



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock March 2013

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News & Notes

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Deadline
18th of each month

Electoral Roll

The parishes of our Benefice are currently revising their electoral rolls, as required every six years. Anyone over the age of 16 who has been baptised is entitled to be included on the electoral roll of the parish in which they live, or regularly attend public worship. Inclusion means you can vote at your Parochial Church Council's Annual Meeting.

Application forms will be available in all the churches and can also be downloaded from <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/resources-library/parishes>. When completing the form, inclusion of your email address will enable us to communicate church information rapidly to you, especially important at this time when we are appointing a new vicar. Please return the forms to your electoral roll officer or to the collecting point within your own church. I am collecting the forms for Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will be happy to redirect those for the other villages if you're not sure who your electoral roll officer is.

Spring to Life - Don't forget that we're now into the **Spring to Life** activities which were broadcast with February News and Notes, and which can be found on the N&N website. The **Cabaret Evening on Friday 1st March in the Radnor Hall** will be great fun, so please get in touch with me for a ticket.

Steph Elcock (01722 334398)

Church of England Services

3 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion 'Spring to Life' - Valley Communion	Britford Coombe Bissett Village Hall	DH JT/AN
4 th March	10.00am	Messy Church	Nunton (see back page)	
10 th March Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT DB JT
17 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	DH JP
24 th March Palm Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	JT LB SW
29 th March Good Friday	12noon 2.00pm	Devotional Service Devotional Service	Coombe Bissett Nunton	JT JT
31 st March Easter Day	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion	Homington Britford Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	MT JT +JK JT AJ
7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	MT ACFT DH LB

DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, LB = Lavender Buckland

JP = Revd Jonathan Plows, SW = Revd Sally Wells, MT = Revd Michael Turner, AN = Annie Naish
AJ = Archdeacon Alan Jeans, +JK = Bishop John Kirkham, DB = Denis Blake, ACFT = Adrian Taylor
(BCP) = *Book of Common Prayer*

Odstock Nunton & Bodenham WI

Anna Treseder

Elizabeth Cutter, President, opened the 11th February meeting by welcoming members and three guests, and announced that Heather Morrison has joined the Committee. She thanked Dee Prince for her lovely spring flower arrangement. Reports on future Theatre trips, Scrabble matches, Skittles games, Walking Group events, Book Club and Gardeners meetings were announced. All dates and events are listed on the monthly "Dates for Your Diary" sheet produced by Wendy Duke.

WI correspondence and information about WI social events was read out, followed by the Treasurer's report. Copies of our Family Favourites Recipe Book were on sale. The meeting on 11th March is our AGM. WI Advisor Christine Walker will give a talk about how our subscriptions money is spent by WI HQ, and the benefits for members.

At the meeting on 8th April we will have a sales stall – please bring your unwanted Costume & Fashion Jewellery and Scarves. Susie is planning our Summer Outing for 10th July. Elizabeth has a copy of the Denman brochure for 2013. Anne Waight won the Flower of the Month with a beautiful Hellebore, "Yellow Petticoat".

Elizabeth introduced Mr Martin Plimsoll from the Alzheimers Society who gave us a very interesting, informative talk and film, "Singing for the Brain", about the admirable work done by the Society supporting people suffering from dementia in and around Salisbury. Hatty Hillier gave him our sincere vote of thanks.

Lent Project

Adrian Taylor, Treasurer ONB PCC

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This year, during Lent, the Chalke Valley Team churches are raising money for the Weston Lighthouse Project. Weston is a densely populated housing area of Southampton, where Tim Hyde and his colleagues from the Church Army do wonderful work among the residents. As well as providing food and furniture where necessary, they also organise a number of regular community activities.

Tim came and spoke to us at the Lent Lunch held in Coombe Bissett on 16th February, organised by the eastern end churches. He gave us an insight into the invaluable work that he and his team do, and why it is vital.

If you have access to the internet and would like to find out more about the project and Holy Trinity, Weston where it is based, click the link on the News and Notes homepage. Otherwise, let me know, and I'll give you some details.

The Lent Lunch raised in excess of £1,000, through ticket sales, donations and Gift Aid. If you would like to add to that splendid figure in support of the Lighthouse Project, you may do so at any time between now and Easter. I would be happy to receive donations, or you may like to give them to your own PCC Treasurer. If you are able to give, please indicate if you would like your donation to be Gift Aided. Thank you.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Our first meeting this year will be at 7.30pm on Monday, 29th April in the church when our speaker, Colin Fryer, will talk on "Gardens Open".

Britford Memorial & Community Hall

Philippa Hemming, Britford

I just wanted to write a small piece to thank the team who keep the Britford Memorial & Community Hall 'up and running'. I believe the hall was out of use for quite a few years and a team of Trustees was set up in 2010 in order to reincarnate the hall. There have been lots of fundraising events and the monies raised mean we now have a fantastic community hall. The hall is used for a wide variety of events (see N&N advert) and my family and I are regular users of it for children's birthday parties (MUCH easier than having a party at home!).

I feel that we are very lucky to have such a facility in our area and wanted to say thank you to the people who have enabled this. In order to keep the hall sustainable I understand that more weekly bookings are required so please ring Angela Wheeler on 01722 329766 if you would like more details or would like a tour!

Buggs Farm

Editor

I have received an enquiry from Mr and Mrs Pack of Chideock, who are working on their family tree. They are trying to trace Buggs Farm in Charlton All Saints, and believe its name may have changed. Mr Pack's Great Grandparents lived there, with their children, in the early years of the twentieth century. Their family name was Gould (but not related to the Goulds, formerly of Britford Farm Shop). One of Mr Pack's Great Uncles worked on "a farm in Nunton" in the 1920s. Another was Percy Robert Gould from Charlton's First World War Roll of Honour.

If anyone has any information that may be useful to Mr and Mrs Pack in adding detail to their family tree, I shall be happy to pass it on.

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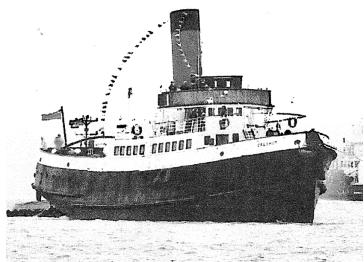
March Diary:

4 th to 8 th	World Book Week, parents and governors to come into school to read with the children
7 th	World Book Day 9.00 a.m. Sharing Assembly – Britford site 6.30 p.m. Governor's Meeting – Britford site
8 th	Walk Safe
11 th	Fire Safety Session – Bumblebees Class
12 th	Trafalgar School Open Day for Primary Schools
14 th	3.00 p.m. Sharing Assembly – Odstock site Parent one to one appointments
15 th	Games Tournament – Yr 3/4 football Red Nose Day
22 nd	Whole School Assembly Last Day of Term

Volunteering

Colin Blackaby (of Fairhaven, Nunton Drove)

Following in the nautical theme in the February issue of N&N written by Julian Johnson, it may be of interest if I added my experiences as a volunteer helping to restore the tug-tender Calshot (see picture) that is moored in berth 50 in Southampton docks.



Whilst I still maintain contact, I was an active volunteer for five years and, like Julian, I have a love of ships, and with different opportunities would have enjoyed being a Ship's Engineer. I was, however, apprenticed in engineering for five years and my career always involved engineering both in sales and management.

My association with Calshot started almost by a chance meeting at a classic car show with a very forceful lady by the name of Elkie, who was looking for volunteers for Calshot. She asked "Are you any good at anything? If so, turn up at the Docks and come aboard and we'll see what you can do". They had two work days, Tuesday and Saturday, and as I was still working then I went on the Saturday. The ship was still owned then by Southampton Council and was in a sorry state with very little money coming from them to help in the restoration.

A little bit of history! She was built in 1929 by John Thornycroft & Co Ltd at Woolston shipyard Yard No 1093. She is 157 feet long, weighs 650 tons, has twin engines and twin screws, and was built for the Southampton IOW South of England Royal Steam Packet Co Ltd, later to become Red Funnel. She was the most powerful tug at the time in Southampton docks, and we have pictures of her handling most of the big liners including the Olympic (sister ship of Titanic) and the Queens etc. She also acted as a tender for taking passengers to and from liners moored away from the dockside and could carry up to 450 in two saloons for first and second class, all panelled in oak, and one saloon, very plain, for third class passengers.

In 1964, Calshot was converted by Smit at Rotterdam to diesel, and all her original steam engines and associated equipment were removed. These were replaced with two 600 HP straight eight diesels together with smaller diesels for electrical generation etc. This was sad in many ways but she needed a crew of eight to operate as a steamer and only four as a diesel, and operated with a much lower costing in fuel etc. If this had not been done, she would without doubt have been scrapped.

When I first went on board most of the electrics and machinery were inoperative and she had not moved under her own power for about ten years. Although very little money was available we were slowly able to start to get her back to life. Once I got the generator engine working, we could produce our own electricity, so we had power and lighting. Later I was joined by another volunteer who was a retired ex RN Engineering Officer. We worked well together and made good progress.

One of my biggest thrills was when we got the rudder to operate. This works on an electro-hydraulic system rather like the steering system on a car, but far more massive and complex. On a signal to the bridge, the wheel was turned hard to Port then hard to Starboard. I was standing on the dockside by the rudder and saw it move to full each side, with barnacles, weeds etc breaking off in all directions. It was quite an achievement by volunteers.

Only when all the other systems were up and running could we consider starting the main engines. They had not been running for at least ten years, although we turned them over manually, so they did not lock up. These engines start with either compressed air or cartridge. We started them on compressed air and finally got them both running. They sounded great and would idle at 80 RPM and run very evenly.

This gives you a little idea into what was done, and is still being done and achieved by volunteers. The friendship, satisfaction, frustration, are all experiences I would not have missed. Finally, volunteering can give you the opportunity to get involved in things that interest you, that you would not normally be allowed or able to do and in the process give you much satisfaction and pleasure.

(Many thanks to Colin for this, and to Denis Blake and Julian Johnson for their earlier articles. All we need now is a column on an aeronautical theme to complete the series of Trains and Boats and Planes! Ed)

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

Annual General Meeting

The Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM will be held at Bishopstone Village Hall on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm.

The Scheme is a registered charity serving the communities of the Chalke Valley by providing voluntary transport and other good neighbour support.

The Scheme's Members (its Executive Committee and registered volunteers) and any users of the Scheme are invited to attend the AGM, as are any other members of the public interested in the Scheme.

Members of the public wishing to attend should please contact the Secretary, John Lace, at Bingham's Farmhouse, Bowerchalke SP5 5BN Tel: 01722 780214.

Any nominations for election to the Executive Committee should please be submitted to him by 18 March.

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Viv Thornton (vivthornton@btinternet.com)

On 27th March the Chalke Valley Flower Club has invited Diana Guy to give a Talk and Slide Show, this will be entitled, 'Tale of Two Gardens'. Our Photographic Competition, 'In the Garden', will also be held that evening. All visitors will be warmly welcomed at 7.30pm in Broad Chalke Village Hall. During last year we were delighted to be asked to arrange flowers at a number of weddings, and as a result we are pleased to be able to donate £450 to each of our 2012 nominated charities, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Salisbury Guide Dogs.

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'Spring Songshare'

on Monday March 25th, 7.30pm , Radnor Hall.

The 'Local Vocals' singing group meets once a month on a Monday evening to learn simple and enjoyable harmony songs, chants, and rounds from varied sources and parts of the world. Whether you love singing, or think you can't, this group is a good way to find your voice, enjoy a good sing, and learn basic musical skills, in an encouraging and non-judgemental setting. The group is inviting anyone and everyone to come along on Monday March 25th and enjoy listening to a selection of our favourite songs, lasting about an hour, followed by refreshments.

You would be most welcome.

Any enquiries to Clare Chitty, on 01722 330871.

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 10th March

(All proceeds support the Radnor Hall)

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The new Chalke Valley Community Hub project – to be located in the chapel building in Broadchalke - is moving ahead apace. A huge Government grant has been received, community pledges are rolling in, and contractors start work this week. We are on track to open in June and have now reached the stage where we are ready to seek applications for the job of shop manager.

This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role as part of the new Chalke Valley Stores at the hub of our valley community. We have decided to make this a job-share post (Manager and Assistant Manager) who, between them, will manage the shop and associated community activities, and lead an effective team of volunteers.

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Please call the Project Chairman (Ashley Truluck 01722-780852) or Secretary (Michael Roe 01725-519242) for further details and an application pack – or download from our website: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you. Don't be overawed by the challenge and feel free to talk to any member of the project team (names below) to get a better feel for what's involved. But above all – please send your completed application form, together with a covering letter and CV by Thu 21 Mar to: The Secretary, Chalke Valley Community Hub, Lodge Farmhouse, Hut & Lodge, Broad Chalke SP5 5LU.

Treasure Hunters Easter Event

Good Friday, 29th March
9.30am to 12.30pm

at Broad Chalke School
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34 – The average age of a first time buyer!

David Clayton - Bassett

The results of the recent census showed a staggering increase in the number of properties being rented out. There was also research last year which reported that the average age of a first time buyer is now well into the 30s. And in our own modest way, Bassett is also seeing the reality of these changes.

On the sales side, it is tough for young professionals to afford to buy with salaries low in the area compared with the price of property. Although there are some 95% mortgages back in the market, the interest rates are generally too high, making repayments unaffordable. There are also some government initiatives to help people buy new properties, but availability is limited.

With economic times still hard and annual wage increases severely limited, it generally comes down to the "Bank of Mum & Dad". With property prices stable, parents are dipping into their savings (or raising money out of the equity in their own property) to help their children either buy for the first time, or to move up the ladder e.g. from a two to a three bedroom house. Buy to let investors, looking for a good return, have also helped keep the local market relatively buoyant at the start of 2013, however most adults in their 20s are unable to buy, and are therefore forced into renting for longer. On the lettings side, we have experienced a gradual, but significant increase in the average length of time tenants stay in their rental properties – now over 11 months across Bassett's ever expanding portfolio. Even when the economy starts to recover, the problem of affordability will continue to stifle young professionals' ability to buy. We are a nation of homeowners who expect their children to buy their own home at an early age. However, many adults (even in the local, reasonably affluent areas around Salisbury) will be forced to rent for longer. And in 10-15 years' time, I expect to see the start of a cultural shift where the expectations of most young professionals will be to rent for 5-10 years minimum, rather than rent for a short interim step before they buy!

There have been discussions in Parliament recently about creating longer term leases for tenants, and although nothing is currently on the table legislation-wise, I am sure this is likely to come in the next few years.

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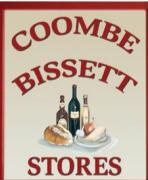
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The Trafalgar School at Downton

invites you to its Showcase Event
on 12th March 2013, 4.30 – 7pm.



Apart from viewing our new buildings you can take part in Art, Photography and Sports events. Participate in Choir and Wind Band rehearsals. Enjoy short taster classes and even sample our catering from the school restaurant!

There will be lots to see and do, whether you can join us for the whole afternoon or just a few minutes. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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St John The Baptist Church

Launch of a Fundraising appeal to cover essential repairs at Ebbesbourne Wake.

Friday 1st March at 6pm sees the launch of an exciting new appeal for very essential repairs to the St John The Baptist Church - please make a note in your diary and come to the reception at the Church and hear about the plans for the Appeal and the necessary works which need to be carried out. There will be drinks and refreshments and there is a very warm welcome to everybody.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Messy Church	10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Marian on 01722 335685. Next Meeting: 4th March - Jesus the light for the world</i>
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (14 th & 28 th March) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (13 th March)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

Diary Dates

24 th Feb - 3 rd Mar	Spring to Life, Visit from Lee Abbey staff (see last month's News and Notes and website)
1 st March	Cabaret with Lee Abbey Visitors, Radnor Hall, 7.00pm (see front page)
8 th March 9 th March	Neptune's Casino, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.30pm (see Jan edition (in website Archive) for more details) Tickets from Broad Chalke Village Shop (Friday £20, Saturday £22 - discounts for tables of 8 or more)
10 th March	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 10.00 for 11.00am (see page 4) Further Sales 14/4, 12/5, 9/6
12 th March	The Trafalgar School at Downton Showcase Event, 4.30pm to 7.00pm (see above)
25 th March	Spring Songshare, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)
25 th March	Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM, Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)
27 th March	Chalke Valley Flower Club, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)
29 th March	Treasure Hunters Easter Event, Broad Chalke School, 9.30am - 12.30pm (see page 5)
7 th April	Wedding Flowers, Britford Church, 2.00pm to 6.00pm (see page 4)
29 th April	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, Church, 7.30pm (see page 2)
8 th May	Spring into Action, Coombe Bissett Village Hall, 10.00am for 10.30am (see page 4)
5 th July	Dance in the Marquee, The Recreation Field, Nunton
6 th July	Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fête, The Recreation Field, Nunton