

October 1996

The Rectory
Nunton

Dear Friend

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During my time in Nunton Rectory I have written 146 "Dear Friend" letters and this will be the very last one! Twelve years have seen times of great happiness in the villages and also times of very great sadness. It has been a most wonderful privilege for Enid and me to have been involved in those times. We shall leave enriched by our experiences and by many friendships.

There have been changes in all three parishes as far as buildings are concerned. Britford's interior has been beautifully refurbished - Charlton has been re-ordered in a most appropriate manner - Odstock is being restored. Nunton church has had important repairs and the parish room's refit and new name speak of the continuity between past and present.

I very much hope that there has been a change in the life of the church and that individuals have found the grace of God to be sufficient for them in their lives. That same grace will be sufficient for all of us in future as we leave you and as you all move into the new Team Ministry.

In the immediate future (from 14 Oct) until a new person moves into Nunton Rectory, please address church enquiries to the wardens of your particular church, and if you wish access to a priest, the man to contact is the Team Rector: Rev Cn Sydney Willcox of Broadchalke Rectory on 01722 780262.

From 23 October our new address will be: The Rectory, Piper's Hill, Great Gaddesden, Herts, HP1 3BY (tel 01442 252672). I shall be Rector of a united benefice of two parishes with 1,000 souls in each. I am instituted at 8.00 pm on 30 October.

Please keep in touch if you would like to - come and see us or ring us up. We will always find ways of keeping in touch with what is going on.

Our love and prayers

Robert, Enid and Daniel

Church Services

Sunday 6 October	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Harvest Communion	ASB	Britford
	5.00 pm	Harvest Evensong - visiting speaker Rev Cn Sydney Willcox, new Team Rector	BCP	Nunton
	6.15 pm	Harvest Supper in Radnor Hall		
Sunday 13 October (Junior Church)	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Harvest Festival	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 20 October (Junior Church)	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock/Nunton (Odstock if ready)
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Sunday 27 October	9.30 am	United Parish Communion All Saints Patronal	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 3 November First Sunday in new Team Ministry	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock

If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

From the Editor

This edition of *News & Notes* has been sponsored by a generous Odstock reader. I am very grateful to her, as I am to all our supporters. If anyone wishes to sponsor our newsletter in the future, please contact Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent as usual to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me on 01725 512869. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the November issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 18 October.

Junior Church

Junior Church will meet in the Barker Room at Nunton when there is a 9.30 am service at either Odstock or Nunton. This month, the dates are Sundays 13 & 20 October. When the service is at Odstock, children may be left at the Barker Room from 9.20 am onwards and for a Nunton service we will start in church and leave after the second hymn. All children of 3 years and over from any of our villages are very welcome. Please contact Adrian Taylor 01722 325862 if you have any questions. Adrian Taylor

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to **Denys Clarke and Stephen Betts** who get married this month. The service of the blessing of their marriage is at Nunton on 19 October. RH

To **Mrs Anne Wadey, Postmistress of Bodenhams Post Office** for being presented with a certificate by the Regional Manager of the Post Office in recognition of achieving an Error Free Quality of Performance for the Post Office Agency Clients in 1995/96. Bodenhams Post Office was the only Office in the Salisbury/Andover area which achieved this. This Office is classified as one of their champions. Anne's framed award may be seen at Bodenhams Post Office. Joan Mackenzie

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of Austin Geer of Nunton who died very recently. RH

WI

On 9 September members and guests met in the Barker Room. We were reminded of the Food Fair in Trowbridge on 5 October - several people will contribute cakes or gifts for the tombola. The Autumn Council meeting will be from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm in the City Hall on 21 October, at which the "weather man" Bill Giles will be the speaker.

At the Downland Group meeting on 28 October we will enter for the competition for a nursery rhyme, using 3 different crafts and our Institute will be responsible for the teas - in the Radnor Hall at 2 pm. There will be a talk on "Crystals".

Our President welcomed Mrs Gillian Dollittle who spoke on "Climbing your Family Tree". As a child Mrs Dollittle had always loved climbing trees in the garden, and this fascination has continued, now she is tracing the family trees of her husband's and her mother's families. In this country, there are about 3 million people descended from King Edward III! - this is 1 in 20 of the population. Surnames only became hereditary in the late 13th century - many from crafts, places, occupations etc. During the plague years, entire families were often wiped out. Everybody obviously enjoyed the talk and the enthusiasm with which it was given.

A ploughman's lunch, provided by the Committee was appreciated by us all. Betty Marks won the "Flower of the Month" with a beautiful red alstromeria. Angela Moules

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust: Christmas Cards

Hospice cards will be available at the Britford coffee morning on 3 October. There will be a good selection of reasonably priced packs of cards. Daphne Scamell

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Harvest Suppers

Charlton

The Charlton All Saints Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 12 October at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets at £4 for adults and £2 for children can be obtained from Mary Penn on 01725 510133 or Pam Cox on 01722 329709, by 9 October please.

Peter Cox

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham - and - Britford

A Harvest Supper will be held at the **Radnor Hall**, Bodenham on **Sunday 6 October** starting at **6.15 pm**. Britford is joining Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham this year and we look forward to a convivial occasion. Tickets at £4 (children under 13 - £2) from Bodenham Post Office, Harry Joynt at Nunton or Gill Smedley at Odstock.

Harry Joynt

Charlton All Saints Village Bonfire Party

Saturday 2 November 1996

Promptly at 6.00 pm at the Courtyard

*** Spectacular Fireworks * Food and drink in the Barn ***

Adults £4.00 OAPs/Children (under 14) £2.00 Price inclusive of food

Tickets in advance please from:

Barbara Box 01725 510758

Combustible rubbish to the site please on the morning of 2 November

Downton Secondary School

Open Evening

Parents of children in Year 6 at Primary School, and any other parents who may be considering sending their children to Downton in the near future, are invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 17 October at 7.00 pm. We would be delighted to see you to talk about what we can offer.

Downton School Association

If any parents of current pupils are willing to help with School Association events, suggest ideas for fund raising or contribute in any way, would they please contact Mrs Debbie Postlethwaite, DSA Secretary on 01722 339932.

Elizabeth Cutter

Downton WI Market

Is your hobby cooking or gardening? Or perhaps sewing, painting or pottery? Why not become a producer for **WI Market, Downton Memorial Hall**. Call in and see us every **Friday 10.00 am - 11.30 am**. For further information, contact Mrs P Bennett on 01794 884543.

We look forward to welcoming you at our At Home on 16 October at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. There will be a pottery demonstration, celebration cakes on show, along with crafts, savouries, cakes for sale and tasting! Come along and see what we do, and learn how you can make some extra money as one of our producers.

Charlton Village Fete

The fete was held this year on Saturday 7 September and was a great success. The weather was kind to us, and all the hard work of the committee and stallholders paid off as we made our largest ever profit of £731.46. The White Elephant stall brought in over £150, the Bottle stall and Cake stall over £100 each. Most importantly, we all had "a jolly good time"! Very many thanks to all those who manned the stalls and to those who came to the event!



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring MIKE your local handy/oddjob man - any task considered

General maintenance inside & outside - painting - grass cutting -
driving (HGV and PSV licences held) etc

Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

Salisbury Amateur String Orchestra

If you have ever (yes, even 30 years ago) reached about Grade 5 standard on a string instrument and would like to play in a friendly relaxed atmosphere on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm, ring:

Kate Abbott on 01722 331613 or Hazel Docherty on 01722 325155 in the evening.

Dust off that old violin now. All ages welcome!

St Peter's Coffee Morning

There will be a fundraising coffee morning and sale on Thursday 3 October in the village hall on the High Road, Britford from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm in aid of St Peter's Church, Britford. Entrance will be 50p to include coffee and biscuits. There will be various stalls and a raffle. If you have items that could be sold on the stalls (bric-a-brac, cakes etc), please contact Daphne Scamell on 01722 334858. Thank you. Daphne Scamell

Charlton Garden Society

We are very grateful to Carole and David Stratton who kindly hosted our last meeting. All members contributed towards a barbecue held in the garden at Matrimony Farmhouse. We were treated to an inspiring tour of the ponds, borders and vegetable plot, the latter being irrigated by a fascinating system.

The next meeting is on Monday 25 November at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The subject will be "Christmas Flower Arrangements from the Garden" by Dodie Stevens of Broadchalke Flower Club. Donations of £2.50 from members, £3.50 from non-members will be welcome. Barbara Box

Downton Link - Volunteers' Meeting

Downton Link is a team of local volunteers who help the community by offering help to local people with varying needs. This could range from transport to appointments, collecting prescriptions, shopping for the housebound to changing light bulbs or walking the dog.

We need volunteers to help run Downton Link and we are holding a volunteers' meeting on Tuesday 1 October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, Barford Lane, Downton.

If you would like to become a volunteer or find out more about volunteering for Downton Link, please come along - and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you. Further information may be obtained from Denise Williams on 01725 513455.

Dates for your Diary

1 October	Downton Link Volunteers meeting, Church Hall, Barford Lane, Downton, 7.30 pm
3 October	St Peter's Coffee Morning, Britford Village Hall, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
6 October	Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham & Britford Harvest Supper, Radnor Hall, 6.15 pm
12 October	Charlton Harvest Supper, Charlton Church Hall, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
16 October	Downton WI Market At Home, Downton Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
17 October	Downton Secondary School Open Evening, Downton Secondary School, 7.00 pm
2 November	Charlton Bonfire Night, Charlton Courtyard, 6.00 pm
25 November	Charlton Garden Society meeting, Charlton Church Hall, 7.30 pm
29 November	Revue and Pantomime
30 November	Revue and Pantomime

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (11 & 25 October): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am Alternate Tuesdays (1, 15, 29 October): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am