

News and Notes

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Summer

The summer is here at last, but to our Celtic forbears summer started way back on May 1st and ended on July 31st. The sun and the moon ruled their calendar very much. The great mid-summer festival is on June 21st and is celebrated to this day by many thousands of people who will be gathering at the ancient cathedral at Stonehenge. The Celtic Summer was named Beltane and, with the weather growing fine and hot, was a time of increase in confidence and of growth and greater sociability. However today, with climatic change caused by our own abuse of the natural world around us, we find the seasons can no longer be relied upon. God-given mother earth has been so abused that she is about to turn on her abusers.

Can anything be done to forestall this catastrophe?

Well, the answer is "Yes". Scientists tell us that if we start to be more eco-friendly then the planet will start to heal itself. Small things like car sharing and recycling our waste could make a difference. Above all, it is the hearts and wills of those in power that need to change if we are to pass on to our children a world that can still sustain them. It is our task as Christians to care for the things that God has given us and become more active in environmental concerns.

This summer, ask yourself "What am I doing to pass on this great legacy to my children?"

I wish you all a happy and joyful summer.

Roger Redding

Church of England Services

Sunday, 6th June Trinity Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nunton	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	AW
	11.00am	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	WC
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Homington	AW
Sunday, 13th June Trinity 1	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Homington	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion (JC)	Odstock	AW
	11.00am	Family Service	Coombe Bissett	AW
	11.00am	Morning Prayer BCP	Charlton All Saints	WC
Sunday, 20th June Trinity 2	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Britford	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion (JC)	Nunton	AW
	9.30am	Morning Service	Homington	WC
	11.00am	Parish Communion BCP	Coombe Bissett	WC
Sunday, 27th June Trinity 3	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Homington	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	AW
	11.00am	Morning Prayer BCP	Coombe Bissett	WC
	11.00am	Morning Service	Odstock	DH/PM
Sunday, 4th July Trinity 4	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nunton	WC
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	AW
	11.00am	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	AW
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Homington	AW
DH = Revd Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole, AW = Revd Alison Williams, PM = Deacon Philip Morris BCP = Book of Common Prayer, (JC) = Junior Church				

Holy Days in June

Thursday, 10 th June	Corpus Christi	8.00am, Holy Communion, Nunton
Thursday, 24 th June	Birth of John the Baptist	8.00am, Holy Communion, Bishopstone
Tuesday, 29 th June	St Peter	8.00am, Holy Communion, Britford

WI

Margaret Morgan

Carolyn Mayall produced a wonderful arrangement for the President's table consisting of many flowers from her garden and Pamela Trubshaw as Vice President presided over the meeting on 10 May.

Pat Reeves read the prayer and apologies were read by Jean Van Hagen. Amongst other matters discussed were transport for the forthcoming outing to the Emblems on Wednesday 19 May and help for the garden party on 14 June. The flower of the month was won by Rita Hobbs with a lovely cowslip.

After coffee the three resolutions of the National Annual General meeting were discussed by our three representatives - Rita Hobbs, Sheila May and Jean Van Hagen.

The three resolutions were:

- 1) urge HM Government to put into place legislation to combat trafficking and support victims in view of its increase.
- 2) prohibit GM crops in the UK.
- 3) more funds for Air Ambulance.

All three resolutions were left to our delegate to decide as members wanted more specific knowledge.

The next meeting - the garden party - will be on Monday 14 June at 2 p.m. in Julia Joynt's garden where we hope for sunshine.

Ace of Hearts Appeal

The Tucker Family

The Book/Bric-à-Brac stall in the hospital foyer on 4th May raised £255 plus a donation of £300.

The Car Boot Stall at Nunton Football Field on 9th May raised £216. Many thanks to all who donated items and everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

Odstock Primary School News

The visit from Robert Key in April went well; he visited as part of a national campaign run by Oxfam and the children enjoyed meeting him and learning about education in the poorer parts of the world.

During May we are going to have a visit from the Life Education Centre. This is a mobile classroom that tours round schools. The children are given a lesson in the mobile geared to their age and will cover topics such as body awareness, importance of a balanced diet and how the brain works to control emotions.

Some of our children are taking part in the Salisbury Schools mini-marathon. This will involve running a course over the Laverstock Downs. We have set up an after school athletics club which is very well

supported and is run by our headteacher and assisted by parent volunteers.

We have received nearly £100 from Hills Minerals & Waste; this is for the paper from the recycling bins, so please do keep recycling your paper in the bins outside the school. The PFA's Plant and Cake sale was a great success and, as the weather was kind to us, we were able to hold it in the playground. The amount raised nearly £80. This money and any other raised by the school is going to be used to improve the outside play area, providing the children with equipment to use during playtimes and also to provide some shade during the hot summer days that we hope are to come.

We will shortly be having a vacancy for a Governor of our school. If you would be interested in becoming a school governor please send a letter to the school, marked for the attention of the Clerk to Governors. The commitment is for two meetings a term, currently lasting approximately 1½ hours, and sub-committee meetings as required. Training is available.

The Tesco computers for schools promotion has now finished. We would like to thank everyone who dropped in tokens to school. This year we have collected approximately 5000 tokens with some still coming in. We will shortly be deciding what to spend them on.

We are having a book fair for three days from 21st June, hosted by Travelling Books, and villagers are welcome to come and look and purchase the books on offer. Please telephone the school office on 01722 329701 for timings if interested.

Car Boot Sale - Diabetes UK

Bernard Stubbs

There will be a Car Boot Sale in aid of Salisbury Voluntary Group of Diabetes UK at Nunton Football Field on 18th July 2004 at 12 noon. (If anyone has any items suitable for the car boot, please ring me on 01722 330006)

Britford Parish AGM

Judith Sturdy

The AGM of Britford Parish will take place on Wednesday, 2nd June at 7.00pm at the Britford Memorial Hall.

SPAIN - Andalucia
Traditional house in unspoilt
village on banks of River Guadiana
- Portuguese border. Sleeps 6/8.
From £275 per week. Phone 01722
780712 (evenings) for particulars.

Nunton Drove

It's official! Thanks to much hard work and perseverance by Giles Chitty, Royal Mail records now coincide with the sign at the start of the Drove and common usage. What they have in the past called Nunton Lane is now officially Nunton Drove.

Salisbury Conservative Association Ebble Valley Branch

Derby Day Coffee Morning

at 10.00am on Saturday, 5th June

at Melstock, Nunton

(by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne)

Bring and Buy - Nearly New Clothes - Plants

Derby Sweepstake - Raffle

Everyone welcome

and please bring your friends

(Ample parking in the field behind Marlott Bungalow)

For Sale

Pine Kitchen Table 4ft by 2ft with one drawer - £95

Large concrete coal bunker - £10

Call Mrs Ashton on 01722 333782

Hog Roast

at Bodenham

Saturday, 14th August, 6.00pm

Tickets £6

available at the Post Office 01722 329727

Everyone welcome!

Bodenham Post Office, Store and Tea Garden

Now open 7 days a week for the summer

Mon - Fri 8.30 - 5.30

Sat 8.30 - 5.00

Sun 10.30 - 5.00

Groceries, Off licence, Organic Free Range Eggs,

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Photocopying and Laminating available

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in the beautiful Loire Valley

Sleeps six.

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01722 505643 or e-mail p.onstenk@ntlworld.com

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham

Grand Fête

Saturday, 10th July

Nunton Football Field

2.00pm

to be opened by our new Vicar,
Revd Alison Williams

Events and Entertainment

Falconry Display

Ride the Rodeo Bull!

Tug of War - Pet Show - Fancy Dress

Tumbles, the Clown - Farmer Giles

Fairground organ

Amusements

Air Rifles - Stocks

Greasy Pole - Skittles - Face Painting

Carousel - Bouncy Castle

Chuck a Chicken - Crazy Golf - Coconut Shy

Stalls

Plants, Produce & Cakes - Grand Draw

Toys - Bric-à-Brac - Bottle Stall - Lucky Dip - Crafts

Refreshments

Cream teas - Bar - Barbecue - Ice Creams

Candy Floss

Raft Race

(see back page, Advance Dates, for contact details)

6.00pm from Odstock Bridge

Landlubbers Bar, Jubilee Gardens

Other Fête events:

1st July Clay Shoot, Nunton

2nd July Barbecue and Skittles, Radnor Arms

4th July Children's Bike Ride

9th July Dance to Karisma

(see more details in Advance Dates on back page)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête

Help Wanted

If you are able to offer help at any of the Fête events,
please contact Brian Clake 01722 340261

(or Adrian Taylor - Grand Draw - 01722 325862

Julia Joynt - WI Produce, Cakes, Plants - 01722 329782)

Lost - Tabby cat

answering to the name of TIGER.

If found please contact:

Jill Johnson on 01722 335877

Charlton All Saints

Summer Barbecue

on Saturday, 3rd July 2004

in Charlton Courtyard

starting at 6.00 pm

Spit Roast - Skittles - Raffle

Competition: Identify the village photographs

Adults - £6, children under 14 - £3, children under 5 - free

For tickets and photo competition entry forms please ring

Barbara Box 01725 510758 by 26th June

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To co-incide with 9.30am service at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (2 nd , 16 th , 30 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am

Dates for Your Diary

29 th May	Nunton Church cleaning, 10.00am (<i>contact Harry Joynt 01722 329782 for details</i>)
1 st June	Licensing of Alison Williams, St Andrew's Nunton, 7.30pm
2 nd June	Britford Parish AGM (<i>see page 2</i>)
14 th June	WI Garden Party, 2.00pm (<i>see WI report</i>)
18 th June	News and Notes deadline (<i>see below</i>)

Advance Dates

1 st July	Clay Shoot, Nunton Drove, 6.00pm, <i>Details from Brian Clake (01722 340261)</i>
2 nd July	Barbecue and Skittles, Radnor Arms, 7.30pm
3 rd July	Barbecue (Charlton) (<i>see above</i>)
4 th July	Bike Ride, Nunton Football Field, <i>Details and Entry Forms from Nigel Start (01722 330761)</i>
9 th July	Dance to Karisma, Marquee, Nunton Football Field, 7.30pm, <i>Tickets from Brian Clake (01722 340261)</i>
10 th July	Grand Fête, Nunton Football Field 2.00pm Raft Race, Odstock Bridge, 6.00pm, <i>Details and Entry Forms, Sherwood Elcock (01722 334398)</i>
18 th July	Car Boot Sale - Diabetes UK (<i>see page 2</i>)
14 th August	Hog Roast, Bodenham, 6.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
2 nd October	Harvest Supper (Charlton)
31 st October	Grand Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in, <i>Seeds at £2.50 available from Radnor Arms and Odstock School</i>
15 th December	Downton Band Concert (Charlton)

Please send News and Notes articles to Adrian Taylor
Florida, Nunton Drove, Nunton SP5 4HZ
tel: 01722 325862,
email: vcmtaylor@msn.com (*see deadline above*)

Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer,
Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton
All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ,
Tel: 01725 511468.

Pat Clegg

We bid a fond farewell to the Revd Pat Clegg who has been helping out the Clergy Team during the vacancy. Pat has been a great asset and we hope that we have not seen the last of her in the Valley. We wish her all the very best in the future.