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Holidays

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We are in that month when everyone around us seems to be asking you where you're going on holiday or where you've been and talking about where they're going or where they've been; some of our friends and neighbours disappear for the whole month. It's the holiday season and there are many people, more than simply teachers and students, who think in terms of academic years and the break in-between.

People generally come back from their hols looking refreshed, healthy and tanned, full of vim and vigour and ready to start all over again; they are renewed and restored. But what of those who have not been away?

You would think that the population is dominated by families and couples living together as a unit, but statistics tell us that is not so. In the UK there are more single parents and people living alone than there are people who live in the traditional family unit. August isn't such a great holiday month for them. Either they can't afford to go away on holiday, or else they prefer to avoid that month of the year when it seems that every location with sun, sand and sea is filled to bursting point with children having fun, being noisy and parents doing their best to sit back, relax and take a break.

Holidays are a time for rest and recuperation from the stresses and strains of daily living. There are a few people who have their lives so much in harmonious balance that they say they simply don't need a holiday. Most of us though, need to find a way of getting away from it all for two or three weeks, but we don't necessarily need to leave home to find refreshment and renewal; a change of daily activity may be all that's required - whatever attracts you. The examples are only as limited as our imagination - two weeks walking the Chalke Valley and beyond, or getting a book and a few materials and learning how to sketch or paint. Maybe, for those of us who work full-time, just having space to enjoy being at home, be relaxed and have well-prepared meals, reading a few books, having the time to indulge a hobby, is all that's needed. The important thing is to create the space.

Last month nearly 300 clergy in the diocese went away for three days to Swanwick in Derbyshire for the diocesan Clergy Conference. The last one was three years ago, so it was a long time since we'd all come together. We had lectures and workshops, discussions

and seminars and worship twice a day in chapel. At the end, people were reflecting on the experience and it is remarkable that so many of the positive comments were about "space". We felt restored because some space had been created for us where we could relax.

We all need to learn how to create space in our busy daily lives or even our boring, humdrum lives - space to do or to be whatever we find most restoring. It may mean getting up really early, or staying up for a couple of hours after everyone has gone to bed! Or it may mean sitting down with our family or friends, enjoying a meal together and keeping the television turned off.

Jesus found the space he needed by leaving his followers and the crowds and going up into the hills for a while. However we find that space, it's important that we do, because God does not want us to be frazzled and at the end of our tether. We can be of most help to others when we ourselves are feeling refreshed and relaxed, renewed and restored. So holidays - I'm all for them - but not in August!

Speak Now!

All church members in the Chalke Valley Benefice now have the opportunity to contribute their views to the Benefice Working Party on the future structure and administration of the church here.

We now know that our full-time clergy strength will fall from three ministers to just two, before long. As a result, the support of the non-stipendiary clergy and the laity themselves will become ever more vital.

The working party, appointed by the Team Council, is sounding opinion and seeking constructive ideas with the intention of presenting a plan that should be adopted here, once the reduction occurs and before any new clergy are appointed within the benefice.

If you have views on the present system and ideas on future improvements to the structure and administration, *however radical*, then please submit them **in writing** to:

TS Sykes, Team Working Party Chairman
Norrington, Alvediston, Salisbury SP5 5LL

Additional Holy Days in August

- 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00 am Holy Communion at Odstock.
- 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle 8.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

Church Services

Sunday 6 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Nunton
Transfiguration	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	KC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	GS	Homington
Sunday 13 August	8.00 am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion	WC	Homington
Trinity 8	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	SE	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	GS	Charlton
	6.00 pm	Patronal Festival Evensong	GS	Homington
Sunday 20 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Britford
Trinity 9	9.30 am	Morning Service	CW	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
Sunday 27 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
Trinity 10	9.30 am	Parish Communion	SW	Charlton
	11.00 am	Morning Service	SW	Odstock
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Coombe
Sunday 3 September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Nunton
Trinity 11	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	SW	Homington

WC = Rev Westley Cole, GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, KC = Karen Curnock, SE = Mrs Shirley Evans, CW = Dr Clare Watson

From the Editor

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From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

On 1 July at Nunton:
Robert Andrew Speakman and Lucy Clare Stratton.

Burials

On 10 July at Nunton:
Oliver Harcourt Godfrey (cremated remains).

On 21 July at Nunton:
William Arthur Bedwell.

News From Odstock Parish Council

Sherwood Elcock, Chairman 01722 334398

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 11 July to consider a very full agenda. This item is a summary of the main issues considered. Anyone wishing to see the full minutes should contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Parsons on 01794 341405.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

The surface of the road through the villages has deteriorated markedly since it was resurfaced with an experimental technique last year. The County Highways Department are aware of this and have promised that it will be resurfaced again this year as soon as the weather permits.

The Council had intended to replace the dilapidated bus shelters in Odstock and Bodenham with vandal proof shelters similar to the one in Nunton. However this will need planning permission and will take some time to achieve. We have therefore decided to repair the existing shelters in time for next winter.

SKIPS

There will be skips again this year as usual at the end of August. They will be sited in Nunton opposite The Cottage, in The Yew Tree car park and opposite the Post Office in Bodenham. A number of people have asked if we could have skips more often. This would certainly be possible but would be rather expensive as the District Council subsidy is limited. If there is

sufficient demand we would be happy to consider this option. Please let your Councillors know.

PLANNING

Two planning matters were considered.

1. *Application for a new dwelling in Shepherds Close.* We considered that the plot was too small and that parking would be a problem and could not support the application.

2. *Change of use to a Yoga Studio at The Barn in Odstock.* We would be happy to see The Barn used in this way.

We also discussed the problem of the intrusive noise from the new milking parlour and agreed that we would write to the District Planning Office and ask that they take enforcing action regarding the sound insulation that should be installed.

BENCH BENEATH THE COPPER BEECH IN NUNTON

This is in a sad state of disrepair following recent acts of vandalism. Regrettably we feel it should be demolished but it will be replaced with an orthodox and more vandal proof seat as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE RADNOR HALL

The lease of the Radnor Hall is about to be renewed and without additional financial support the hall will not be viable. We believe that the Council should be prepared to make a regular and substantial contribution in order to maintain this facility in the village. We have asked the Radnor Hall committee to produce a business plan so that the Council can make a properly informed decision at our next meeting.

RECREATION FIELD AT NUNTON

It remains our intention to take on the lease of this field and to provide a children's playground as well as supporting the Fete committee in the maintenance of the pavilion. The funding for this project is linked to the development money that will be derived from the new housing at the old dairy site. We hope to progress with this plan later this year. At the same time we plan to enhance the small recreation area in Odstock.

POSTBOX AT ODSTOCK

We have discussed the site of this postbox with the PO and they agree that the current site is dangerous and that the box should be moved, probably to a site on the opposite side of the road.

WWW.ODSTOCK.COM

Our new Parish Clerk is very enthusiastic about the use of modern technology and has established a village web site. There is not much there at the moment but it is available for you to use. If you would like a mention on the web site or a link to your own web site please contact Richard. His telephone

number is 01794 341405 or you can contact him through the web site or by e-mail at rp@lsta.net

If you have any comments or would like further information on anything mentioned in this letter or if there are any issues you would like discussed at our next meeting in August please let me know.

Ebble Community Pre-School News

Debby Underhill

We have had a busy Summer term. Our new Playleader Karen Grant started at half term and has got the children very enthusiastic about the topic of minibests! Every wood lice in the garden now has a name. The children all had a lovely outing with the Odstock school to Hengistbury Head. Two children proudly move up to school in September. The topic next term will be shapes and colours when some new children will be starting.

It has been a term of instability. The children had to move into the mobile classroom at the back of the school at half term and then cope with an Ofsted inspection in July. The move has enabled the staff to leave equipment out, and the old mobile has been transformed. Unfortunately we do not know which room we will be in next term, but our quality staff have proved they are exceptionally adaptable and the children are all very happy and learning well. We have spaces for September - children can start at 2 years and 9 months.

Now that we have good staff and many young children, it has made us realise we must fund raise to obtain our own Community classroom on the Odstock School field, with kind permission from Lord Radnor and with hard work and support from everyone, we hope to achieve this by next September 2001 with an approximate cost of £20,000.

We had a successful sponsored pedal push in May and raised £174 thanks to everyone who supported us. We had fun at the fete doing the greasy pole, the wine bottle competition and the cream teas.

For more details Telephone Sharon Chandler 01722 329717.

Our next fund raising event is a:

CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

at Nunton Football Field starting at 2.00 pm

CARS and VANS ADMITTED at 1.00 pm COST £5

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Thank you again - we need your support!

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(ALSO PRIVATE LESSONS BY ARRANGEMENT)

WI

Diane Wait

Mrs Sue Bourne (President) welcomed 33 members to the Barker Room, Nunton for the July meeting. Everyone was eagerly anticipating the talk to be given by Mrs Gloria Henderson on antiques and collectables.

Mrs Bourne was quick to thank all the members who had worked so hard to make the Garden Party such a success. Everyone had enjoyed themselves and in particular the display of hats by Tiffany's had proved immensely popular. Members had been careful in their selection of the right outfits to go with the beautiful hats and Mrs Doreen Osmond managed to capture their elegance with a selection of superb photographs. I think Doreen has missed her vocation! Mrs Bourne also thanked those members who had made contributions to the Fete on Saturday 8 July and also all those who had worked so hard running the cake, produce and plant stalls. All proved highly successful.

Mrs Jean Van Hagen read out a report on her visit to the TGM and gave details of the voting on the 3 Resolutions mentioned in the June News & Notes. Delegates voted 100% in favour of Resolutions 2 (stroke care) and 3 (post offices) and a majority vote was carried on Resolution 1 (children's hospices). As has been well documented, the Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair, addressed the audience of WI delegates in the morning and reaction to his speech was given a vast amount of coverage by the media and a huge boost to the WI movement generally. Publicity in this case is proving to be very valuable.

Against stiff competition, Mrs Patti English won flower of the month competition with a gorgeous deep pink double poppy. A worthy winner.

The speaker at the July meeting was Mrs Gloria Henderson, who gave members a fascinating insight into the world of antiques and collectables. Of particular interest was her selection of collectables ranging from a Chitty Chitty Bang Bang toy car to poppit beads and even a nylon baby doll nightdress, which we were told is the in-thing to wear to a nightclub! She kindly gave members an individual valuation of their own particular antique and they were all pleasantly surprised at just how valuable the items were. Mrs Judy Barke thanked Mrs Henderson for giving such an interesting and informative talk.

July 17 - Annual Outing. At last the sun shone and members and their guests all enjoyed a very relaxing day at Bowood House & Gardens, Lacock Abbey and the beautiful unspoilt village of Lacock. Many thanks go to Mrs Joy Saunders and Miss Judith Johnson for all their hard work in arranging the outing.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 September at the Radnor Hall. After the meeting there will be a ploughman's lunch followed by a "Salisbury Walk" with a guide in the afternoon.

News from Britford

Julia Shipsey

Our millennium weekend was a great success. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. There was no intention of making a profit from this weekend at all, however owing to a few very generous donations we are able to send a cheque to St Peters, Britford for £570.00. There were a number of items left in the marquee, plates, dishes, jumpers and an umbrella - these are all at Rod Shipsey's home in Britford awaiting collection.

Our next Village event is a Harvest Supper which is to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 16 September at 7.30 pm. There will be a traditional Harvest Supper with some form of entertainment to follow!

Tickets will be limited to villagers only as we will be limited to the numbers we can get into the hall, therefore it will be on a 'first come - first served' basis. So if you would like to come along, don't delay - ring Rod Shipsey 335096 or Peggy Knight 320259. Tickets will be £7.50 adults and children £3.00. This will include a drink on arrival.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box 01725 510158

On 7 July, members of the Garden Society visited MacPenny's Nursery and Garden, Bransgrove. Although a little cool, the evening was much enjoyed. The owner, Mr Lowndes, invited us into the nursery greenhouses and talked about the propagation of his plants. He also divulged a few trade secrets about his special potting compost. The evening was completed in time honoured fashion by patronising a local pub for supper.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 18 September in Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Sylvia Parratt will talk about "Colour in the Spring Garden". New members welcome.

Let's Brighten up the Hall!

The recent survey of homes in the three villages revealed a very encouraging level of support for keeping the Radnor Hall as an amenity for all. This support, together with future events such as the theatre and supper evening in November, has brought home the need to smarten appearances.

The Committee is funding essential maintenance – for example a new central heating boiler – but we need volunteers who are prepared to find a few hours (and paint rollers) on the morning of Sunday 20 August, when we hope to give the interior walls a coat or two of paint.

If you are interested in the future of your village hall and would like to help, please contact Brian Clarke on 01722 340261.

Broad Chalke Fête & Flower Show

Saturday 5 August

2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

All kinds of attractions, including stilt walker, Punch & Judy show, classic vehicles, pony & trap rides, archery, craft stalls, bar, teas etc.

Entrance to sports field is FREE! Come and enjoy a wonderful, traditional village show!

ARE YOU CRAFTY? If you would like to book a craft stall or a charity stall at Broad Chalke Fete & Flower Show, please contact Lalla Hitchings on 01722 780238.

Contacts

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Team Vicar

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Churchwardens

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Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)

Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 412906

Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday, 2 – 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Ebble Pre-school	Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (8, 22 August): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

5 August	Broad Chalke Fête and Flower Show, 2.00 pm
13 August	Ebble Pre-School Car Boot Sale, 2.00 pm Nunton Football Field
20 August	Radnor Hall redecorating, morning
16 September	Britford Harvest Supper, 7.30 pm
18 September	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
23 September	Charlton Harvest Supper
14 October	Charlton Autumn Sale
4/5 November	Charlton Bonfire Night
24 & 25 November	November Show at Radnor Hall