

News & Notes

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Getting Up Steam

Roger Redding

Fifty years ago, two farmers in a small village in Berkshire decided to have a race with two old traction engines that one of them, Arthur Napper, had restored to working order. The wager was a barrel of ale. Twenty people turned up to watch the engines race. Arthur's engine "Old Timer" won the race and the spectators and the two men retired back to the pub for a celebratory drink.

From this small beginning the now world-wide traction engine restoration movement began. Each year one of the biggest traction engine rallies takes place at Tarrant Hinton on the Blandford to Salisbury road. Over thirty-five thousand live on the site at the time of the Steam Fair. These are exhibitors, showmen, market store holders, fair ground workers, gypsies and visitors who have come to watch the show.

Last year I was approached by the board of directors of the fair to take up the job of being chaplain to the fair. I have been working with the Christian Outreach Tent at the fair for the last four years. The Christian Tent is a project that has been run by the Blandford Churches for many years. We are now running the Tent as an official

Church Tent for the Fair. We have three services a day in the week. The services cater for a variety of Christian worship. We start with Holy Communion each day and in the afternoon have a Gospel Outreach Service. This is followed by a Celtic style of Evening Prayer. There is also children's work that goes on all day. People are invited in to a friendly atmosphere of a cup of tea and a chat if people desire it. It is very much a ministry of welcome and gentle evangelism.

On Sundays we have a full Communion service in the Tent followed at noon by an open-air service in the fair ground using one of the powerful fair ground organs to play the hymns.

On the Saturday a hundred thousand people passed through the gate, so this is a rich harvest ground for preaching the gospel in a gentle way. I hope that next year many more of you will support this project either by helping us on site as part of our ministry team or financially. I hope at some time in the near future to display some of the photos taken of our work at the fair and also some of the children's artwork. I would just like to thank all those who did help us in many ways this year. God bless you all.

Church Services

Sunday 1 October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Nunton
Trinity 15	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	GS/SW	Homington
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	WC	Nunton
Sunday 8 October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
Trinity 16	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	GS	Charlton
Sunday 15 October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Britford
Trinity 17	9.30 am	Morning Service	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
Sunday 22 October	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
Trinity 18	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Coombe
Sunday 29 October	10.00 am	Family Communion	GS/WC	Nunton
Last after Trinity				
Sunday 5 November	8.00 am	Holy Communion		Nunton
4 before Advent	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong		Homington

From the Editor

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News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate

In the last edition of *News and Notes* I wrote about the changes that we will soon be experiencing with the introduction of Common Worship. Since then the Parochial Church Councils (PCC) in the three parishes of Britford, Charlton All Saints and Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham have met, and each one has agreed a plan of action.

The members of Britford's PCC have decided that they would like to experience both forms of the new Parish Communion ie using either modern English or with "thees and thous": this will happen on 5 November and 3 December respectively. The Council will then come to a decision at its next General Meeting, which is due to take place on Thursday 7 December. The PCCs of Charlton All Saints and Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham have both decided to adopt the Rite 1 (Modern English) version, which most resembles the form already in use. These changes will be introduced on 10 December at Odstock, 17 December at Nunton and 28 January at Charlton All Saints.

Next I should like to give some advanced warning of two extra services. Since October has five Sundays there will be a single Group service on 29 October. It is Nunton's turn to be our hosts for this occasion, as we mark that point in the Church's calendar called the Last Sunday after Trinity. The service itself will take the form of a Family Communion, beginning at 10 am. The Sunday after is Charlton All Saints' Patronal Festival, and this will be celebrated with a Parish Communion at 9.30 am.

Holy Days

- 18 Oct Saint Luke, Evangelist 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 28 Oct Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles 10.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 1 Nov All Saints 8.00 am Holy Communion at Charlton All Saints.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

- On 10 September at Charlton All Saints:
Samuel Rafiki Somers
Annabelle Rowan Somers & Lauren Samarah Somers.
- On 10 September at Odstock: Kelly Read.
- On 17 September at Nunton: Thomas George Stubbs.

Holy Matrimony

- On 2 September at Britford:
Paul Ian Thomlinson and Samantha Louise Gower.
- On 9 September at Nunton:
Christopher Joseph Brocklehurst and Clare Sylvia Thomson.

Burials

- On 4 September at Nunton:
Cynthia May McCarthy
- On 14 September at Britford:
John Alfred Keith Saunders.



Welcome!

Joanna and David Matthews are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Louise on 8 August, weighing 9lbs.

WI

Diane Wait

Due to the ever increasing membership of our WI, the monthly meetings have now been switched from the Barker Room, Nunton, to the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. The 11 September Promotional Meeting was very well attended and the President, Mrs Sue Bourne, was delighted to welcome members and their guests to the new spacious venue. It would appear that members are quite happy with the move, especially as it is likely membership is set to grow even further.

The minutes and long list of notices were read out by Mrs Van Hagen, who did advise members to keep an eye on the notice board for any event

that might appeal to them personally, but which may not have been read out. Mrs Bourne then told members that there would be a slight increase in the annual subscription, which would now be £16.25. This represents an increase of 75p on last year and subscriptions are due for payment in January 2001.

Mrs Doreen Smith was delighted to win flower of the month competition with a gorgeous white Clematis (Madame La Coultré), which was voted an outright winner by members.

The speaker at this meeting was Mrs Sandra Barrett Dip DI who is a very highly qualified Department of Transport Driving Instructor. Members were treated to a most interesting talk relating to aspects of safe driving techniques and also how to get more pleasure out of driving. She illustrated her comments with a flip chart and also gave valuable advice on how to behave in a road rage situation. Hopefully that advice will not be necessary, however, as considerable skill would be needed to deal with such a hostile situation. Mrs Barrett was happy to answer members' questions and gave very useful and informed replies. As an added incentive to help members become safer drivers, she handed out prompt sheets, which listed a number of pointers to help everyone remember the excellent advice given. Mrs Rita Hobbs gave a warm and appreciative vote of thanks for making the subject of safe driving so informative and interesting. Hopefully we can put this information into practice!

After Mrs Barrett's talk, members and guests were all ready for their ploughman's lunch, which the committee had prepared earlier. Everyone seemed to relish the fact that they were able to eat in comfort, and the extra space is certainly appreciated.

Following the relaxing lunch, about 20 members and guests joined Kathie Quinn, who is a Blue Tour Guide, for a most entertaining and informative Ghost Walk around Salisbury. Kathie kept everyone enthralled with her vivid descriptions of ghostly happenings and dastardly deeds. Her knowledge of Salisbury's history was very impressive, and her enthusiasm helped to make the walk both humorous and informative. I am sure everyone enjoyed the occasion but we were certainly all ready for a cuppa at the end!

The next meeting will be at the Radnor Hall on Monday 9 October. The speaker will be Mr Roger Elliott, who will talk on "A year in the life

of a local press photographer". This should prove to be an entertaining subject.

Help Needed



Odstock Church is still very short of helpers to arrange flowers and clean brasses in the church. If you can spare a few hours per year (!) and would like to assist, then we should be very pleased to hear from you. Contact Caroline Cooper on 01722 324915.

Salisbury Diabetic Retinal Screening Fund

Bernard Stubbs

The Salisbury Branch of Diabetics UK is raising money for the above fund. If anyone is willing to buy and/or sell raffle tickets, please contact Bernard Stubbs on 01722 330006. The main prizes are a week's caravan holiday in June worth £220; Advet mountain bike; 3 nights' hotel accommodation for two; Sunday lunch for two; 6 driving lessons at AI Roadcraft, and many more! Tickets cost £1 for a book of five.

Radnor Hall News

Sadly Lorelie and Warren have left the hall. We are lucky that Chris and Shirley Norris have agreed to be our new caretakers and hope to move in at the end of September. The committee has been busy - the walls have been painted. We are getting new curtains, which have been adjusted and sewn by Mrs Rita Hobbs and Katherine. We have a new boiler kindly put in by Peter Ford.

IT IS NOW WARM, CLEAN AND COSY.

Longford Estate is maintaining the outside of the premises and the flat. We are starting a new licence with an increased rent. Please use the Hall - the rates are very reasonable and haven't been increased. To book the hall ring Shirley 01722 329760.

EVENTS

Drama Review 23, 24 and 25 November with supper. Details from Harry Joynt.

Christmas Coffee Morning and table top sale Saturday 9 December 9.30 - 12. If you would like to book a table ring Margaret Barrow 01722 339747.



ALL IN AID OF HALL FUNDS

Ebble Community Pre-School News

The new term is well underway and we are still in the Odstock School mobile classroom. It is looking very bright and colourful. The theme this term is shape and colour. Social Services has agreed to an increase in numbers at each session, so there are spaces available.

There is a Parent and Toddler group starting in the mobile on Friday 6th October. Then every Friday morning from 9.30 - 11.30 am cost £1 a child. It will be well worth a visit if you have young children.

The Pre-school had a good OFSTED report last term despite all the difficulties.

The inspector said in her report that 'Ebble Community Pre-school was an asset to its local community,' as well as many other complementary remarks about the personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematics and other areas of development. Copies of the report are available at the Pre-school to read.

If you are renewing your computer or printer, we would give your old ones a very good home!

Our car boot sale was a great success. We made £252.85 - thank you to everyone who supported us.

Longford Estate has agreed in principle to us having our own mobile classroom on the School playing field. The subcommittee is busy putting plans together, so fund-raising and donations are badly needed.

For more details please ring Sharon Chandler 01722 329719.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Harvest Festival

This year, Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham will celebrate harvest on 1 October with their Harvest Festival Service at 6.00 pm at St Andrews, Nunton followed by Harvest Supper in the Barker Room at 7.00 pm. Tickets for the supper (£5 for adults, £2.50 for children) can be bought from Debby Underhill or one of the churchwardens. Debby will be grateful for any offers of help or food.

The collection from the service and any profit from the supper will go towards our charitable giving for the year, benefiting a range of charities both home and abroad, church-based and secular.



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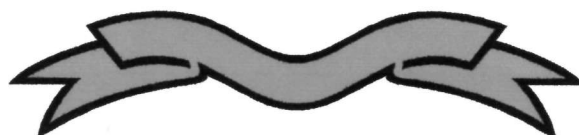
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Charlton Autumn Sale



Saturday 14 October 2000

Charlton Church Hall

at 2 pm

**Cakes * Produce and Plants * White Elephant * Books * Bottles
Teas * Guess the Weight of the Cake * Guess the Name of the Doll * Raffle**

If you have any raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, jams, chutneys, garden produce, unwanted plants, books, white elephants, or some spare time to donate, please contact Clare Penny on 01725 512869. There will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 11 October from 6 pm.



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Team Vicar

Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)

Churchwardens

Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 412906

Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

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, 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
Ebble Pre-school	Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Parent & Toddler	Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am, Ebble Pre-school mobile, Odstock School
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (6, 20 October): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

1 October	Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm Barker Room
14 October	Charlton Autumn Sale, 2.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
4/5 November	Charlton Bonfire Night
13 November	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall - Italian Gardens
24 & 25 November	November Show at Radnor Hall
9 December	Christmas Coffee Morning, Radnor Hall
12 December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton Church Hall