

# News and Notes

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

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## Season's Greetings!

If autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, then summer is the season of fêtes, barbecues and holidays! I know that the farmers and gardeners have found it all rather dry, but hasn't the weather been perfect for summer outdoor fun!

This year's Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fête went wonderfully well, and I enjoyed being part of it, even if my barbecue skills are only second-rate! For besides raising lots of money (which thankfully the Fête *does* each year!!), it is great occasion for building community. One thing which really strikes me here in the country, which you tend not to find so much in city life, is generations doing fun things together. I especially loved seeing (and hearing, as Peter Pod and the Peas easily invite a singalong!) young and old, teenagers and their parents, dancing the night away in the marquee the night before the Fête. And I marvelled at the brave parents who tackled the raft race with their youngsters. Well done to everyone who took part!

Having fun and relaxing is really important and, like most of you, I am looking forward to my holiday. The word *recreation* itself reminds us that we need time out to be *re-created*, *re-newed*, *re-freshed*. 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' is a wise proverb most people ignore these days. The pressure is always on us to say we are busy. Nobody ever seems to say that they are enjoying good time off with their families or children, or feeling particularly happy and relaxed about life! I recently had an interesting conversation in a large store with one of the assistants, who was lamenting the shortage of staff. "The trouble is we have to have enough to do 7 days a week, and share all the shifts, so we end up short staffed and it's terrible." I smiled and said how much better life would be if we could all enjoy a quiet Sunday without shops. God gave us the Sabbath for a good reason. There are six days to do all that we *have* to do, and a seventh day to do things we *don't* have to do - in other words, enjoyable hobbies, family time, fun and relaxation. The other day I read of a Christian car dealer who never works on Sunday, and insists on the same work-life balance for all his large staff team. Needless to say, he has an excellent track record of keeping staff and, despite resisting the pressure to open on Sunday, the company has prospered and continues to grow. And they give away 10% of all their profits to charity too!

So maybe God got it right in the first place! Days off and holidays are a good thing - a God-given thing. So enjoy! (And don't feel guilty at taking time off!)

*Alison Williams*

(Revd Alison Williams can be contacted at The Vicarage, Nunton on 01722 330628)

<b>Church of England Services</b>				
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 10	10.30am	Family Communion	Britford ( <i>Please note</i> )	AW
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW WC WC
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 12	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Family Service	Homington Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW WC WC AW
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August Trinity 13	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	AW AW WC AW
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 14	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Morning Prayer BCP	Homington Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW AW WC
AW = Revd Alison Williams, WC = Revd Westley Cole, BCP = Book of Common Prayer				

## WI

*Julia Joynt*

The last meeting of the present season was held at the Radnor Hall and was chaired by Sue Bourne, our President. There was an excellent turnout. Sue thanked Pam Trubshaw for her beautiful arrangement on the President's table.

The Garden Party was deemed a great success and members were thanked for their help before, during and after the party. John Barrow had earlier been given a garden token in appreciation of his invaluable help on this and other occasions. He came as a visitor to this meeting so took the opportunity to thank us personally.

Val Martyn then gave an excellent report on the WI AGM at the Albert Hall which she attended as delegate with Margaret Barrow. This was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and was an awesome and entertaining affair with speakers that included Baroness Helena Kennedy, Bill Bryson and Jane Fonda and thought to have been attended by about 7,000 people, (250 of them standing all day).

Business was concluded and final plans for the outing on Wednesday and the Fête on Saturday were discussed.

During the coffee break Jeane O'Rourke ran another of her successful and generous raffles assisted by Ruth Austen. It brought in £51. The Flower of the Month was won by Judy Barke with a magnificent lily.

Then followed a talk on Imber, Salisbury Plain's ghost village, given by Rex Sawyer, ex-headmaster, author and lecturer, and authority on this sad little village, 'Little Imber on the Down, seven miles from any town'. We were enthralled by the story of the dwindling community, 441 inhabitants in 1841 down to 184 in 1931, (The War Department had started buying up land in 1897), through its evacuation in 1943, to the forming of an association in 1960 to fight for its restoration, and finally the losing of that battle in 1962. It was a memorable talk.

Our next meeting will be a promotional meeting and will be held in the Radnor Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September. The speaker will be Mrs Mary Guest talking on 'Embroidery Samplers'.

## Odstock Primary School News

### School Activities

As the term draws to a close the children have been very busy. We had a whole school trip to Hudsons Field to be shown around the living history exhibits – part of the Salisbury Show. The theme was the Civil War and the children all had a great time. Amongst other things they were given a musical demonstration using instruments from that period and visited a tent where they were shown medicines and remedies.

They were also shown weapons and had a chance to try out skills such as calligraphy using quill pens. The weather helped and they all had a picnic lunch in Victoria Park.

We then had a "Roman" day at school. We invited a Roman soldier to visit who spent time in each class explaining to the children about Roman life and showing them artefacts that he had brought with him. Later on in the afternoon all the children enjoyed a Roman feast in the playground. Everyone had brought in some typical Roman food to share, items included oysters, quails eggs, honey cakes, fig tart, fruit, vegetables and bread, as well as other food.

We held a traffic survey on 13 July as part of our campaign to increase safety around our school. We will conduct a further survey in September or October to back up our findings. We will then present these to Salisbury District Council and see if there is anything they are prepared to do to help slow down traffic through the village, especially outside the school. From 8.15am to 7pm we counted 1556 cars, 168 vans, 23 lorries, 34 buses, 34 bikes and 8 farm vehicles go past.

### Plea to Dog Owners

The children are using the school playing field most days for lunch time play as well as for learning. Please could you therefore not let your dog use our field, or at least clean up afterwards. Any "presents" left can cause a health hazard to the children.

### Plea for Volunteers

In preparation for Family Learning Week on 8-16 October we are looking for members of the community to come into school to share skills such as jam making, flower arranging, arts and crafts, local history. If you would be prepared to spare an hour please let us know on 01722 329701.

## Charlton All Saints Barbecue, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

*Barbara Box*

Well, the weather was kind to us in the end and a fine evening was enjoyed by a smaller gathering than usual. The fun was enhanced by trying to identify photographs of villagers as youngsters.

Funds raised for the church added up to £430. Thank you to all who contributed.

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## A splendid evening of Chamber Music!

*Editor*

As advertised in last month's News and Notes, there was an evening of Chamber Music in the Radnor Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> July with proceeds going to the Farley Ward Stroke Unit at Salisbury District Hospital. The musicians were Richard and Jane Parsons from Nunton and three of their teaching colleagues, Marian Givens, Sara Trenchard and Jo Hughes. A member of the audience kindly provided this review:-

"This lively young ensemble communicated beautiful music to an enthusiastic audience. The Mozart Clarinet Quintet sounded deceptively simple with the four string players producing an assured backdrop to Jo's smooth and musical playing. The group displayed excellent control in the slow movement and obviously enjoyed the *rondo* finale. The second half of the concert continued to show off the group's ensemble work, excellent intonation and pleasure in playing in a variety of styles. They ended all too soon with a marvellous medley of songs by Cole Porter."

I was lucky enough to be in the audience too and am very much looking forward to another concert from Richard, Jane and their friends. Watch this space! In the meantime, I understand the evening raised £200 for the Stroke Unit.

## Radnor Hall Players

*Harry Joynt*

November Show – 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November

This year, due to his other new commitments, Brian Clarke is unfortunately unable to act as Producer, so I have decided to postpone my intended retirement yet again (!) and take over as Producer and Director, provided we get enough interest and support.

I suggest that the format should be Old Time Music Hall perhaps combined with more modern Revue or Cabaret, both of which we have done before – songs sketches, dance melodrama, comedy generally. We have a pianist. We need performers, stage management, front of house people and supper providers.

This is an early notice and I shall repeat it in the September issue, but anybody interested should please come along to a meeting in

The Radnor Hall  
at 7.30pm on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

If you cannot make it that evening but would like to be involved in any way, please call me beforehand on 01722 329782.

## The Cathedrals of WINCHESTER & SALISBURY

A Lighthearted Comparison

on Wednesday, 12th October, 2005  
at 7.30 p.m.

in Charlton All Saints Church Hall

Denis Blake will give an illustrated talk on the two cathedrals which have played so great a part in his life:

Winchester, the city where he was born, and Salisbury, the city where he is now a Cathedral Floor Guide.

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## **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 Wednesdays (10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> ): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on <a href="tel:01722330871">01722 330871</a>

## **Advance Dates**

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Radnor Hall Players Meeting , 7.30pm, Radnor Hall ( <i>see page 3</i> )
14 <sup>th</sup> September	WI
12 <sup>th</sup> October	The Cathedrals of Winchester and Salisbury, a Light-hearted Comparison by Denis Blake ( <i>see page 3</i> )
24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Proposed dates for Radnor Hall Players performances ( <i>see page 3</i> )

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