

News and Notes

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

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Yes – of course, it's worth it!

Finally, after nearly two years the vicarage vegetable plot is clear of weeds, some raised beds built, gravel paths down and a few vegetables planted. I can now sit back and wait to enjoy the fruits of my labours – or can I? I fear there will still be lots of weeding to do, not to mention watering and trying to persuade my two cats not to dig too many holes or use it as a loo! Yes, fruitfulness never comes easy!

And the same is true of spiritual fruitfulness. Building Christian community, growing together in faith and trusting God to work in our lives – well, it takes time and effort. But is it worth it? Yes, of course!

Because all that we do, working, praying and worshipping together is to the glory of God. There is no better advertisement for the love and grace of God, than to see a Christian community grow together, rough edges rubbed off, and working together in love – motley mix of people that we are, but all equal and united in Christ Jesus.

For the fruitfulness that God seeks is in our *character* – love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, self-control – qualities that God wants to grow in us by His Spirit. If we allow this to happen, then our life together will shout out that God has been at work! I see so much effort going on allotments and gardens at this time of year. If only we remembered the more lasting *spiritual harvest* in our lives!

Alison Williams

(The Vicarage, Nunton, 01722 330628)

Church of England Services

Sunday, 7th May Easter 4	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW AW/PM
Sunday, 14th May Easter 5	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	AW AW AT
Sunday, 21st May Easter 6	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	WC/PM WC/PM AW
Sunday, 28th May Easter 7	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Homington Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	WC CH JL AT
Sunday, 4th June Pentecost	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	KRS RR WC

AW = Revd Alison Williams, WC = Revd Westley Cole, DH = Revd Canon David Henley, PM = Revd Philip Morris,
KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, CH = Revd Charles Hatton, JL = Revd Jackie Lowe, AT = Annabel Tier

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

New website and email address for News and Notes

The website address for News and Notes is now www.newsandnotes.co.uk and the email address is editor@newsandnotes.co.uk. We have been using “free” space but the real cost is enforced advertising which was a bit annoying initially and a bit racy more recently! Please make the new website address one of your “Favorites” and move to the new email address when you can, although the old one (newsandnotes@tesco.net) will continue to work for now at least.

I would like to develop the use of the website so that, for example, items of “mid-month” news could be posted. In the meantime, I can contact quite a few folk through my email distribution list and, if you would like to be added to it, please send a message to the new email address above.

W.I.

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting by commenting on the "full house" and welcomed back Wilma Hayward who has been ill recently. She thanked Jean O'Rorke for so generously arranging raffles throughout the year, a great contribution to our funds. Jean's next raffle will be at the May meeting. Barbara Robertson had brought a very beautiful arrangement of spring flowers for the President's table. Anna Treseder won the flower of the month competition. Val Martyn confirmed dates for theatre performances, Sue Bourne the dates for Scrabble matches, and Sheila May updated members on Skittles matches. Sheila will step down as Skittles captain mid year; Margaret Barrow and Celia Maidment will take over. Matches will be arranged when convenient, not just on Tuesdays.

Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report. Jean van Hagen gave the Secretary's report and read the WI correspondence including details of the Resolution Meeting on 25 April and the Downland Group Meeting on 22 May. Pam Trubshawe gave details of other forthcoming events, such as "Money Matters", "An evening of Jazz and Swing", Quizzical Pursuits, "Have a Hearty Heart", and "A Visit to Blenheim Palace". Suzie Appleford is organising the Summer Outing for 12 July. Members voted to visit Stape Hill this year. WI Bulb Catalogues are now available. WI Subs are to increase to £26 per year but will include eight copies of the WI Magazine.

After coffee, and a lot of activity at the Bring a Book and Buy a Book stall, Mrs Gill Bowden, ex-Registrar from Chippenham, gave a very amusing, interesting talk entitled, "Hatches, Matches and Despatches", with examples of ancient records and many hilarious anecdotes. Dorothy Darton thanked her very much on behalf of everyone.

On 12 April a team of eight public-spirited members carried out the WI's annual clear-up in the villages of Nunton, Odstock, Bodenham and Britford and collected twelve black sacks full of rubbish, making a great contribution to the local environment.

The next meeting is on 8th May at the Radnor Hall.

Odstock Primary School

Our school, along with other rural primary schools, has been selected to take part in the opening ceremony of the Salisbury Festival. To this end the children have had the opportunity to decorate some silk flags under the guidance of Alex Grant and also make some willow sculptures to go on the top of the flag poles. We will be parading our masterpieces on Saturday 27th May in the evening.

We used the time over the Easter holiday to improve the safety of our school car park by having a tarmac path put in and cycle racks installed. This will mean that our children now have a safe area to use when

arriving and leaving school and have somewhere to leave their bicycles if they wish to cycle to school.

The last week was a book week where we had a different theme each day. Members of the community came into school to share books with the children, some in different languages. All children and staff came into school on the final day of term dressed as a character from a traditional tale.

During this week we had a visit from two members of staff from Thorntons in Salisbury. They gave a talk to the children about where chocolate comes from and showed them what happened to the cocoa bean to turn it into chocolate. They also brought with them a selection of pre-ordered Easter Eggs which the children then decorated and were able to take home.

A further workshop was also included, this time on climate change for the older children, provided by the Marlborough Brandt Group which the children found very enlightening.

Public Notice – Annual General Meeting of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme

This will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th May 2006 in the Village Hall, Bowerchalke. As a registered charity serving the communities in the Chalke Valley by the provision of voluntary care and transport services, the Scheme Members, (management, volunteers and users) are invited to attend as are members of the public who express an interest in the work of the Scheme. Members of the public who wish to attend should notify the Scheme Secretary, William Hillary, at Glebe Farm, Fifield Bavant, Salisbury SP5 5HT, Tel 01722 780271. Nominations to seek election to the Management Committee should be submitted to reach the Secretary by Wednesday, 10th May 2006.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

On 27th March, Roy Prior from Milton came to talk about the Cool Greenhouse. His 8' by 12' wooden greenhouse is kept gently warmed during the winter and provides a mass of colour all year round both inside the greenhouse and in the garden. His passion for his subject was inspirational and maybe a little infectious. During the meeting we celebrated the Society's 10th Birthday with a big chocolate cake!

Salisbury Conservative Association – Ebble Valley Branch

The Annual Derby Day Coffee Morning will be held at Melstock, Nunton, (by kind invitation of Mrs Sue Bourne) on Saturday, 3rd June 2006 at 10.00am.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy, Nearly New Clothes, Plants, Raffle and Derby Day Sweepstake. Do come and bring your friends. Everyone is very welcome.

News from Britford Primary School

11+ results

The school is pleased to report its latest success: 71% of the children in Year 6 passed the 11+ entrance examination to the Grammar Schools.

Sporting achievements

Again Britford School has excelled in various sports this term.

In Netball, we won several matches against other local schools as well as the cluster tournament, which got Britford to the regional finals at Five Rivers. We came second there and secured a place in the Wiltshire Games in Bath. The Netball team also took part in the Blue Jay Tournament on 26th March and got to the semi-finals. This is a wonderful achievement considering that all the teams that competed in the tournament were private netball clubs. Well done to the team, their coach and teacher Mrs Toomer and Gilly, the Sports Co-ordinator who spent some time with the team over last term.

Many children are now training for the Salisbury Mini-Marathon on 20th May and the school has many strong runners, including 9 year old Meggie Copsey-Blake who is running for County. The runners are fortunate to be coached by experienced runners Mrs Toomer (teacher), Mrs Copsey-Blake and Mrs Egremont (parents). More news on the marathon next time!

Easter Fair

Fun was had by everyone on the last day of term and this annual fundraising event organised by the Friends of Britford School was again a great success. Other fundraising events have been planned for the rest of the year, including a Murder Mystery evening and a Leavers' Barn Dance in July. More updates on these later...

End of year assembly

The end of the Spring Term was marked by a special assembly to which parents and governors were invited. The children offered the audience some Easter readings and hymns and a very entertaining Modern Latin dance was performed by a group of Years 3, 4 and 5 girls. Some Years 2 and 3 children in Hawks class presented a beautiful, hand-made poster about India, which has been a topic of their learning this term. Special awards were also presented to children.

School Website

A Britford Primary School website has been in the making recently and will be launched very soon. It aims at giving information about the school and will be regularly updated with news and pictures from the children, who will have a dedicated public space to display their work.

Open Morning

An Open Morning has been planned for 24th May

2006 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, where prospective parents can come and visit the school and see us at work. Britford Primary School has small classes and a caring staff, where children are able to develop their self-confidence and have the individual attention needed to develop at their own pace with their own requirements. Every classroom is equipped with interactive whiteboards although we believe in traditional values. Pupils are taught to be respectful towards each other and to adults and to be kind and generous.

So do come along to Britford School Open Morning, where a warm welcome and pleasant surroundings await you.

RADNOR HALL AGM **Thursday, 4th May at 7.30pm** **with refreshments**

We have had a busy year. Come and get involved!
All welcome.

Grand Car Boot Sale **Sunday, 14th May at 12.00 noon** **The Football Field** **Nunton**

Admission £5 & £7 – Traders Cars & Vans,
20p Public
All proceeds to The Radnor Hall

Lent Lunch

Debby Underhill

Thanks to all who attended the lunch and donated to the SEEDS FOR AFRICA project. We made £228. Next event is The Ebble Chorale Concert on Sunday, 14th May, see below.

The Ebble Chorale

The Grand Finale
in aid of *Seeds for Africa* (Lent Project)

Sunday, 14th May at 5.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Nunton

£8 to include refreshments
Tickets from Debby Underhill 01722 329769
And Bodenham Post Office

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête

Book & Picture Stall. Any donations of books & pictures will be gratefully received by Keith Wilby (01722 328608) who will collect from your home if convenient.

Also, please contact Diane Berry (01722 323648) if you have Bric-à-brac/Gifts, Keith Bradford (01722 329740) to donate a Grand Draw prize or help selling tickets and Colin Blackaby (01722 329989) about Classic Vehicles. *(If you are running a stall and would like a note in the next edition please contact me. Ed)*

Central Heating Oil Discount

If like me you have seen your heating oil cost per litre rise from 19p two years ago to 39p today - and I thought I was getting a better price than most - then no doubt you may be considering how best to mitigate this cost.

I understand that there may be something to be gained by placing a bulk order for 10,000 litres because oil companies will offer a better price for what is effectively a tanker load. If therefore a number of us could get together it is likely that this could improve our purchasing power.

I am prepared to co-ordinate this provided there are sufficient takers, but first I need to know who might be interested and what their consumption might be per year. As a guide my own house seems to be consuming 2500 litres per year and if I could achieve a reduction of only 1p per litre this would be a personal saving of £25.

Please let me know (email preferred) whether you might be interested. I need name, address and phone number and litres per year. Email is MrLesDodd@Hotmail.com and I live in the house by the school. Address is Penguin's Roost, High Road, Britford, SP5 4DS. Phone number is 01722 329341 but I would prefer you to show an interest by writing in the first instance.

Odstock Parish Council

It is anticipated that the new play area in the Nunton Field will be finished by the end of April and it is planned that an official opening will be performed on Friday, 12th May at 4.30pm.

Prior to the PC meeting on 22nd March, two tenders had been received for the rebuilding of the storage shed in the Nunton Field and PC members agreed that Cllr Cliff Whitley should be authorised to negotiate the best option. It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting should be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 17th May in the Radnor Hall and be followed by the Annual PC meeting. Local electors wishing to raise a matter for discussion at the Annual Parish meeting should contact the Parish Clerk (Tel: 01794 341405) at least seven days beforehand.

SJC Computer Systems

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Help with new computers
Problem solving

Ask for Steve: 01425 652961 or 07919 542287

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, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Joanne Philp on 01722 510565
Mobile Library	Alternate Thursdays (4 th & 18 th May): Brookmead, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alternate Fridays (12 th & 26 th May) Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. The Library also visits the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 1.00 – 1.30pm (24 th May)
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

May Dates

4 th May	Radnor Hall AGM (<i>see page 3</i>)
12 th May	Opening of Nunton playground, 4.30pm
14 th May	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Football Field, 12.00 noon (<i>see page 3</i>)
14 th May	Ebble Chorale, Nunton Church, 5.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)

Advance Dates

3 rd June	Derby Day Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton, 10.00am (<i>see page 2</i>)
1 st July	Charlton All Saints BBQ
5 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham (ONB) Fête Clay Shoot, Nunton Drove, 6.30pm
14 th July	ONB Fête Dance in the Marquee, Nunton Football Field, 8.00pm
15 th July	ONB Grand Fête, Nunton Football Field, 2.00pm (Enquiries and offers of help to Brian Clake 01722 340261)
9 th September	Treasure Hunt – Charlton All Saints

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