

# News and Notes

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### December events

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Service

11.00am Bishopstone

21<sup>st</sup> Carol Service

7.00pm Coombe Bissett

21<sup>st</sup> Solstice Service

8.00pm Fifield Bavant

2008 Dates

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April - Lee Abbey

18<sup>th</sup> May Broad Chalke

“Countryside Afternoon”

24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> May

Alvediston Open Gardens

14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> June Bowerchalke

Flower Festival and

Open Gardens

## From the Vicar: Will I be ready?

December is always marked by frenetic activity. (Am I unusual?!) Will I really be ready and have everything done by Christmas Eve? Will I have bought everything, wrapped everything, cooked everything, prepared everything? So much to do. Expectations are high and, especially with children, excitement mounts as the windows on the Advent calendar are opened one by one.....

And yet, being ready, prepared is a deeply Biblical theme. Jesus told stories about being ready: servants on the look out for their master to return, bridesmaids awake and alert, candles lit for the arrival of the bridegroom. Jesus warns of the danger of being distracted from our task of looking out for his return, being focussed on his kingdom, being prepared and ready to greet him. Advent is about looking forward, being ready. Yet, we often miss this as we busily prepare for Christmas!

At Christmas we look back to remember Jesus' first coming into the world – a magical moment in history when God wrapped himself in our humanity, to be born in Bethlehem, his glory serenaded by the angels, and visible to those with eyes to see, those ready, those on the look out.

In Jesus' life, and especially in his death and resurrection, we see the divine self-giving love, love made perfect in weakness, love that transforms and heals and reconciles us to God. Are we prepared to be shocked once again by this most profound of all paradoxes - that God came *into* the world to change the world?

“He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all”

“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see - hail, the incarnate Deity”

Will we be ready this year for the message of Christmas? I hope so! And on behalf of all my clergy colleagues, I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to celebrating with you at our Christmas services.

*Alison Williams (01722 330628)*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec Advent 1	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW DH
	11.00am	Family Service		
	11.00am	Parish Communion		
	6.00pm	Evensong BCP		
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW AT AW
	11.00am	Matins BCP		
	11.00am	Family Service		
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 3	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Charlton All Saints	AW AW CH AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion		
	9.30am	Family Communion		
	3.30pm	Christingle		
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec Advent 4	9.30am	Family Communion	Charlton All Saints Odstock	AW AW
	6.00pm	Carol Service		
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Carol Service	Homington Coombe Bissett	AW AW
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist		
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Homington Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett	AW AW VW AW
	9.30am	Family Communion		
	9.30am	Family Communion		
	11.00am	Family Service		
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas 1	10.00am	Family Communion	Nunton	AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, DH = Revd Canon David Henley,  
AT = Mrs Annabel Tier, VW = Canon Vernon White, ACFT = Adrian Taylor  
*BCP = Book of Common Prayer*

## WI Report

*Valerie Martyn*

A most enjoyable meeting of the WI was held at 10.00am on 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Radnor Hall in Bodenham. In the absence of the President, Mrs Pam Trubshaw opened the meeting and introduced several new members and guests. She then signed the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs Jennifer Cowan had provided a beautiful arrangement of autumn flowers for the President's table. There were reports from the representatives of the Scrabble and Skittles teams and from the Theatre group. There were also reports of the Wiltshire Federation ACM held recently in the City Hall, Salisbury, and a meeting of the Downland Group. After the Treasurer and the Secretary had given their reports, the meeting was informed of several social invitations from other WI groups. The meeting then broke for coffee and a chat. Mrs Audrey Elliot won the Flower of the Month competition with a lovely passion flower.

We were then treated to a superb presentation by actress Trisha Lewis called "How To Keep Young and Beautiful". Since she was costumed in flounced skirt, high heels and a bouffant wig we realised that her setting was the 1950's and all her material consisted of genuine tips on how to "keep your marriage fresh" culled from books and magazines from the period. Some of the advice was quite unbelievable in this day and age and caused much amusement. How to prevent a double chin with the aid of a shoetree was one of the highlights! Mrs Debby Underhill gave her a vote of thanks on behalf of a very appreciative audience.

The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, when Mr John Powell will give a talk called "A Potted History of Christmas Carols – With Audience Participation!" In addition to a Raffle and a Bring and Buy Sale there will be the usual festive fare of mulled wine and mince pies.

## Odstock Primary School News

The children in Odstock Primary are taught in small groups. Groups are taught by our headteacher and 2 inspiring teachers and each group is supported by qualified and experienced support staff. This is reflected in recent statistics that show a continued improvement in results across the board. The school's beautiful, rural setting and our vibrant take on the National Curriculum makes us a rather stimulating and happy place to be.

It was rather an odd scene on Children in Need day as everyone arrived in their pyjamas with their favourite teddy tucked under their arm. The teachers joined in too, much to the children's delight. Pudsey biscuits were made and sold and one lucky child won the Guess the Name of the Teddy competition. Lots of fun was had by all and all in the name of a very worthy cause.

The upper junior children competed in a Netball Tournament at Trafalgar School. Training for sports events is made so much easier now our wonderful, all-weather pitch is finished. This coupled with our employment of sports coaches means our learners have good sports opportunities despite the size of the school.

The children donated 19 Christmas Boxes to the Trussell Trust this year and were visited by Richard from the charity. The School Council have decided that we will make a regular donation to the food bank at the end of each term. Indeed if any members from the extended community would like to donate to the food bank, they may bring donations of tinned foods into the school at any time.

We have recently upgraded our ICT hardware and furniture rendering the following items surplus to requirements: **Computer trolley/desk x 3** and **Printer ink: JETTEC E72, E73 for Epson Stylus C42, C44 and C46 series x 4, JETTEC E16 for Epson Stylus Colour 400, 600, 740, 800, 1160, 1520 x 1, Epson T0511 black x 1.** If you can make use of any of these, please contact the school office on 01722 329701. A small donation to school funds would be greatly appreciated.

Last but by no means least, we welcome Vanessa Taylor as our new Admin. Officer. We would like to thank Vanessa for running the school office so efficiently at this busy time of year.

## Pumpkin Competition

*Mike and Rebecca Smith*

Despite the very wet weather, there were lots of entries to the Pumpkin Competition held at the Radnor Arms on Sunday 28 October.

The winner this year was Allan Ambrose with a pumpkin weighing 54lbs. The runner-up was Peter Martin whose pumpkin weighed in at 40 lbs, and Molly Ford won the children's section with a pumpkin weighing 26 lbs. Our thanks to everybody who participated and helped to raise £241 which will be donated to the Barker Room at Nunton.

## Poppy Appeal

*Susan Jenkins*

The House to House collection on behalf of The Royal British Legion in Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and this year, for the first time, Longford Park, produced a record total of £1,022.12, swelled by a substantial collection from the Remembrance Sunday service in Odstock Church.

I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to all who gave so generously, and especially to my splendid band of helpers.

After twenty years of organising Poppy collections in these villages, I have been extremely fortunate in finding an ideal successor. He is Lt. Col. Jeremy Metcalfe of Green Pastures, Bodenham and I am most grateful to him.

## News from Trafalgar School, Downton

In October, the whole school (staff included), went on a sponsored walk on the downs behind Downton in order to raise money for Trafalgar School and a charity that provides clean drinking water for developing countries. Fortunately the weather this year was kind to us – a stark contrast to the muddy quagmire we were faced with last year. The majority of the school left at around about lunchtime and returned tired, yet jubilant, in time to go home. So far, we have raised nearly £5,500 which we feel is a tremendous achievement. A big thank you to all of the relatives, neighbours and friends of our students who contributed to this fantastic amount.

Recently, our school has been inundated with requests for personal tours of the school in preparation for parents choosing secondary education for their eleven year olds. In the last few years we have been over-subscribed and feel this is a result of our increasing success in effective teaching methods and excellent learning, resulting in our best ever exam results last summer. Our induction day for year 6 students and open evening were huge successes with the school's caring atmosphere and positive attitude being complimented. We have ten feeder schools and we look forward to meeting some new faces from the surrounding villages when the autumn term begins in September.

This week (beginning 12/11) the whole school was off timetable for a day in order to focus on 'Citizenship'. Citizenship is becoming a very important aspect of education and as a school we take educating the 'whole student' very seriously.

During the day, different year groups tackled different issues. Year 11 students were taught about the justice system with members of the youth offending team, a representative from the Ashfield Unit in Bristol, local magistrates and a Prison Officer from Winchester jail. Other year groups looked at drug education, racism, survival and business dynamics. Overall, the day was a huge success and the students certainly benefited from hearing about issues that some feel are a social taboo – we feel that education about these topics will give our students enough information to make the right choices in their everyday lives, and is a requirement of the National Curriculum.

Two weeks ago, we welcomed a very special visitor to our school. His name was Khaleel Al-Aradi and he had travelled from a school in Bahrain. This visit was part of the international schools initiative organised by the British Council. The idea behind teachers visiting schools around the world is that the exchanges can broaden international perspectives and break down stereotypes. Khaleel was made very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed being part of our school. It was a valuable and interesting experience all round.

## Neighbourhood Policing

Bodenham, Brifford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

### Thefts of staddlestones and garden ornaments

There has been a recent increase in thefts of high value stone garden ornaments and staddlestones. These items are reasonably common decorative items within our policing area but often have considerable value which makes them attractive to thieves. By their very nature these ornaments are on open display, but owners should consider simple crime prevention measures to reduce the risk of theft. Try to restrict easy access to side/ back gardens at night – shut and lock gates

- Where possible securely fix objects to the ground – don't rely on their weight, these thieves operate in groups sufficient to lift large staddlestones.
- Take (and keep safe!) photographs of valuable ornaments. Consider marking the stonework on underside with postcode details – masonry paint can be used. Clear marking of items could prevent thefts and will reduce re-sale opportunities for the thief.

Remember to report any suspicious persons or vehicles – registration numbers of vehicles are particularly helpful to us.

### Local crime report

Recent local crimes include – (151007-151107)

051107 – overnight damage to windows of 2 parked cars – Nunton

081107 – overnight theft of staddlestones from 2 houses in Lower Road, Charlton-All-Saints

There have also been 7 reported crimes at Salisbury District Hospital within this period.

### How to contact your local police

You can contact the team directly by phoning 0845 408 7000 and entering our extension no. - 742 820/822. If there is no reply on this extension it doesn't mean no-one is on duty – we prioritise visible patrol whenever possible. Our switchboard can tell you if a NPT member is on duty and can take a message for us to contact you.

You can also email us with non-urgent enquiries via:

[matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Pc 1157 Matt Holland, Community Beat Manager

[jeremy.horner@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jeremy.horner@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Pc 1460 Jem Horner, Community Beat Officer

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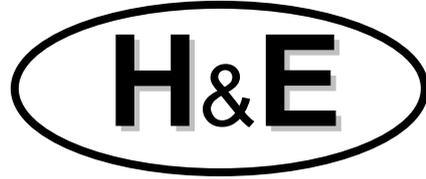
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### Regular Events

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.), 7.30pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alt. Thursdays (13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> December): Recycling area, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alt. Fridays (7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> December): Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. and the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2008 (no December visit))
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

### Future Dates

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Trafalgar School Christmas Concert and Tea 4.00pm ( <i>see below</i> )
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton All Saints, 7.30pm ( <i>see back page</i> )
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 June 2008	Bowerchalke Flower Festival, Open Gardens, Teas

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**Are you retired or over 60? If so the students of The Trafalgar School, Downton invite you to a**

## **Christmas Concert and Tea**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm to 6.00pm in the School Hall**

*Please contact Reception (01725-550300) by December 3rd to reserve a place*

**Help with local transport may be available and must be arranged when booking with Reception**

# Come and join the celebration!

*The Christmas services listed on the front page are repeated here with a warm invitation to anyone who would like to come.*

Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm	Christingle	Charlton All Saints
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Carol Service	Coombe Bissett
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am 6.00pm	Family Communion Carol Service	Charlton All Saints Odstock
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	6.00pm 11.30pm	Carol Service Midnight Eucharist	Homington Coombe Bissett
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion Family Communion Family Service	Homington Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett



## Downton Band Annual Christmas Concert



This prestigious band will be giving its traditional Christmas Concert at Charlton All Saints Church Hall on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30 pm - Admission Free

*There will be seasonal refreshments, a raffle, and a collection will be taken which will be divided between the Band and Charlton church's funds. Do please come to this popular, musical and extremely enjoyable start to the fun and rejoicing of Christmas.*

*We do, of course, get to sing carols!*

( Prizes for the Raffle would be received with eternal gratitude and PLEASE could all donors deliver them to Dorothy Roblou at Calvados, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints? May we put in a little plea that we have, for the 2007 raffle, not TOO many bars of soap! We were inundated with cleanliness last year but of course all donations will be welcome!)

### **Carol singing in Odstock and Nunton**

If you would like to go carol singing in Odstock on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, please meet at the crossroads at 6.30pm (any questions contact – Gill Smedley (01722 329488))

We shall be carol singing in Nunton on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Meet at the bus shelter at 6.30pm (contact Debby Underhill 01722 329769) or Adrian Taylor (01722 325862)).

### **Choir for the Odstock Carol Service**

If you would like to join the choir for the Odstock Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December please contact Julia Joynt (01722 329782) or Adrian Taylor (01722 325862). Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings during December.

..... and, finally, the News and Notes production and delivery team would like to wish all our readers a very

# Happy Christmas!

