

June 1995

The Rectory  
Nunton

Dear Friend

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Whit Sunday is a much neglected festival of the Church, and yet it is most important. Whit Sunday reminds us that God is with us today and his power and love are as real and as available as they were all those years ago when Jesus walked the face of the earth. This really is something to celebrate and I do hope you will be with us at the United Communion Service at Downton and/or the Evening Songs of Praise at Nunton. (See the Services Diary.) It's not too late to let me have your hymn choice for the Songs of Praise - or come prepared on the night and it may be possible to fit it in on the spot!

You many know that the Salisbury Diocese is linked through a special friendship of prayer and mutual support with the Diocese of the Sudan. Our brothers and sisters in that country are suffering so much through the terrible war there - yet their faith is a shining example and inspiration. Will you please remember them in your thoughts and prayers - especially on 18 June which is "Sudan Sunday".

The Pram Service is on 14 June at 2.00 pm in the Barker Room. All are most welcome.

St Peter's Britford has its patronal festival on 25 June. There will be a united service that day at 9.30 am. Friends from all three parishes are warmly invited.

A very happy couple of hours were spent just a few weeks ago inaugurating "The Barker Room". We have in this room a splendid facility which is available to the community as a whole. Enquiries as to its use may be made to Harry Joynt on 01722 329782.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

## Church Services

Sunday 4 June <b>Whit Sunday</b>	11.00 am 6.00 pm	United Deanery Communion (Preacher Bishop of Ramsbury) "Songs of Praise"	Downton Nunton
Sunday 11 June <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	9.30 am 11.15 am	Parish Communion Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism	Odstock Charlton
Wednesday 14 June	2.00 pm	Pram Service	Barker Room
Sunday 18 June <b>Sudan Sunday</b>	9.30 am 11.15 am	Parish Communion Morning Prayer NADFAS Presentation	Charlton Britford
Sunday 25 June	9.30 am	United Parish Communion St Peter's Patronal	Britford
Sunday 2 July	8.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Prayer	Nunton Britford Odstock

If anyone wants a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

## From the Editor

This month's *News & Notes* has been paid for by another generous donation from one of local residents - thank you very much. I am very grateful to all those who have offered donations towards the cost of photocopying *News & Notes* - it's nice to know that your newsletter is so appreciated. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other ads are charged at the rate of £2.00 per 30 words per issue or £20.00 for 12 editions. Please send items for inclusion to me, Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton-All-Saints SP5 4HF or telephone me on 01725 512869. The deadline for inclusion in the July issue is Friday 16 June.

## News in Brief

Congratulations to Rosemary and Dave Chapell on the birth of their daughter Leonora Poppy who was born on 29 April weighing 8lb 1oz. A sister for Amber and Ross.

Welcome through Holy Baptism to Victoria Gray - daughter of Andrew and Mary and sister to Edward.

Welcome to Mr and Mrs (Mark and Angela) Tomlinson at Maple Cottage, Odstock.

## WI

On 1 May members discussed resolutions for the forthcoming IGM in Blackpool. Briefly, these concerned 1) Constitution and rules for newly formed institutes 2) Food labelling, to give more information on potentially dangerous ingredients including peanuts & 3) The issuing of identity cards for all UK residents over 18. Miss Denys Clarke, Mrs Sue Bourne and Mrs Jean Van Hagan gave helpful information on these subjects. Mrs Judy Barke won the "flower of the month" with a beautiful "Peach blossom" tulip.

12 June at 2.00 pm (guests 2.30 pm) will be our 51st birthday garden party meeting at Melstock by kind invitation of Dr and Mrs Bourne. There will be a "bring and buy", plant sale, raffle and an entertainment. Members are asked to bring one or two chairs. Angela Moules

## Nikki's Driving Dream

Following her appearance on TV's "The Big Breakfast", Nikki Hayes, granddaughter of Cecil and Betty Iles of Shepherd's Close, is to get behind the wheel of a Porsche on 1 June at Brand's Hatch motor racing circuit. She won the day out during her stint with colleagues from her workplace in the "Workmate of the Week" slot. Nikki says she can't wait. "I'm a Porsche nut," she says, "Driving one around Brand's Hatch is a dream come true." AM

## Last Christmas

Last Christmas somebody left a pair of brown suede fur lined mitts in Odstock Church. They are still there, waiting to be claimed, inside the door on the shelf. AM

## Salisbury Hospice Care Trust

In aid of the Hospice Unit, Odstock there will be gardens open in Dinton on Sunday 18 June from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Hyde House (which is regularly opened under the National Gardens Scheme) is open by kind permission of Mr G Cruddas, and three other cottage gardens. There will be a plant stall, teas, and a doll's house on show - the Hospice's own fundraising stall. Daphne Scamell

## NADFAS Survey

The NADFAS survey is completed for St Peter's Church, Britford and will be presented to the churchwardens on Sunday 18 June at 11.15 am. We hope all those who kindly took part in the project will attend the presentation. Daphne Scamell

## For Sale

I have a mini cooker (table top) for sale for £15 and a slow cooker for £10.00. Also, if anyone has any DK wool oddments I would be grateful for them as we make things to sell for charity funds. Please contact 01722 324926.

**Britford School Summer Fete**  
and *Schools Football Tournament*  
*Final Kickoff*  
will be held  
on Saturday 17 June at 2.00 pm  
at Britford School

Attractions include: Tombola, Plant Stall, Cake Stall, Raffle, Strawberries and Cream Teas, Good Quality Bric-a-Brac, Face Painting.

All proceeds to Britford School.

**Charlton Barbecue**

*The Annual Charlton Barbecue*  
will be held  
on Saturday 10 June at 7.00 pm  
in the Courtyard of Charlton House

Tickets are available from  
Alison Ashworth on 01725 510459 or  
Pam Cox on 01722 329709 at  
£4 for adults and £2 for children,  
This is a great event!  
Come along and bring your friends  
and family

### **Britford School Report**

The staff, governors, pupils and parents were delighted with the outcome of the OFSTED Inspection which was carried out at the beginning of last term, although the actual process was a little daunting, to say the least. The report was very positive and we were pleased that the Inspectors noted that our pupils are receiving a high standard of education and that they have high levels of motivation, good concentration, independence but, at the same time, that they are caring towards one another.

Throughout the term, the children had been working hard on a variety of activities, including collecting £18 for the national non-uniform day for UNICEF, a study of the village and its buildings, a trip to Swindon Leisure Centre for a very interesting talk on dinosaurs, ants and butterflies, and whales and sharks. The Year 6 children joined with children from Odstock School on a residential trip to Hooke Court, Dorset. The highlight of the visit must have been the Tudor Day which included "hands on" time for the children in the art of longbow and crossbow archery!

Class 2 have been a very "environmentally green" group of children while working on last term's topic on caring for our world. As part of their study, the children have done a brilliant job of clearing up the pond and very wild area. They have also been very successful in passing on their enthusiasm to the rest of the school.

Many children of all ages represented our school in the Salisbury and District Small Schools Football and Netball Tournament held at St Andrew's School, Laverstock on 31 March. The younger football team returned triumphantly with the winners' shield. A big "thank you" must go for the high standard of play and sportsmanship displayed by our team players to Mr Coughlan and Neil Taylor who train the footballers at school on Saturday afternoons and to Mrs Elkins and Mrs Baker who train the netballers after school on Tuesdays.

As from September 1995, our designated catchment area is extending to include ALL Downton Road and the roads off this road. But, remember, with the Government's policy of parental choice of schools, you can request a place in our school even if you live outside the designated area. If you have not already put your child's name on our waiting list, please do so soon. The ideal time to do this is when your child is about three but it is never too late or too early! Diane Weeks, Headteacher

### **Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Draw**

Tickets for this year's Grand Draw will soon be on sale throughout the villages and, of course, also on Fete day, 8 July. If you are able to help by selling tickets or donating a prize (or both!), please contact Ron Ireland in Odstock (01722 329710), Susie Jenkins in Bodenham (01722 329748) or Adrian Taylor in Nunton (01722 325862).

Adrian Taylor

### **Britford Parish Council**

The AGM of the Britford Parish Council is to be held on 7 June at the Britford Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm. Constable Malcolm Williams, the neighbourhood watch liaison officer, will tell the meeting how to form a neighbourhood watch scheme.

Judith Sturdy, Parish Clerk

## Pre-Fete Jumble Sale

There will be a pre-fete jumble sale at the Radnor Hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 5 July. If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac, please contact Muriel Ford on 01722 329716. Thank you.

## Coffee Morning at Longford Castle

On Saturday 3 June there will be a coffee morning with a plant stall, bring and buy, cakes, books, raffle, white elephant, craft stall and flowers. It will be held at Longford Castle by kind permission of Lord and Lady Radnor. This is in aid of the Odstock Church Appeal Fund. All welcome.

## London Marathon

Matthew Cross, who lives in Nunton and who ran in the London Marathon, raised £400 from sponsorship. £200 of this will go to the Odstock Church Appeal Fund and £200 to Action in Asthma. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him.

## A La Carte in Charlton Village Hall

In the evening of 20 May, Charlton-All-Saints was the venue for a performance of the finest and very rare quality: top-class amateurs using their trained talents with infectious enthusiasm for the entertainment and pleasure of other people - and for a wholly charitable cause.

Pamela Bennett is the Musical Director of a group of singers whose service to the Salisbury Amateur Operatic Society goes back many, many years and whose musicianship is outstanding. Accompanied by Robin Bennett (accompanists are the unsung heroes of all choral music), the seven ladies and six gentlemen of A La Carte filled the Charlton Village Hall not only with music but also with people. An audience of 52 people is a huge turnout for this tiny community and it was a joy to see.

The programme for the evening began with selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Sorcerer", "Ruddigore", "Yeoman of the Guard" and "The Gondoliers" and Jerome Kern's "Showboat": in all of these pieces the voices, experience and sheer joy of the singers shone through and reinforced what many know - neither Arthur Sullivan nor Jerome Kern ever wrote a "bad tune".

After an interval in which coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits and some utterly glorious home-made flapjacks disappeared in deservedly short order, the evening continued with a performance of "Trial by Jury". This is a beautiful, short, comic operetta which is full not only of glorious tunes but jokes and jibes at the expense of the legal profession which are even more apposite now than they were in the late 1800s. Sitting at the back, I was able to see the huge laugh-shakes caused by "... she may very well pass for forty-three in the dusk with the light behind her"! As we all know, the only beneficiaries of a court action are the lawyers concerned: plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

Thank you, A La Carte: thank you Pamela Bennett: please, oh please come again - and congratulations to you all. Denis Blake

## Dates for your Diary

3 June	Coffee Morning 10.30 am, Longford Castle
7 June	Britford Parish Council AGM 7.00 pm, Britford Memorial Hall
12 June	WI Birthday Garden Party 2.00 pm, Melstock, Nunton
18 June	Gardens open in Dinton
17-18 June	Southwark Pensioners visit Wiltshire
5 July	Pre-Fete Jumble Sale 7.00 pm, Radnor Hall
8 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete

## Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Parish Room, Nunton
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of month, 2.00 pm Parish Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 9.30 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862