



News and Notes

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

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Let's celebrate! Easter is here!

"O to be in England, now that April's there...." Yes, an English spring is the most hopeful of seasons, with new life all around, colour, beauty, nature in all its splendour. Joy fills our hearts even before we get to think about Easter. But of course, the Church celebrates Easter around the world, in places where it is not spring, where there is not peace, where there is no easily visible sign of new life and hope. Southern Sudan struggling to build a new nation; Japan struggling to recover from the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami; the news. How can Christians celebrate with joy?!

We do because Jesus Christ said "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16: 33) and then did precisely that – he identified with human suffering and died a horrible death, but gloriously triumphed and rose again to show us that death does not have the last word. Death gives way to new life and hope. God's love prevails to give us strength and courage in a difficult world. God loves us. Let's not despair! The resurrection becomes the foundation on which Christian faith is built.

Do join us for our celebrations! Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

Alison Williams

Church of England Services

3 rd April Mothering Sunday Lent 4	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Service Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW LB
10 th April Lent 5 Passion Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Coombe Bissett	AW/VW
17 th April Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW DH
21 st April Maundy Thursday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Passover Meal Passover Meal	Radnor Hall Coombe Bissett Chapel	
22 nd April Good Friday	12.00noon 2.00pm	Devotional Service Devotional Service	Britford Nunton	JT LB
24 th April Easter Day	8.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Homington Britford Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	JT CH AW CH AW
1 st May Easter 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT AW AW

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,
CH = Revd Charles Hatton, LB = Lavender Buckland, ACFT = Adrian Taylor, Canon Vernon White

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Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Carol Stratton

The AGM of was held at the Radnor Hall on Monday 14th March. The President, Elizabeth Cutter, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She thanked Christine Powell for the beautiful flowers she had arranged for the Presidents table.

Then followed the annual addresses from the Treasurer, Secretary and President. Sheila May (Treasurer) read out the financial statement for the year that she had prepared showing that the group was in a good financial position.

Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) then gave her address congratulating Elizabeth Cutter on her successful first year as President. She also highlighted some of the more memorable events enjoyed by members throughout 2010, including the Garden Party, Summer Outing and the County trips to York and Buckingham Palace. She also thanked Gill Dodd for a varied and enjoyable program and everyone else who had contributed their hard work to another successful year.

In the President's address, Elizabeth said how rewarding and enjoyable she had found the last year. She thanked the committee for their support and also thanked the three resigning committee members and presented them with a gift in appreciation of their hard work over the years.

The election for President followed, resulting in a majority vote for Elizabeth to continue in office for another year. The flower of the month was won by Anne Waight with a beautiful Hellebore. After coffee and cakes the morning ended with an amusing and entertaining quiz. The next meeting will be on 11th April.

Church Annual Meetings (APCMs)

Charlton All Saints

Monday 4th April at 6.00pm in Church

Britford

Tuesday 12th April at 6.00pm in Church

Odstock with Nunton & Bodenham

Thursday 14th April at 7.30 pm in Church

Chalke Valley Family Weekend

9th – 10th April Coombe Bissett

Living with integrity in Today's World.

Our special weekend for Lent promises well! On Saturday morning, adults have the chance to do some more thinking over the tricky issues from our Lent sermons (in the Village Hall).

Children, meanwhile, will be having some serious fun with Roly Bain the clown (next door in Coombe Bissett School). We all join together for lunch in the Village Hall. Tickets are widely available and excellent value!

On Sunday morning we join together for a united service in Coombe Bissett Church with guest preacher Canon Vernon White.

Radnor Hall Steps Up To The Mark

Brian Clarke

The Association for Rural Communities in England (ACRE) has developed a system of accreditation for village halls called Hallmark. The Radnor Hall was recently assessed by a team of inspectors and has been awarded Hallmark levels 1 and 2.

To achieve the awards, we had to provide evidence that we met a wide range of criteria. Level 1 was concerned with charity administration and management and we were awarded the maximum score of 48 points. Level 2 was concerned with health, safety, security and licences. We achieved a score of 52 points out of a maximum possible of 55. The management committee and others worked for nearly twelve months to achieve the awards. During that time we made a number of improvements to the services we provide and the way we manage the hall. The awards will help us in obtaining further improvement grants – for example, the driveway is in need of improvements estimated to cost around £5,000. The awards will also reassure customers that we know what we are doing!

We have already started work on Hallmark level 3, which is concerned with customer care and community involvement. Watch this space!

(See details about the Radnor Hall on page 6)

East End Chalke Valley Churches Together

Lent Lunch

In aid of the Lent Project - Facing Africa

Saturday 16th April

at the

Radnor Hall, Bodenham

12noon - 2.00pm

Cost £6

Soup and Ploughman's

A raffle

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Carole Stratton 01722 329720

Grand Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 10th April

The Football Field, Nunton

Admission:

£5 & £7 – Traders Cars & Vans, 30p Public

Gates Open 10.00am, Selling Starts 11.00am

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More Steam Driven Memories

Denis Blake

Now that I seem to have much more time on my hands [hollow, mocking laughter from the kitchen], memory tumbles after memory and then trips over reminiscence and I find that so much of my boyhood is coming back to me. And I don't mean my new tricycle, either!

"I seem in retrospect to have spent hours and hours of my time playing with or watching trains. The weather probably dictated with which of those pastimes to pass the time! I had a large 00-gauge layout of Trix railway - TTR to those with long memories and narrow thoughts - and long, absorbed hours passed operating it, complete with electrically-operated points and two trains running at once.

It was, however, out in the open, sitting on the grass of Shawford Down, south of Winchester, and near to the incredibly simple and lovely War Memorial stone cross, that long, sunny hours were spent: I can see the sights and hear the sounds still! There was one sound that was made by a Southern Railway (it was before nationalisation) 4-6-0 engine hauling a goods train of wartime length and load up the long incline which extends from Eastleigh to Basingstoke. The sound? A slow, "chuffa-clanka-chuffa-clanka"; the second sound betraying a worn big-end bearing on a connecting rod, if you are interested. There were other happy noises too: the shunting of goods-truck in Shawford's little goods yard; the impressive noise of a long express speeding through Shawford down the above-mentioned incline towards Southampton, Bournemouth and the exotic, hidden mysteries of Weymouth.

In the war, trains had to be long in order to make optimum use of the engines, and sixteen-coach passenger trains and hospital trains were common. Most of you will never have seen a hospital train, so I will explain. Wounded men had to be moved from the docks to places of comparative safety in trains adapted to be mobile wards and even operating-theatres, complete with doctors and nurses: the "ward" coaches had double and often triple bunks for those too ill to sit. The carriages had large red crosses on the sides and also on the white-painted roofs. This was supposed to dissuade the Luftwaffe from machine-gunning them, not always, alas, with success. My most memorable hospital train was in fact one that I saw not at Shawford but in Wales on the now non-existent single-track line from Carmarthen via Lampeter to Aberystwyth. There is/was a notorious hill for the trains to climb out of a place with the lovely name of Strata Florida and the train I remember best had twelve coaches with two engines on the front and a third pushing at the back. Their whistle-signals to each other re-echoed up the steep valley sides in a perfect, lovely arpeggio!

Many other hospital trains I watched heading away from Southampton and Portsmouth towards the relative safety of Wales and the North-West of England, avoiding Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester and their blitzes. The grim meaning of these trains was largely lost on a small boy, I now admit.

It was from this same Shawford vantage point that I saw the first-ever "Merchant Navy" class locomotive "Channel Packet", number 21C1, running light (i.e. pulling nothing) from Ashford to Eastleigh: its appearance had been publicised in The Hampshire Chronicle. A streamlined, 4-6-2 Pacific! On the Southern! Wow!

Of greater spiritual significance was the view from "my" outpost near the cross. Lift up your eyes a little from that place and you see across to Twyford with its church steeple and so, on and beyond that to the downs and hills from Winchester to the left, the Meon Valley slopes straight ahead and the Itchen Valley down to the right. To that right lay Eastleigh with its carriage and locomotive works and, thrillingly, to its airfield and the romance of the Spitfire!"

I had better stop rambling and the Editor sort out this jumble. I suppose there's more to come if I let my mind really rip but with luck you will be spared that!

(Many thanks again, Denis, for entertaining us. Ed)

Recycling bins - The Radnor Hall

Harry Joynt

For a number of years several recycling bins for glass, cans, paper, and cardboard but not plastic have been positioned in the Hall car park near the road. Useful they may be on occasions, but these bins were installed before wheelie bins and black boxes were supplied to households, and so no longer serve their original purpose, or at least to nowhere near the same extent.

They take up useful parking space, and detract from the general attractive appearance of the Hall, especially when viewed from the new lawn area. The movement of the large Hill's Waste recycling lorries through the road entrance are seriously damaging the driveway surface which will have to be repaired at considerable cost to the Hall.

Accordingly the Hall committee will be considering whether to have the recycling bins removed. There would still be black boxes for empties after functions at the Hall, if needed. If anybody, particularly from Bodenham, has views to express, please contact Harry Joynt (Committee chairman) on 01722 329782 or Jenny Compton (Caretaker) on 01722 329760, so that the committee may take these into account. The Hall will be keeping the Parish Council informed.

Inter-Village Quiz

**Friday 6th May 2011 - 7.30pm
at The Radnor Hall, Bodenham**

Fish and Chips Supper

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Any profits to Charlton All Saints church fund

Odstock Parish Council

At an extraordinary OPC meeting held on 20th March, it was unanimously agreed to allocate £250 towards the organisation of a Children's Party, in or outside the Radnor Hall, on Friday, 29 April to celebrate the marriage of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Catherine Middleton.

Notice was also given that OPC will co-opt an eligible person to the Office of Parish Councillor at the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held in the Barker Room, Nunton on Wednesday, 11th May, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7:00pm. Please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor at the earliest opportunity if you are interested in filling the vacancy at Odstock Parish Council. Contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Children's Royal Wedding Party

Invitations are going out to children in **Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham** of primary age and younger for a party on Friday 29th April to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The party will be at the Radnor Hall between 2.00 and 5.00pm and there'll be tea and entertainment. Enquiries to Cath on 01722 238361 or email: catherinejcottrell@googlemail.com.

Royal Wedding celebrations

Friday 29th April 2.30pm - 8.30pm
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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long 01722 780448

On Easter Wednesday April 27th the club members will be enjoying an outing to the world-famous Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley. We are able to invite non-members to join us for this coach trip on a first come-first served basis. The entrance fee is normally £9.90 but this coach trip is priced at a mere £12 including the entrance. The coach will pick up at Broadchalke, Bishopstone and Wilton. Phone the writer to book.

We shall be back in May with another social evening so look for details in the next edition.

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

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Deadline for ticket sales is 15th April

Passover Supper

Radnor Hall on 21st April at 6.00pm

£7.50 per person inc wine
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Tommy or Caroline Winternitz

A commemoration of the Passover Haggadah, with all its traditional Jewish elements, as Jesus did with his friends at the Last Supper, but introducing Christian elements as our meal culminates in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Walk the Passion

Bishopstone Church will again be open all day from 10am to 6pm on **Good Friday, 22nd April**. The journey Jesus took from the Last Supper in the upper room with his friends, to his lonely vigil in the garden and to the cross, is graphically laid out to help us imagine and take in the narrative in a powerful way. Do come and walk around the church, take time to reflect and pray. Let your senses speak to you, let your heart be moved afresh by what Jesus did for us. There will be a Devotional Service for the Last Hour 2 – 3pm, but otherwise you will be free to walk around or sit in the church as you like.

Fête Dates
Advance notice for 25th June
Charlton All Saints
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London Marathon

Vicki Shipsey

My husband, Tim Shipsey, is running the London Marathon on 17th April for the Downs Syndrome Association and Downs Education International.

As some of you will know, the recent arrival of our beautiful son, Jack, has meant that we have sought the assistance of these two charities a great deal and this is a way of showing our gratitude to them.

If you would like to sponsor Tim, please send donations to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/timshipsey> or deliver to 4 Ebbleside Villas, Nunton SP5 4HT (The pink house opposite the bus stop).

Many thanks to you all from the Shipsey family.

Treasure Hunters Children's Holiday Club

We are pleased to announce a new Easter Activity for *Treasure Hunters*. This will take place on Good Friday, 22nd April at Broad Chalke School – 9:30am to 12:30pm. Mums and Dads welcome to join us for coffee from 11:45am (before pick-up). To include Hot Cross Buns !!

Lots of fun activities - don't miss it! Look out for booking forms through school or from Vanessa Colyer (01722 781051 vanessacolyer@hotmail.co.uk) or Katie-Jayne Jennings (01722 781200). Small donation required to cover costs.

Also reserve Summer Holiday Club dates in your diaries – Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th July 2011.

Syd Willcox

Sadly, Canon Syd Willcox, our previous Chalke Valley Team Rector died recently. His memorial service is to be held at 3.30pm on Monday 28th March at St. Mary's, Bridport. (*I appreciate this may be before News and Notes is received by all. Ed*)

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Friday 1st April "Chalke Valley By Night Mystery Tour"

Cost £5 per person to include a chilli con carne supper. Fun coach tour exploring the valley's hostelry's, to include drinking games & fines in aid of The Salisbury Hospice. Coach leaves 7.15pm, limited numbers, names to John on 329786.

Sunday 3rd April - Mother's Day

Special Lunch to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the pub fire! Arbroath Smokies, Wings of Fire among the specials as well as Bill's legendary Sunday Roast. Fresh fish always available. Phone John on 329786 for more info or to book.

Wednesday 6th April - Fun Pub Quiz

£1 per person, all entry fees go direct to Salisbury Hospice. Winners get Sunday Lunch for 2. Starts 8.30pm, everyone welcome.

Easter Weekend 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th April

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Coombe Bissett & Homington Garden Club

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Next meeting: Monday 18th April
7.15pm Tea/Coffee for 7.30pm

Sandy Worth will be giving a talk on Poppies.

Chalke Valley Prayer Diary

Did you know? Each month, on the Chalke Valley Church website, there is a different collection of prayers for you to use daily, or weekly. You may like to visit this page for inspiration <http://www.chalkevalley.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

Clearbury Surestart Children's Centre

The Centre is based on the Trafalgar School Site in Downton providing services for parents and carers with 0-5 year olds.

On 1st April, we are looking forward to welcoming Spurgeons as our new provider. All services are free and running as usual!

Mondays *Bumps to Babies* 11am - 12.30pm

Tuesday *Baby Massage* 1.30 - 2.30pm
(booking only)

Wednesday *Music Bugs* 1.30 - 2.15pm
(booking only)

Thursday *Yoga and Play* 10 - 11.30am

Friday *Sensory room* 9.30am -12.30pm
(booking only)

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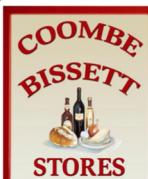
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Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
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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 (14 th & 28 th April) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (8 th April) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (13 th April)
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

2 nd April	Longford School Jumble Sale, St George's Harnham, 2.00pm (<i>Bric-à-brac to the school, please</i>)
4 th /12 th /14 th April	Annual Church Meetings, Charlton All Saints (4/4 at 6.00pm), Britford (12/4 at 6.00pm), ONB (14/4 at 7.30pm) (see page 2)
9 th /10 th April	Chalke Valley Family Weekend (see page 2)
10 th April	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, selling starts at 11.00am (see page 2)
16 th April	Lent Lunch, Radnor Hall, 12noon (see page 2)
21 st April	Passover Supper, Radnor Hall, 6.00pm (see page 4)
29 th April	Royal Wedding Parties, Britford Green, 2.30pm and Radnor Hall, 2.00pm and 7.30pm (see page 4)
6 th May	Inter Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)
25 th June	Charlton All Saints Grand Fête and Barbecue (see page 4)
8 th July	Dance to Peter Pod's Peas, Marquee, Nunton Field, 8.00pm
9 th July	Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, 1.30pm Nunton Field