



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock February 2013

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Spring to Life Supplement



News & Notes

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From a Chalke Valley Team Vicar

This is my first effort at an article for News and Notes and I hope it won't be my last! For those of you who are wondering who I am, I am a non-stipendiary priest working part-time in the Valley. I have been here three years now. My other job is Chaplain to Salisbury Cathedral School. Since Revd Alison Williams retired, I have been working very closely with our Rector and other members of our Ministry Team to ensure that the whole Valley is looked after satisfactorily. Please do get in touch with us, even if it is only to say "hallo"!

As we enter Lent, the Valley Churches have two exciting initiatives. One is our support of the Church Army's Lighthouse Project on the Weston Estate in Southampton.

The second is a special Lent activity called Spring to Life. A team from the Lee Abbey communities in Devon and London will be visiting the Valley from 23rd February to 3rd March to join with us in all the many events and organisations that happen up and down the Valley. The week will culminate in Coombe Bissett. At 11.00am on Sunday 3rd March we are holding a special Communion service in the Village Hall – this will be a fairly informal service and absolutely everyone is welcome. The service will be followed by refreshments and the chance to socialise with people from all parts of the Valley as well as the Lee Abbey team. We are hoping to see a real Springing to Life in Coombe Bissett that day! (See more details about **Spring to Life** in the supplement at the back of N&N).

Once we have sprung (so to speak!), we hope to take our energy and inspiration back into our villages and churches in all we say and do in the name of Jesus. God's love is boundless, let's hope we can be boundless in our support, care and love for each other and for God!

Revd Jenny Taylor

Church of England Services

3 rd February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT JT SP
4 th February	10.00am	Messy Church	Nunton (see back page)	
10 th February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	DH DB DH
13 th February Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Coombe Bissett	JT
17 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	MT JP
24 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	'Spring to Life' - Revive Parish Communion Choral Mattins	Broad Chalke School Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	LAT MT SW
3 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion 'Spring to Life' - Valley Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Coombe Bissett Village Hall Homington	DH JT/AN LB

DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, SP = Sylvia Parrett, LB = Lavender Buckland
JP = Revd Jonathan Plows, SW = Revd Sally Wells, MT = Revd Michael Turner, AN = Annie Naish
LAT = Lee Abbey Team, DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor (BCP) = Book of Common Prayer

Odstock Nunton & Bodenham WI

Gill Dodd

The New Year meeting on 14th January was opened by our President, Elizabeth Cutter, who had been unwell for a few months. She thanked the committee, particularly Gill Dodd and Anna Treseder for carrying on in her absence. Then, she welcomed Christine Walker who is to be our new WI advisor.

A touch of spring was provided by Irene Hayes and Susan Melling with two pots of Polyanthus and Hellebores. Announcements were given about our theatre visits, skittles and Scrabble matches and dates for our book club and walking group as well as the gardening club.

County events were made known to us, the first being The Fabulous Fifties in Warminster on 27th February. A group of us plan to participate in this.

The bursary for a course in Denman College was drawn, and won by Christine Powell. We raise money for this during the year. This year the members have produced a cookbook - Family Favourites – co-ordinated by Elizabeth Cutter with Hatty Hillier creating the artwork.

We broke for coffee with an opportunity to pay our subs and for various events mentioned previously.

The subject of our talk was Reiki and Energy Work given by Dr Karen Janes. This was a mixture of slides and audience participation. It was a great recipe for the New Year with rewards from having Reiki of stress-free feelings, good attitudes to life, re-charging of batteries and general good health. After the talk some members experienced the effect of having Reiki treatment.

The vote of thanks was given by Julia Joynt.

The next meeting will be on 11th February with Julia Barton speaking on Singing for the Brain.

Church Administrator

The Chalke Valley Team ministry comprises nine Church of England parishes south and west of Salisbury. Its mission is to reach out to, and be involved in, the whole community in God's name, sharing the good news of his kingdom.



We are looking for an experienced administrator to join our team.

The main objective in the appointment is to relieve clergy of much their administrative responsibility and enable them to concentrate on other areas of ministry.

The position requires a high degree of professionalism and the ability to work without daily supervision. It requires someone who is in sympathy with the church's traditions, possesses high levels of organisation and tact, and is a self starter.

The post holder will be based in the Broad Chalke benefice office. Hours of work are negotiable but the preferred option is weekdays between 9:30 and 12:30. Salary will depend on skills and experience.

A full job description can be found on the Chalke Valley Team's website (www.chalkevalley.org.uk) or by e-mail request to bill.stacey1@btinternet.com.

To apply, please send a handwritten application with accompanying CV to : Bill Stacey, Gawens, Ebbesbourne Wake, Salisbury SP5 5JN

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th February 2013. Interviews will take place between 25th February and 6th March 2013 in the Broad Chalke benefice office.

Longford C of E Primary School

We have had a busy January despite it being cold and wet. We returned to school on 9th January and have welcomed four new children. We continue with our weekly sharing assemblies but please do note the slight change of times. Staff and governors have undertaken several training sessions in January. The Centipedes class enjoyed a trip to Intech Science Centre in Winchester and enjoyed The Flights of the Universe show. We continue with clubs on both sites and offer indoor games on Tuesdays and ICT and Science clubs on Thursdays.

February Diary:

7 th	3.00 p.m. Sharing Assembly - Odstock site
11 th - 15 th	Half-Term – School closed
21 st	9.00 a.m. Sharing Assembly - Britford site
28 th	3.00 p.m. Sharing Assembly - Odstock site

Odstock Parish Council

At the OPC meeting on 6th December, it was resolved to maintain the 2013-14 precept at the current level and the annual grants to the Radnor Hall and the Parochial Church Councils were also approved. In conjunction with the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer, OPC councillors have been supporting the initiative to upgrade the Avon Way footpath with eight new kissing gates. The next scheduled meeting of Odstock PC is on 7th February in the Radnor Hall. An Agenda will be published on the village notice boards and at www.odstock.info at least 3 days before the meeting. Contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Our current local Policing priority relates to targeting and reducing 'non-dwelling' burglaries (sheds, garages and outbuildings). Although our general level of crime is low, we continue to suffer from this type of offence across our rural area. We would encourage residents to consider simple crime prevention measures such as improved locks, security lighting and inexpensive alarms for outbuildings (call 01225 794652 for details of inexpensive shed alarms).

Surgeries:

Wed: 11am - 12noon Coombe Bissett Church

Thu: 10.30am - 11am - Downton Library

Pc 1157 Matt Holland and Pcs0 6237 Luke Taylor

You can contact us by telephone (101) or email – southernwiltsnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

ONB Fête - 6th July

ONB Fête Committee

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête will be held this year on Saturday, 6th July at the Recreation Field, Nunton, with a dance in the Marquee the night before.

Please note that this is a week earlier than we usually hold the Fête. It has been arranged to avoid clashing with another event in the village.

As well as being an enjoyable community event, the Fête raises money for the local churches and other organisations. From the proceeds of the 2012 Fête, donations were made to Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham PCC, the ONB Women's Institute, Longford School, the Radnor Hall Committee, the Acorn Club, the Stars Appeal and The Brain Tumour Charity.

As always, planning has started early for this year's Fête, and the Committee will be seeking helpers for activities before, during and after the Fête. If you have not already been approached, and think you may be able to help, please contact either Hatty Hillier (01722 324788), Keith Bradford (01722 329740) or Adrian Taylor (01722 325862).

Chalke Valley Lent Project

The Weston Lighthouse Project, Southampton

Janet Roe

As most of you know, each Lent (the four weeks running up to Easter) the churches in the Chalke Valley Benefice adopt a project to raise money for. By all supporting the same charity, we are able to send off a decent amount of money.

This year's charity is the Weston Lighthouse Project run by the Church Army on the Weston Housing Estate, Southampton (it was featured on a BBC South programme "Inside Out" last year).

The project helps people on one of the poorest estates in the whole country – there is a Lighthouse Larder (a foodbank), the Lighthouse Seedbed (they have 3 allotments) the Lighthouse Swap-shop where furniture and white goods can be redistributed, a Lunch Club, a Renovations Club where people can help each other redecorate their homes, a drop in Coffee Morning and the Lighthouse Dadspace which offers companionship and help to fathers bringing up children on their own. They have attracted volunteers from the estate to run these projects under the guidance of a project manager.

If your village is holding an event in aid of the Lighthouse Project, do go along to support these incredible people – you may even be lucky enough to hear Tim, who is in charge of the whole project, speak; he is truly inspirational. (See details above of the Lent Lunch in Coombe Bissett)

During Lent several groups from the Chalke Valley will be able going to Southampton to see the project in action. If you would like to be part of one of these groups, please get in touch with Nick Lowe (01722 780008) for more details.

Lent Lunch

Coombe Bissett Village Hall

12.30pm on Saturday 16th February

in support of the

Chalke Valley Lent Project

(see below)

Come and hear

Tim Hyde from the Lighthouse Project

Tickets £3.00 (under 5s free)

and requests for lifts

from Carole Stratton (01722 329720)

A Vision in Flowers

Liz Long (01722 780448)

The Chalke Valley Flower Club strides into another new year with a packed programme of events. Right up to December there will be at least one activity every month for members to engage with and many of the attractions will be open to guests too.

To get off to a good start we are being entertained by a safe pair of hands in David Martin who is a top demonstrator with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. He is presenting a flower arranging demonstration which he calls "Visions of Cornwall" so perhaps we can predict some early daffodils. The show is on Wednesday 27th February at Broad Chalke Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and guest tickets are only £5 at the door.

We need and welcome new members to bring fresh ideas and a presence in our club. The regulars consistently total over 50 members from Shaftesbury through the Valley to the other side of Salisbury. We like to think we are a friendly gathering and proof of that is the solid attendance that we enjoy. Come and try us out this year and you too may find some new friends and some entertaining evenings.



SEEDY Sunday

24th February, 2 - 4pm

in the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton



SEEDY Sunday gives gardeners and allotment holders, novice or experienced, the opportunity to buy or swap seeds and plants. You can bring your spare seeds and plants and swap them for others, or just leave them for other people to take in exchange for a donation. 'Just Veg' (a company that sells seeds in small quantities – ideal for the small or new grower) will be there and we also have seed potatoes and onion sets (including those resistant to 'neck rot') for sale. To continue the theme of sharing spare items, we have a RECYCLING CORNER for any unwanted gardening magazines, books, flowerpots and tools you wish to swap or donate.

For NEW growers there will be an area dedicated to how to start growing veg in the garden using pots and other containers. Local experienced gardeners will be there to answer your questions. And there's much more! Come and learn about manure, composting, keeping bees or chickens and how to make your garden wildlife friendly by using natural pest control methods. And make sure you leave time for a drink and home-made cake!

Everyone welcome, whether or not you have items to swap/donate.

Downton Green Group.

Phone 01725 511649 or 511055 for more information.

Cargo Boat Memories

Julian Johnson

Some 2 years ago our Charlton colleague, Denis Blake, reminisced in N&N about his long-held passion for railways – playing with the toy versions as well as watching the full-size Southern Railway steam trains on the track running close to Winchester. In particular he mentioned the wartime hospital trains which most of us will not have seen, but I have read a great deal about these ambulance trains which played an important role in the 1914-18 War carrying wounded back from the frontline Casualty Clearing Stations to the base hospitals in France.

I share a similar interest in railways, once having an uncle (GP in Shropshire) who was Divisional Surgeon to GWR and privileged on occasions to ride accompanied on the footplate of a steam loco hauling a passenger train northwards from Paddington. However as a boy it was his model train layout that fascinated me, taking up virtually all the top floor of the Georgian house with connecting holes and tunnels knocked through the solid walls. At the end of the war new rolling stock appeared in the guise of superb replicas of Continental locomotives – these having been acquired from war-torn Germany shortly before his demob. During these war years the model train set had remained unused and unkempt, covered in dustsheets which were ceremoniously removed on his return home.

My enthusiasm for railways was perhaps overshadowed by an interest in anything connected with the sea and shipping. These were the years long before containerisation when our Merchant fleet was still recovering from the war losses but nevertheless still managed to cover the world's oceans. Sadly many of these shipping companies have long since disappeared.

It was in March 63 years ago that I first boarded a freighter as the sole passenger. The SS "Rosedale Park" was berthed in Cardiff docks and was one of the thousands of Victory and Liberty ships built in the shipyards of N. America to replace the Allied losses from enemy action. 15 shipyards in the USA built no less than 2710 of these utility ships between 1941 and 1945. They were built to a standard design and with an average construction time of 42 days, although one shipyard was reported to have completed one of these vessels in 4 days and 16 hours.

"Rosedale Park", 7139 gross tonnage, had been built in 1944 by United Shipyards Ltd of Montreal for the Park Steamship Company, also of Montreal and set up as an arm of the Canadian Government to administer the movement of war supplies across the Atlantic. By the time that I stepped aboard the war was over and she was then managed by the Ministry of Transport and sailing under the Saint Line flag.

Powered by steam these Victory ships were no-frills basic cargo carriers. There were absolutely no luxuries aboard but in those days people were used to a more basic way of life. Having been met at Cardiff station by the shipping agent, I was first taken to the shipping offices to sign on the crew list as supernumerary before being taken down to the docks.

In those days Cardiff dockland was a bustling maze of wharfs, warehouses and railway lines – noisy and dirty. It was late afternoon and "Rosedale Park" was being coaled ready to sail next day. Not a sign of a crew member but there must have been someone aboard to show the new member the one and only spare cabin. Nowhere to get any food and no sign of life except the coaling gangs. And so it remained until next morning when gradually the captain and crew appeared. The ship's Master was Captain Arthur Riding who had been awarded an OBE in 1944 for the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed ship whilst commanding SS "Danby".

I was travelling to Freetown in Sierra Leone, west Africa, where my father was in the Colonial Medical Service and had negotiated a passage for me at the princely fare of £10 each way. There were few alternative options for a teenager as the normal scheduled mailboats were fully booked with government officials and air travel to that part of Africa was in its infancy and exorbitantly expensive.

Sailing out of dockland and into the Bristol Channel at noon the following day was the beginning of an unforgettable experience. One moment the ship is lifeless, next day it springs to life with crew bustling about, a daily routine taking shape and superstructure starting to look clean and shipshape.

Passing Lundy Island and heading south towards the Bay of Biscay at a steady 10 knots and finding one's sealegs. The ship was in water ballast ready to load iron ore in bulk at our African destination and she was therefore high in the water. Fortunately Biscay was kind on this occasion, unlike other freighter and ship voyages when we encountered the renowned storms, rolling swell and deep troughs.

One quickly settles into a rhythm aboard a cargo boat and much of my time outward bound was spent on the bridge with the junior watch-keeping officer during his morning stint, as well as doing odd jobs around the ship. Passed the Canaries in a turquoise calm sea with clear blue skies, whales off the starboard bow and either dolphins or porpoises diving in and out of our bow wave following us down the length of west Africa. One quickly learnt how to match the other crew members in drinking McEwans Export and how to counter the steady roll when at the dart board. The Lascar crew produced a curry each evening which was shared with anyone going aft to their messroom.

Fourteen days later, sailing into Freetown harbour at dawn with the sun about to rise above the heavily-forested mountain backdrop. A magical sight for the first time and one that I witnessed on many occasions in later years. And so disembarked by a rusty harbour master's launch whilst the ship went further up river to load iron ore at the Marampa Mines railhead at Pepel.

Six weeks later it was back onboard "Rosedale Park" to return home having skipped one round voyage.. As there was no spare cabin I found myself sharing with the 5th engineer above the noisy, vibrating engine room. Ship was fully loaded with iron ore once again for discharge in Middlesbrough, a 17-day voyage but by then one knew the daily routine and I kept myself busy with an oily rag cleaning bits of machinery.
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Cargo Boat Memories *(continued from p4)*

I had not anticipated how quickly the ship becomes deserted on arrival at our final destination, but since the discharge wharf was surrounded by pubs and other attractions, clearly no time was to be wasted by the crew once we had Customs clearance. For me it was farewells all round and a taxi to the station.

There were a number of subsequent cargo boat trips to Africa and other parts of the world but this first experience of a working ship was to be remembered. After sailing under different company flags, "Rosedale Park" was purchased by Dah Lien Shipping Co, renamed "Shienfoon" and sadly broken up in Hong Kong in 1968.

Odstock Kenya Education Charity

Madeline Baker has passed me the following text of an email sent by Irene, who is the Headteacher at Kihate Orphans Secondary School in Kenya, to a representative of the Odstock Kenya Education Charity. The message speaks for itself. Ed.

"Receive greetings from Kihate Orphans Secondary School. We want to thank you for everything you have done to this school. This includes laboratory equipments that we received in April and also the money you paid for the children. The children you absorbed in your scheme were extremely happy and they wrote their appreciation letters through Melissa (*Madeline's daughter*). This will take the school to another high level. The children are now able to do their examinations without much problems. Pass our appreciation to all those involved to make sure that these needy orphans are assisted.

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LETTINGS
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Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Messy Church	10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Debby 01722 329769. Next Meeting: 4th February - The Vine</i>
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (14 th & 28 th February) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (13 th February)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am 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

16 th Feb	Lent Lunch, Coombe Bissett Village Hall, 12.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
24 th Feb - 3 rd Mar	Spring to Life, Visit from Lee Abbey staff (<i>see over</i>)
25 th Feb	A Faith Sharing Evening with the Spring to Life Team, The Orchard, Nunton, 7.30pm (<i>see over</i>)
1 st March	Social Evening with Lee Abbey Visitors, Radnor Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see over</i>)
8 th March 9 th March	Neptune's Casino, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see p3 of last month's N&N for more detail</i>) Tickets from Broad Chalke Village Shop (Friday £20, Saturday £22 - discounts for tables of 8 or more)
25 th March	Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM, Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see more details next month</i>)
5 th July	Dance in the Marquee, The Recreation Field, Nunton
6 th July	Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fête, The Recreation Field, Nunton