) and the **Jo Benson Day Centre** (01722 337175).

Wool required

to knit for orphans and needy in Bulgaria.
For donations, please ring Helen on 07920 263753. Happy to collect.

Police Telephone Number

Non Emergencies - 101

A new telephone number for non-emergency calls is being introduced by the police. The number is 101 and it was launched in Wiltshire on 19th September.

The introduction of the new number is part of a national drive to reduce the pressure on the 999 emergency service.

Callers who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment can use textphone on 18001 101 or 18000 in an emergency.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (13 th and 27 th October) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (7 th & 21 st October) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (26 th October)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm 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

1 st October	Autumn Spring Clean, St Andrews, Nunton, 10.00am (<i>see page 2</i>)
2 nd October	Harvest Service and Supper, Radnor Hall, 6.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
3 rd October	Messy Church, St Andrews, Nunton, 10.00am - 12.00noon (<i>see page 3</i>)
17 th October	Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club, Coombe Bissett Village Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
20 th October	Chalke Valley Autumn Supper, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
30 th October	Pumpkin Competition Weigh-In, Radnor Arms, Nunton, 2.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
5 th November	Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash, Village Barn, 6.00pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
8 th November	Charity Christmas Fair, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 10.00am to 2.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)