

News and Notes

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Patience . . .

One cold winter's day, a snail began climbing an apple tree. As it inched slowly upward, a worm stuck its head out from a crack in the bark to offer some advice. "You're wasting your energy. There are no apples up there". The snail kept up its slow climb. "There will be when I get there" it said with a smile. Not often you hear something to admire in a snail!

But such patience is in short supply these days, isn't it? We want everything so fast! We are bad at waiting, get angry when something takes longer than expected and generally want everything at an instant.

But I believe that *waiting* can sometimes actually be good for us – it builds character. Waiting means preparing to enjoy something, savouring the anticipated pleasure, and so learning to appreciate what is good. It also means making the most of the moment. Thus, waiting makes us less selfish and less demanding. In short, it shifts the focus so that *WE* are not the centre of everything. We do not put ourselves first. Now we see why restaurant assistants are rightly called 'waiters'.

"Wait for the Lord" writes the Psalm writer (Psalm 27). "Be strong and take courage; wait for the Lord". It is not that God keeps us waiting, like a thoughtless shop assistant. Rather, he waits for us to give him the attention and thanks that we rightfully owe him.

Summer Weddings

Congratulations to couples recently married over the summer: - Andrew Thornton & Hayley Ward at Odstock Church on 1st July; Alan Robertson & Sally Stubbs in Nunton Church on 9th September.

Alison Williams (01722 330628)

Church of England Services

Sunday, 1 st October Trinity 16	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Harvest Service (followed by a shared lunch) Parish Communion Harvest Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW CH AW
Sunday, 8 th October Trinity 17	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service – Harvest and Commissioning of new Head Teacher Harvest Family Service (followed by a shared lunch)	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	AW AW DH
Sunday, 15 th October Trinity 18	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW AW
Sunday, 22 nd October Trinity 19	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW DH
Sunday, 29 th October Last after Trinity	10.00am	Parish Communion (All Souls)	Nunton	AW
Sunday, 5 th November 4 before Advent	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Revd Canon David Henley, CH = Revd Charles Hatton,
BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

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W.I.

Valerie Martyn

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI held their Promotional meeting on 11th September. Sue Bourne presided and welcomed members, potential new members and guests. After reports from the Treasurer and the Secretary, forthcoming events were announced. Judy Barke and Julia Joynt were thanked for the flower arrangements. Thanks are also due to Doreen Osmond for her work in organising the programme of events for the coming year and Sheila May for printing it. Appreciation was expressed for Linda Appleby's organisation of our Summer Outing to Stapehill Abbey. Those members who provided cakes, plants and produce and who worked on our three stalls at the Village Fete were also thanked. There is a need for more members for the skittles and scrabble teams. Doreen Osmond has decided not to take up the Denman Bursary and so it has passed to Jill Dodd. Apologies were read and good wishes sent to those members who are ill in hospital or recovering from illness.

During the coffee break, Jeane O'Rourke laid on another splendid raffle. The Flower Of The Month competition was won by Judy Barke and bookings were taken for the next theatre outing.

This month saw a return visit by Dr Philippa Swayne. She belongs to a team of volunteers who do much needed surgical work in Pakistan helping children and adults with facial disfigurement. Again we were enthralled as she spoke with compassion of the patients and amusingly of the problems of living and working in such an environment.

Following the talk members and guests chatted over a delicious Ploughman's Lunch provided by members and co-ordinated by Margaret Barrow.

The next meeting will be on 9th October at 10.00am when the Speaker will be Ms Marion Emery whose talk is called "You can't possibly miss it". If you would like to "Try (the WI) Before You Buy" please come along, you would be most welcome.

Odstock Primary School

The new term began with a big welcome to all our new children who are all settling in well and enjoying the beginning of their learning journey with us.

We celebrated our harvest festival this year in Odstock Church and food collected was donated to the Trussell Trust in Salisbury for use in their food bank. We will also be supporting their Christmas Box campaign for Romanian children. If you would like to do a box then please contact us for a leaflet and yours can join our collection.

We will be hosting a Family Learning Week from 9th to 13th October. This year it will centre around "Food, Glorious Food". You can help us make this event a success by sending in any favourite recipes, especially those that are child friendly or involve the use of home grown vegetables. We are also looking

for volunteers to come into school to share memories of war rationing and the food that was available during those years. Maybe you would like to come into school to do a cooking session with the children – all ingredients and materials provided. If you would like to come into school and share some time with the children, please let Mrs Harris in the school office know. Telephone 01722 329701.

Donations of Tesco Sports Vouchers would be gratefully received together with Nestlé Box Tops and Persil Stars. Please just pop them through our letter box when you are next passing.

SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

Reception 2007 applicants
A chance to see the early years classroom in action.

3rd & 4th October - 9.30 to 10.30

LADIES PAMPER NIGHT

5th OCTOBER 2006
7.30pm TO 9.30pm

TICKET COST £5 (from the school)
includes a foot spa session with Virgin Vie; a glass of bubbly; black and white movie; hand massage and a relaxing time with your friends.

Additional treatments available for £3,
including head massage or mini makeover.

M.S. Charity Fund Raising Luncheon

Maggie Goddard

With many thanks to all the helpers, guests and those who kindly gave donations. £3,309 was raised to be shared between the local branch of the M.S. Society and the Wessex M.S. Therapy Centre.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box 01725 510758

The meeting on Monday, 23rd October will welcome Jim Love whose subject will be 'A Plant Hunter's Trek in Nepal'.

Charlton All Saints Treasure Hunt

Jenifer Withers

We would like to thank all who participated in the Car Treasure Hunt, and all those who helped with the organisation. £105.00 was raised for the Church funds, and a great afternoon was had by all.

Calling All Pumpkin Growers!

Don't forget the Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in (and raffle) on Sunday, 29th October 2006 at 2.00pm at the Radnor Arms, Nunton.

All donations for the raffle and contributions gratefully received, and proceeds will be used to buy a seat for Nunton Field in memory of Peter Tucker.

Charlton All Saints

Harvest Family Service

at 11.00am on 8th October

followed by a shared lunch

Details from Barbara Box - 01725 510578

Britford

Harvest Service

at 9.30 am on 1st October

(Our Harvest gifts will go to the needy of Salisbury)

followed by a

Bring & Share Lunch - 12.30pm at Nunton Vicarage

Odstock Parish Council

At the meeting on 13th September, members voted to provide skips in the villages during October, as before, even though the cost will be at full commercial rates with penalty charges for inappropriate use.

Parishioners were concerned that traffic congestion along Nunton Drove is causing damage to the roadside banks. With cars parked, farm tractors have been forced into the side of the carriageway. It was agreed that the PC should write to the owners requesting that their drivers take greater care when access is restricted.

The Radnor Hall Committee presented an ambitious plan to extend the Hall to provide disabled facilities and storage. They are seeking the PC's support so that their grant applications will be treated more favourably.

The next PC meeting is on 6th December when members will consider a budget and set a precept for 2007-08.

Contact the Parish Clerk - Tel: 01794-341405.

The Radnor Hall Players

will present

Treasure Island

a pantomime by *Richard Lloyd*
adapted and directed by *Harry Joynt*

and

Cabaret

arranged and directed by *Nick Stanger*

at The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

23rd Nov. at 7.30pm – Bar and Snacks - £6

24th Nov. at 7.30pm – Bar and Supper - £10

25th Nov. at 3.00pm – Snacks - £6 (pantomime only)

25th Nov. at 7.30pm – Bar and Supper - £10

Seating at tables of six

Tickets available from 23rd October
from Bodenham Post Office and Harry Joynt

Producer: *Harry Joynt* (01722 329782)

The Charlton All Saints 2006 Bonfire Bash Saturday, 4th November



From 6.00pm next to the Village Barn
Traditional Bonfire Refreshments
£5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children (5-14 years)

For tickets contact *Graham & Jackie Barrett*
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Chalke Valley Flower Club

Our meeting in October is open to everybody. We are delighted to welcome John Chennell, an International Flower Designer and Demonstrator at this meeting on Wednesday, 25th October at 7.30 p.m. in Coombe Bissett Village Hall. John was one of 'The Magnificent Seven' at the City hall earlier this year. His subject is to be very appropriately: "Seasonal Splendour", and we look forward to a fascinating and colourful evening. There will be a raffle and stalls. Tickets, to include refreshments, are £7.50 for non-members, obtainable from Ann Thompson (tel: 01722 780 683) or Liz Long (tel: 01722 780 448).

As well as our regular meetings, the Club raises money for a chosen charity each year. This year we are supporting Riding for the Disabled Association, and hope to make a contribution to the Thursday Club as well.

To help raise this charity money we are very happy to 'do' flowers for family weddings, dances and other celebrations.

Bicester Shopping Village is our destination on the 11th October. If you would like to join us, there are places on the bus, so please contact Sue Combes on tel: 01722 742177, as soon as possible.

"Christmas" is the subject of our November Meeting, on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30.p.m. in Broad Chalke Village Hall. We are delighted to welcome Barbara Hudson, a National Demonstrator to our Club. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available, and once again there will be a raffle, and Christmas cards will be on sale. The cost for visitors at this Meeting is £5.00.

We look forward to seeing old and new members and their guests at these Meetings.

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 (ex. Aug.), 8.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Thursdays (5 th and 19 th October): Brookmead, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alternate Fridays (13 th & 27 th October) Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. The Library also visits the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (18 th October)
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

September, October and November Dates

30 th September	St Andrew's, Nunton Cleaning Day, 10.00am
1 st October	Britford Harvest Service and Shared Lunch (<i>see page 3</i>)
8 th October	Charlton All Saints Harvest Service and Shared Lunch (<i>see page 3</i>)
23 rd October	Charlton All Saints Garden Society (<i>see page 2</i>)
29 th October	Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in (and raffle), Radnor Arms, 2.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
4 th November	Bonfire Bash, Charlton All Saints (<i>see page 3</i>)
23 rd – 25 th Nov.	Treasure Island and Cabaret at the Radnor Hall (<i>see page 3</i>)

Stay independent. Be at home.

*Getting older or having a disability need not mean losing your independence.
There are organisations that can help you to stay in your own home.*

- **Careconnect Salisbury**
Comfort is knowing that **Careconnect** is there for you 24 hours a day. You can enjoy help at the touch of a button, independence and peace of mind, simple and easy to use service.
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Provides information and advice: on benefits, pensions and other issues affecting older people. Plus providing other services in the home to aid independence including a Handy person service to assist with home maintenance.
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Call **Anchor Staying Put** on **01722 333391**
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