



News and Notes

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

September 2014

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News & Notes

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September Message from Rick Williams

For some, September may not feel a very significant time any more, but for those in education, whether students, teachers or parents, it is a very meaningful one... a more real "New Year" than the one in January. After all, that one only changes our lives if we really choose to let it (with New Year's Resolutions)... which by and large means it doesn't! But September brings changes for many whether they choose them or not. With September may come new schools, colleges or universities. At the very least, there will be new academic years, probably bringing new timetables, new teachers and maybe new class-mates and new subjects.

Best wishes to any "News and Notes" readers to whom that may apply. Although you won't be reading it for a while, I am writing this article a day or two after "A" level results came out, and for many those days will have brought strong emotions. Hopefully, relief at positive results and a promise of a place on the course of your choice, but that's not how it will be for all. Others will have spent those days in the frantic scrabble for places that follows the discovery that the results you have obtained will not win you the place you hoped for.....

(Rick's message is continued on page 2 col 1)

Don't miss the unmissable!

14th September

Car Boot Sale

for the Anthony Nolan Trust - **Nunton** Field (see page 2)

20th September

Summer Fête

Bridge Farm, **Britford** 2.00pm to 5.30pm (see page 3)

26th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

at the Orchard, **Nunton** from 10.00am to 2.00pm (See page 3)

27th September

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at the Radnor Hall, **Bodenham** from 10.00am to 12noon (See page 3)

27th September

Harvest Supper and Country Dancing

at **Charlton All Saints**, 7.00pm (See page 3)

30th September

Around the Horn and other Tales

at the Radnor Hall, **Bodenham** 7.00pm (See page 4)

Church Services all through the month

and other dates (see last page)

Message from Rick Williams (cont.)

.....That discovery is a hard one for anybody. If you set yourself a specific target, and pin your hopes and dreams on it, it is hard for anything else not to feel like failure.

But here's the good news. Our God is a god of second chances. People talk of God having a plan for our lives, and I'm sure he does. But I think God's plans always start from where we are now.

One Bible story particularly brought that home to me. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were told that they didn't need kings, because God himself was their king. For some time, they managed without a king, and whenever there was a particular need for strong leadership, God would raise up a leader for that occasion (these are the people known in the Bible as "Judges"). But it always felt a bit nerve-wracking, especially for a people constantly under attack. They wanted a permanent king, somebody with a standing army who would be able to defend them at the drop of a hat if they were attacked. So they asked the prophet Samuel to appoint for them "a king, like the other nations". Samuel knew this was not what God wanted... that it showed a lack of trust that God would raise up a leader when needed. But God said, "If that's what they want, let them have it".

But amazingly, he did more than that. Even though kingship wasn't his first choice, God chose to bless it. He promised King David that he would always have a descendent as King. He fulfilled that promise in a most remarkable way... by sending his son, Jesus, to be a descendent of King David and an eternal king. (The title "Christ" means "the anointed one"... that was how kings were marked out in those days, so it is the equivalent in our modern times to calling him "the crowned one"... whenever we say "Jesus Christ", we are effectively saying "King Jesus"). Isn't that amazing? God's original plan was that Israel should have no kings as he was their king. But when they demanded a king, he not only allowed them their request, but blessed it by sending Jesus. But of course, in doing so he also achieved the original plan... Jesus is God, so once again, God himself is the only king!

You may not be particularly interested in Old Testament history. But what it reveals here is a God who can take a second choice and bless it so that it becomes as good as the first choice would have been. And if you are somebody for whom life has not gone to script, perhaps through not getting the university or college place you wanted, perhaps for some other reason, that should be a source of comfort. God's plan for your life has not been ruined, because his plan for your life starts today, and it starts from where you are.

Odstock Parish Council

The next OPC meeting is planned for 7:30pm on Thursday, 4 September, in the Pavilion, Nunton Recreation Field. As usual, the Agenda and/or any changes to these arrangements, will be published on www.odstock.info and the Village Notice Boards by 30 August, if not before. Please contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 14th September
The Football Field, Nunton

Gates Open 10.00am, Selling Starts 11.00am

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Please call Clare for details: 01722 330871.

Odstock Party - 30th August

Graeme Temblett

There will be a private party on 30th August in Odstock. We will endeavour to keep the noise to a minimum but thank you in advance for your understanding.

St Andrew's, Nunton Autumn Clean

We'll be giving **St Andrew's Church, Nunton** its Autumn Clean on **20th September** from **9.30am till 12noon**. All are welcome for as much time they can spare. There will be jobs for all, small or large, active and more sedentary, and refreshments!

Bible Study Group

Our Bible Study Group are looking forward to meeting again in the weeks before the Christmas festivities begin. This year we have chosen to study Paul's letter to the Corinthians and we shall be using the same format as we did for our study of Paul's letter to the Romans. So, after the first session we are hoping that each member of the group will undertake to lead one of the Sessions.

We are always happy to have lively discussions, and we respect everyone's point of view. Sometimes a member of the Clergy will be able to attend, and we find that their input is valuable and very welcome. Do try to join us if you can.

Dates are: Tuesday 30th September 2014 then every Tuesday evening through to 4th November. That is a six week course, and we meet in the Orchard Community Room at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Any queries please call Marian Hearne 01722 335685.

Beating the Odstock Bounds

On Saturday 16th August, eighteen people gathered at the Pavilion on Nunton Recreation Field to walk round the Odstock Parish boundary.

The walk was organised by Rod Poynting, Chairman of Odstock Parish Council, and many thanks are due to him, and to the Longford Estate, for giving us the opportunity to leave public footpaths and see the Parish in a way not normally possible.

We were blessed with ideal walking weather, which added to the pleasure of seeing the splendid countryside around us.

The walkers tailored the route to suit their time available and appetite for exercise, with seven completing the whole circuit of around fourteen miles.

You'll find just a few pictures on the News and Notes website, which give a flavour of the event, and should whet your appetite for next time! (*Editor*)

Britford Beetle Drive

Peggy Knight

Many thanks to all the people who came and supported us at the Britford Beetle Drive. A great sum of £211 was raised for church funds.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Orchard on 26th September

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September 2014 from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

Tea, coffee or soft drinks served throughout. Ploughman's Lunch or Sausage Rolls served from 12noon until 2.00pm. £2 for Coffee and Cake, £4 to include lunch.

Competitions with cash prizes, £2 per entry.

Any extra donations would be most welcome of course! All proceeds to **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

A warm welcome to everyone, do come and join us for all or part of the time.

Any questions contact Marian at No 3 The Orchard. Tel: 01722 335685

Harvest Supper and Country Dancing at Charlton All Saints Church

**Saturday 27th September
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Come and share supper and a drink with friends old and new, then dance the night away.

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Green Energy Day

Saturday 4 October, 2-4pm

The Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton SP5 3PD

This is a great opportunity to find out about different types of 'Green' or sustainable methods of producing electricity and heating in the home including 'wood burning stoves' and 'ground/ air source heat pumps, plus energy saving products, such as 'loft insulation', and rainwater harvesting. You can talk not only to experts from local companies but also to local residents who actually have these products installed – get the answers to questions such as, 'How much money will it cost?' and 'Will it help the environment?' There will also be a Domestic Corner with smaller energy saving ideas and where you can calculate your carbon footprint. Finally see how long it takes you to generate enough energy to make a smoothie with the famous 'Smoothie Making Bike'. Homemade refreshments available – of course!

See you there!

Downton Green Group.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 27th September
10am -12noon**

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

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Look forward to seeing you there.*

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Harvest Service and Supper at the Radnor Hall 6pm on Sunday 5th October Supper £7

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To book your supper, please call
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Alderbury Painting Group

If you are looking to fill a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning why not come and join our small painting group? (We have an occasional Tutor.)

Our next term starts on Tuesday 30th September 2014 at 9.45am to 11.45am in the Alderbury Bowling Club, and runs for 10 weeks.

Please ring 01722 711073 for further details.

Mobile Library

Editor (01722 325862 – editor@newsandnotes.co.uk)

August News and Notes carried an article about the withdrawal of the Mobile Library service to the Orchard, Nunton. It sought feedback from those who would use the service if it were to return to Nunton. I have had a few responses from those interested, and will pass them on to the Library. If you would use the service regularly if it returned, please let me know.



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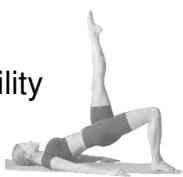
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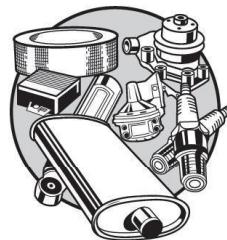
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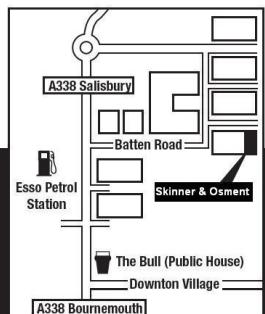
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Regular Events

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Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec.), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchitton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (11 th & 25 th September)
Acorn 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 (<i>see page 2</i>) Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to villageprayers@live.com or come along. Next meeting: 7.00pm – 17th Sept. – Jubilee Gardens, Odstock

Diary Dates

4 th September	Odstock Parish Council Meeting, Pavilion, Nunton Recreation Field, 7.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
6 th September	Trafalgar Festival, Trafalgar School Field, Downton, 12noon (<i>see page 4</i>)
6 th September	'The Beaton Image', Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see August News and Notes</i>)
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Church of England Services

7 th September 12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	+EC AT +EC RW
14 th September Holy Cross Day	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins (BCP) Family Service	Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	RW Lay led RW
21 st September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Odstock Homington Britford	AP KRS JT
28 th September 15 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	JT AT SP
5 th October 16 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Festival Harvest Service and Supper	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington Radnor Hall	JT JT JT RW

+EC = Bishop of Ramsbury, RW = Revd Rick Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor
KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, AP = Canon Ann Philp, AT = Adrian Taylor, SP = Sylvia Parrett
(BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*)