

News and Notes

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New Year Message

Queuing in the Post Office one day last year, I heard someone exclaim in surprise “My goodness, where is the year going to?” That was on about the 2nd February! Indeed, where did the year go to? For the Anglican Church worldwide there were large issues to face. They have not resolved themselves and nor will they with any speed, but we have all had to think a lot more about where we stand, what are the unshakable pillars of our faith and how those are affected by current discussions. If we have been shaken out of ourselves a bit, all well and good. I read this quote from ‘Lord of the Rings’ recently: “ ‘I wish it need not have happened in my time,’ said Frodo. ‘So do I’ said Gandalf, ‘and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All that we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.’”

As we step out into this New Year we too need to consider what to do with our time, our talents and our energies. Having spent time looking inwards at issues faced by the Church, New Year is a good time to focus outwards again. Something that the diocese is encouraging us to do is to be more aware of fairly traded goods. You may have read about the Trade Justice Movement and the active part which our diocese is taking in its promotion. The Wiltshire Fairtrade Directory was launched in October and can be found in Libraries and in churches. It tells us where we can find fairly traded goods and so help Third World producers to get a better deal. It may just be a matter of stopping for a moment as we reach out to the familiar packet on the Supermarket shelf and trying the Fairtrade item instead. As Gandalf says, we do have the freedom to decide! Any day of the year is a good time to shift gear, but the beginning of the year, when we are sitting indoors by the fire leafing through the gardening catalogues or about to start the book we were given for Christmas is perhaps the best moment to stop, reflect on and review the old and look forward to making some changes in the new.

If we all made one positive New Year’s resolution that then became a habit we could really make a difference in the world around us! But while we are looking towards making changes let’s remember that some things never change...the way we look out for one another in our villages, kindness and generosity of spirit, these things will always hold their value. Above all the love of God never changes; the Bible tells us that “New every morning is his faithfulness”. We may fall down on our resolutions, but God’s love is there to pick us up to start again with every new day! May 2004 be a good year for us all!

Kate Rosslyn Smith

Very best wishes for a
Happy New Year
to all our readers!

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From the Editor

If you have items for inclusion in *News and Notes*, please send them to me, Adrian Taylor, Florida, Nunton Drove, Nunton SP5 4HZ, tel: 01722 325862, email: vcmtaylor@msn.com. Please also use that email address to let me know if you would like *N&N* electronically as well as in paper format. It occurs to me that an email address list could also be used to circulate other local information between editions.

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

The deadline for the February 2004 edition is Friday, 16th January 2004.

Finally, we mourn the loss of Jeannie Payne. There is a very warm, well-deserved tribute to her in the WI report which speaks for us all.

WI

Diane Wait

Members were in a festive mood for the 8th December meeting at the Radnor Hall where we were warmly greeted by Mrs Julia Joynt (President). She was also delighted to welcome three founder members, Mrs Norris, Mrs Lovesey and Mrs Townend to the meeting. The President's table was looking very seasonal with an elegant Christmas arrangement courtesy of Mrs Audrey Elliott.

The business side of the meeting was concluded quite quickly with only brief reports from Julia, Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) and Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer). Mrs Sue Bourne was pleased to report a first match success for the Scrabble team.

During the coffee break members enjoyed the excellent Bring & Buy stall, which was run very efficiently by Mrs Ruth Austen and Mrs Isabel Stone and two helpers, while others purchased raffle tickets from Mrs Betty Marks and Mrs Jean O'Rourke and Mrs Dorothy Darton.

After the coffee break we were treated to a marvellous demonstration by Mrs Rachael Phillips on how to create beautiful and unusual flower and foliage arrangements for the Christmas table. I must say the results were excellent - they looked deceptively easy to make and I am sure a number of us will have a go at creating our own masterpieces! Rachael very kindly donated three of her creations to the raffle, which were quickly snapped up. Mrs Judy Barke gave her a very appreciative vote of thanks.

Mulled wine and warm mince pies were then served to members and the raffle was drawn, resulting in

many delighted winners, especially those taking home the floral arrangements. All in all it proved to be a very enjoyable morning and a good start to the Christmas festivities. We also enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Radnor Arms on Monday, 15th December. The food was delicious and the service impeccable. Many thanks to Cathy and Ken and everyone who looked after us.

The next meeting is on 12th January, 2004 at 10 am in the Radnor Hall when Mrs D Allison will give a talk on the Salisbury Women's Refuge.

Jeannie Payne

Finally on a very sad note I would like to mention the loving and generous tributes paid by members to Mrs Jeannie Payne, whose sudden death on Monday, 24th November so devastated her family and friends. For many years she was a very popular and highly respected member of our WI and she also contributed greatly to the welfare of people living in the locality. She was simply a very kind, loving and gracious lady with a wonderful sense of humour, and she will be very sadly missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known her. A poignant and moving Thanksgiving Service was held in her memory at St Andrews Church, Nunton on 3rd December.

Odstock Primary School News

The end of term was a happy time for both staff and children.

Thirty of our children went to see Salisbury College's drama department's version of Roald Dahl's "The Twits" which they all enjoyed. We had Christmas lunch provided by the Yew Tree Inn for children and staff, mince pie making, Christmas party and finally our annual Christmas concert held in the Radnor Hall.

The school also took part in the annual Small Schools Carol Concert at the City Hall.

We have a new school brochure out now so if you or anyone you know would like a copy please ring the school.

Our headteacher Ann Bernard has decided to leave the school and pursue other interests with effect from Easter 2004. Whilst we are very sad to see her go the Governors have appointed her successor, Miss Melanie Sykes-Ellis who is coming to us from a large primary school in Brixton.

The PFA are planning some events for next year that you may like to put into your diaries, namely on 6th February we are holding a quiz night and a beetle drive on 26th March. Both events will be held at the school in the evening and times will be confirmed later or you can ring the school office to clarify.

The Radnor Players

Hazel Docherty

Cinderella – the name conjures up despair and sadness, magic and romance and all of this, added to comedy and joie de vivre, was presented to eager audiences at the Radnor Hall on three evenings at the end of November.

Two ugly and rather bad-tempered sisters were balanced by the youth and sweetness of Buttons and Cinderella. All were carried along by the bluff enthusiasm of Baron Hardup and united against the evil, scheming Squire Rudolph. The scene shifted from the mad inventions of the Baron in the down-at-heel Hall via the rocky road to the Ball to the glitz of the castle and the Ball itself and finally back to the seedy reality of the Hall where the glass slipper found its true owner. In a nice twist at the end the wicked Squire found himself paired off with a delighted ugly sister while Prince Charming carried off Cinderella. Fairies, the Fairy Godmother, servants and ball guests of all ages did their bit to ensure that every act was bustling with life and contributed to the final rousing song.

It was particularly nice to see so many younger members of the community involved as well as many of the usual, older suspects. Alice Taylor was an impressively confident heroine and the music, costumes and sets all contributed to another successful pantomime, once again most ably directed by Harry Joynt.

Intervals were enlivened by the hard work and talent of Shel Martin and her team who produced a most delicious dinner for everyone. Not only was the food excellent but it was served up by fleets of willing helpers and was accompanied by good wine and beer, the latter kindly provided by David Welsh of Ringwood Brewery. Roger Trubshaw somehow encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets and there were many lovely prizes.

The noise levels having risen rather high, it looked as though the audience might be reluctant to attend to the second half of the programme but once the lights went down and a charming choir of boys appeared, all was silent expectation. The curtains went back to reveal a surprising line-up of WI 'ladies' and we were given a fine rendition of Jerusalem. This year's Revue was full of variety – music, recitation, dance and short sketches - and again it was very good to see younger members of the cast playing a full part. Nick Stanger, as MC, steered us through an eventful and most entertaining second half and the whole was judged an excellent evening out.

As always, a great deal of hard work went on unseen, much of it supervised and organised by Brian Blake – lighting, make up, props, set-painting, costume making, prompting, ticket selling, setting up and clearing away – and about 50 people deserve our

heartfelt thanks for their contribution which made for another very socially and financially successful community event.

Brian Blake writes:

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's show and in particular my co-producer, Nick Stanger. We all had a busy but enjoyable time, driven as ever by Harry Joynt's enthusiasm and professionalism.

Thank you too to everyone who bought tickets – we raised £1,475 for Hall funds.

'Ace of Hearts' Appeal

The Tucker Family

The Book/Bric-à-Brac stall held on Friday, 12th December in the Hospital Foyer raised £333 including donations. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Whist Drives

Bernice Loader

This year the Barker Room Whist Drives have raised £350 for church funds. Many thanks to those who attend and those who generously donated a raffle prize. (See *Regular Events* on back page for details of Whist Drives)

Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash

Graham & Jackie Barrett

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's bonfire a great success. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did! In total we raised £634 towards village funds.

Community Circle Dancing and Singing at the Radnor Hall

Clare Chitty

A regular, twice a month session of learning simple folk dances and songs from around the world will begin on Monday, 26th January, 7.30 to 9.30pm. A great way to have gentle exercise and fun, meet people and beat the winter blues. No previous experience necessary. You don't have to have a partner, just come along and have a go. All ages welcome. £5 per evening includes refreshments. Please contact me on 01722 330871 if you are interested.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box

The next meeting of the Charlton All Saints Garden Society is on Monday, 23 February. More details to follow in next month's edition of *News and Notes*.

Church of England Services

Sunday 4th January Epiphany	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	WC WC TS KRS
Sunday 11th January Epiphany 1	8.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP Family Service Morning Prayer BCP Christingle Service	Homington Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Odstock	WC DH AB/WC DH/WC
Sunday 18th January Epiphany 2	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	WC VW DH WC
Sunday 25th January Epiphany 3	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Morning Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Odstock	WC DB WC AT
Sunday 1st February Epiphany 4	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	
DH = Revd Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole, KS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, AB = Alan Beale TS = Terry Sankey, DB = Rev Canon David Byford, VW = Revd Canon Vernon White, AT = Adrian Taylor BCP = Book of Common Prayer, (JC) = Junior Church				

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To co-incide with 9.30 am service at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (14 th & 28 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20 am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20 am

Dates for Your Diary

11 th January	Christingle Service , St Mary's Odstock 5.00pm
26 th January	Community Circle Dancing and Singing at the Radnor Hall (<i>see article</i>)
23 rd February	Charlton All Saints Garden Society
1 st April	“Collegium Regale” sing at Bishopstone Church at 7.30pm, cost £10, call 01722 780741/01722 780447
15 th May	The Hemingford Ladies Choir, All Saints Broad Chalke, cost £6, call 01722 780052/01725 519242