

News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton-All-Saints

August 1995

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Dear Friend

It would be a wonderful thing if the "VJ" Commemoration could, without controversy, be seen as an act of reconciliation. However, as we all understand, it is not as easy as that. The particular nature of the horrors perpetrated and the subsequent lack of official national remorse in Japan make talk of forgiveness unthinkable for many who suffered at the hands of the Japanese. To such people our hearts go out in gratitude for what they endured and that really must be the starting point in our commemoration. We must then put this fallen and imperfect life in its true context of being the preparation for the full and perfect life of heaven. It is the loss of this dimension in society that causes all our ills. Mankind's de-throning of God is madness and misery.

Such terrible things happened in the Far East half a century ago that, realistically for many, forgiveness will not be found this side of heaven. But it will be found there - for heaven would not otherwise be heaven! We must both offer comfort and take comfort from that truth. However, we cannot just leave it at that as though heaven were merely "pie in the sky when you die". We must work out in this life the prayer "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven". It is God's will that enemies should become friends and we must work at it, and pray for it, with all our heart and will, no matter how severe the obstacles or how long it takes.

The 50th anniversary of VJ Day will be the theme of our Parish Communion at Odstock on 20 August. Our visiting preacher will be Canon Wilfred Down. I hope you will come!

Every year in the Autumn I receive comments from people who say how much they enjoyed the series of United Communion Services held throughout August. We shall be holding such services again this year and I do encourage you to take advantage of them. There are undoubtedly pleasures in being part of a larger congregation from time to time and each of our four churches has a different "atmosphere" and approach to worship. It can be very refreshing to have a change!

Yours
Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 6 August	9.30 am United Communion with Holy Baptism	ASB	Britford
Sunday 13 August	9.30 am United Communion	ASB	Nunton
Sunday 20 August	9.30 am Parish Communion "VJ" Commemoration	ASB	Odstock
Sunday 27 August	9.30 am Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 30 July	9.30 am United Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
Sunday 3 September	8.30 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Parish Communion 11.15 am Harvest Festival	BCP ASB	Nunton Britford Odstock

NB No Pram Service in July or August

From the Editor

I would like to thank Lord Radnor and the Longford Estate for sponsoring this edition of *News & Notes*.

If you have any items that you would like to be included in next month's newsletter, whether it is a report from your club or society, football fixtures, birthday congratulations, forthcoming events or a small ad, please send it to me, 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 next issue is Friday 18 August.

Condolences

Dr Jim Bourne of Nunton died recently and our thoughts are with Sue and their family.

Edith Pomeroy also of Nunton has died and we send our sympathy to her son Gordon. RH

WI

On 10 July our speaker was Miss Sevier who showed slides and told members about "Flowers of the New Forest" - mainly growing in boggy areas and on impoverished soil. Many of these flowers have flourished here for hundreds of years.

Members were reminded of the October Downland Group competition for the Archbold cup: the subject is Water. Paintings or photographs to be brought to the September meeting for selection, please. Following this meeting we hope to visit the Downton Trading Co, so please bring a picnic lunch.

Judy Barke won the "flower of the month" competition with a beautiful Super Star rose.

Angela Moules

Notice Board at Old Mill Cottage, Odstock

I am happy to display notices on my board, but would appreciate if I was asked, and that new notices are not put up covering old ones. Also, please remove your notice after the event. If I am not at home, put the notice plus drawing pins and polythene bag through my letterbox and I will display it when I have room.

Angela Moules

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council

Parish Garden

We are still looking for volunteers to plan, plant and maintain some flower beds in the garden. This is a worthwhile venture, requiring only a very small commitment of time. If you could help with all or part of this, please contact Eddie Jefferson of Shepherd's Close, Odstock on 01722 331894.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Parish Council is to convene a Public Meeting to discuss the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme - watch this space!

Rubbish Skip

A rubbish skip will be provided in each of the three villages during late September. Dates and places will appear in next month's edition.

Future Meetings

Future meetings of the Parish Council are on 5 September, 7 November and 2 January at the Radnor Hall at 7.30 pm.

Old Time Music Hall - Radnor Hall - 24 & 25 November

Over recent years - with a break last year - and under the auspices of the **Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham** Community Group we have produced a pre-Christmas Revue and Pantomime - all local talent.

This year it is planned to stage an **Old Time Music Hall** and we would like to invite any hidden talent which may lurk in **Britford** and **Charlton** to join us. There is plenty of material - **songs, patter comedy, dance, mime, melodrama**. Several old stagers and some newcomers have said that they would like to take part but we need more performers to make up a full programme.

Nearly all items can be rehearsed individually, or in small groups starting in mid October or so, and we shall not need to repeat the somewhat daunting schedule of panto rehearsals. I expect to get prospective artistes together around mid-September to sort out a programme. Meanwhile anybody who might like to take part and who has not yet contacted me do please do so on 01722 329782. Previous stage experience is not necessary, but some aptitude and a willingness to do some rehearsing is required!

The Producer, Harry Joynt

PS - If in doubt, give me a ring anyway. All ages from teenage to wrinkly take part and it's good value.

HJ

Charlton Theatre Club

I am holding a meeting on Wednesday 9 August at 8.00 pm in the Church Hall, Charlton to see if there is enough interest to start up a theatre club. If you are interested in seeing plays, concerts, films, shows, musicals, comedies, dramas, thrillers and mysteries why not come along, share your ideas and help plan the first event. If you are interested but are unable to make the meeting please give me a ring on 01725 512262.

Joanna Matthews

Pre-Fete Jumble Sale

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the jumble sale on 5 July - we raised around £300!

Muriel

House Martins

We can consider ourselves fortunate that we live in an area that house martins find ideal to nest and raise their families. House martins winter in tropical Africa and return to Britain in April, leaving again in September and October. Their requirements are a suitable nest site (under the eaves), the correct nesting material (mud) and a plentiful supply of food (insects).

House martins have declined in Britain in recent years and any help you can give them by allowing them to nest in peace is invaluable. (It is actually illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of a house martin when it is in use or being built.)

For an RSPB leaflet on how to help house martins or to encourage them to nest in more convenient places than over your front door, contact Tony Goddard at Clovelly, Lower Road, Charlton-All-Saints or telephone on 01725 510309.

Tony Goddard



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring 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

Charlton Village Fete

Saturday 2 September 1995 at Charlton Courtyard at 2 pm

Attractions include ☺ Cakes & Produce ☺ Guess the Weight of the Cake

☺ Pin the Tail on the Donkey ☺ Bottles ☺ White Elephant & Nearly New

☺ Cream Teas ☺ Eggs & Bacon ☺ Break the Safe ☺ Welly Throwing

☺ Cold Drinks and Ice Creams ☺ Runaway Train ☺ Raffle

Entrance 20p for adults, children under 16 free, plenty of car parking

If you have any raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, produce, books, white elephants, nearly new or some spare time to donate, please contact Peter or Pam Cox on 01722 329709, Barbara Box on 01725 510758, Alex Saunt on 01725 510089 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869. Collection can be arranged from any of the villages.

Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen

The collection in Nunton was a record £83. Thank you to all who contributed. Doris Elliott

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust

On 12 August The Forest Edge Flower Club are holding "A Day with Flowers" at New House, Redlynch by kind permission of Mr & Mrs G Jeffreys, from 10.30 am to 6.00 pm. There will be several stalls, including the Hospice Trust Stall, at which you can buy pens, 1996 diaries, notelets, Christmas cards, bric-a-brac and jewellery. There will also be light refreshments. All the proceeds will go to the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust. Daphne Scamell

Dates for your Diary

9 August	Charlton Theatre Club meeting
12 August	A Day with Flowers
2 September	Charlton Village Fete
24 & 25 November	Old Time Music Hall, Radnor Hall



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
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

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